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FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT Under THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CBS CORPORATION CBS OPERATIONS INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) charter)

Delaware Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) or organization)

04-2949533 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 13-3844753 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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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 CBS Corporation.

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

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. x

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

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

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		smaller reporting	
		company)	

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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	Amount	-	Proposed maximum	Amount of
Title of each class of securities	to be	offering price		registration
to be registered	registered	per unit	offering price	e fee
Senior debt securities				
Senior subordinated debt				
securities				
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par				
value		(1) (1	2) (3)	
Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value, to be issued upon conversion of certain securities (3)				
Warrants of CBS Corporation and, if applicable, CBS				
Operations Inc.				
Guarantees of CBS Operations Inc. (4)				

(1)An indeterminate aggregate principal amount or number of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities.

- (2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), CBS Corporation is deferring payment of all of the registration fees.
- (3) There is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Class B common stock of CBS Corporation as may from time to time be issued upon conversion of senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities or preferred stock.
- (4) As may be issued in connection with senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities or preferred stock of CBS Corporation.

Prospectus

CBS CORPORATION

Certain securities of which are unconditionally guaranteed by CBS Operations Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of CBS Corporation).

We may offer and sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings and series, together or separately:

Senior debt securities

Senior subordinated debt securities

Preferred stock

Warrants representing rights to purchase senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities or preferred stock of CBS Corporation

The senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities and preferred stock of CBS Corporation may be convertible into Class B common stock of CBS Corporation

Our Class B common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "CBS".

When we offer securities we will provide you with a prospectus supplement or term sheet describing the specific terms of the specific issue of securities, including the offering price of the securities. You should carefully read this prospectus and the prospectus supplements or term sheets relating to the specific issue of securities before you decide to invest in any of these securities.

Investing in our securities involves risks that are referenced under the caption "Risk Factors" on page 4 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") 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 November 3, 2011.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that CBS Corporation (together with its consolidated subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires, the "Company") has filed with the SEC utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time over the next three years, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

In this prospectus we use the terms "we," "us," and "our" to refer to CBS Corporation. References to "CBS Operations" are references to CBS Operations Inc. References to "senior debt securities" are references to the senior debt securities that may be issued under the senior indenture; references to "senior subordinated debt securities" are references to the senior subordinated debt securities that may be issued under the senior debt securities and the senior subordinated debt securities, collectively. References to "securities" includes any security that we might sell under this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. References to "\$" and "dollars" are to United States dollars.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement 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. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described below under the heading "Where You Can Find Additional Information."

You should rely only on the information provided in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement, including the information incorporated by reference. Neither CBS Corporation nor CBS Operations has authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely upon it. Neither CBS Corporation nor CBS Operations is making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, or any supplement to this prospectus, is accurate at any date other than the date indicated on the cover page of this prospectus or such supplement.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CBS Corporation files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy this information at the SEC's Public Reference Room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the SEC at the above address, at prescribed rates.

The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information that CBS Corporation files electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is www.sec.gov.

Our Class A common stock and Class B common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Information about us also is available at the New York Stock Exchange. In accordance with United States ("U.S.") securities laws, CBS Operations is not obligated to file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the SEC. Accordingly, CBS Operations does not file separate financial statements with the SEC and does not independently publish its financial statements. CBS Operations' financial condition, results of operations and cash flows are consolidated into the financial statements of CBS Corporation.

We are "incorporating by reference" specific documents that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents that are considered part of this prospectus. Information that we file subsequently with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below that we have filed with the SEC and any future filings made with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules), including filings made after the date of the initial registration statement, to the extent not superseded, until this offering is complete:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2011, June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011;

Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed April 15, 2011; and

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 4, 2011, March 18, 2011 (Items 1.01 and 2.03), March 18, 2011 (Item 5.02(e)), June 1, 2011, October 7, 2011 (Item 5.02 (b) and (c)) and October 7, 2011 (Item 5.02(e)).

You may also request a copy of any documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including any exhibits that are specifically incorporated by reference in them), at no cost, by writing or telephoning CBS Corporation at the following address or telephone number:

CBS Corporation 51 West 52nd Street New York, New York 10019 Attention: Investor Relations Telephone: 1-877-CBS-0787

THE COMPANY

CBS Corporation is a mass media company with operations in the following segments:

ENTERTAINMENT: The Entertainment segment is composed of the CBS® Television Network; CBS Television Studios®; CBS Studios International; CBS Television Distribution; CBS Films®; and CBS Interactive.

CABLE NETWORKS: The Cable Networks segment is composed of Showtime® Networks, the Company's premium subscription program services; CBS Sports NetworkTM, the Company's cable network devoted to college athletics; and Smithsonian NetworksTM, a venture between Showtime Networks and Smithsonian Institution, which operates Smithsonian ChannelTM, a basic cable program service.

PUBLISHING: The Publishing segment is composed of Simon & Schuster, which publishes and distributes consumer books under imprints such as Simon & Schuster®, Pocket Books®, Scribner® and Free PressTM.

LOCAL BROADCASTING: The Local Broadcasting segment is composed of CBS Television Stations, the Company's 29 owned broadcast television stations; and CBS Radio®, through which the Company owns and operates 129 radio stations in 28 U.S. markets.

OUTDOOR: The Outdoor segment displays advertising on media, including billboards, transit shelters, buses, rail systems (in-car, station platforms and terminals), mall kiosks, retail stores and stadium signage principally through CBS Outdoor®.

We were organized under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1986. Our principal offices are located at 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019, our telephone number is (212) 975-4321 and our website address is www.cbscorporation.com. However, the information contained in or connected to our website is not part of this prospectus.

THE GUARANTOR

CBS Operations, the guarantor of the debt securities and the preferred stock, if any guarantees are issued, was organized under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1995 and has its corporate headquarters at 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019. CBS Operations has 100 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding, all of which are held by CBS Corporation. CBS Operations operates a full power broadcast television station in Tampa, Florida and a low power broadcast television station in Indianapolis, Indiana. The direct and indirect subsidiaries of CBS Operations operate Showtime Networks, Simon & Schuster, CBS Television Studios and ten full power broadcast television stations. In addition, one of such subsidiaries holds the partnership interest in The CW broadcast network.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks described in our filings with the SEC referred to under the heading "Where You Can Find Additional Information," as well as the risks included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including the risk factors incorporated by reference herein from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2011, June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and that are incorporated by reference herein.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table shows the ratio of earnings to fixed charges of CBS Corporation for the periods indicated. As we have no shares of preferred stock outstanding as of the date of this prospectus, no ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is presented.

For purposes of computing the following ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represents earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in earnings (loss) of investee companies and fixed charges, adjusted for inclusion of distributions from investee companies. Fixed charges represent interest expense, net of capitalized interest, and such portion of rental expense that represents an appropriate interest factor.

	Nine months ended September 30,		Year ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Ratio of earnings to fixed							
charges	4.2 x	2.4 x	2.7 x	1.6 x	Note a	3.8 x	4.0 x

Note Earnings are inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$12.57 billion due to the non-cash impairment charges a: of \$14.18 billion.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless indicated otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement(s) for general corporate purposes, including repayment of borrowings, working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and stock repurchases.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of CBS Corporation's debt securities to be issued under the debt indentures summarizes the general terms and provisions of its debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The following description also describes the specific terms of CBS Corporation's debt securities and the extent, if any, to which the general provisions summarized may apply to any series of its debt securities in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. References to "senior debt securities" are references to the senior debt securities that may be issued under the senior subordinated debt securities" are references to the senior subordinated debt securities that may be issued under the senior subordinated indenture; and references to "debt securities" are references to both the senior debt securities and the senior subordinated debt securities.

CBS Corporation may issue its senior debt securities from time to time, in one or more series under a senior indenture, between CBS Corporation, CBS Operations and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as senior trustee, or another senior trustee named in a prospectus supplement. We refer to this indenture, as supplemented and amended, as the "senior indenture." The senior indenture and the first supplemental indenture to the senior indenture are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. CBS Corporation may issue its senior subordinated debt securities from time to time, in one or more series under a senior subordinated indenture, between CBS Corporation, CBS Operations and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as senior subordinated trustee, or another senior subordinated trustee named in a prospectus supplement. We refer to this indenture as the "senior subordinated trustee, or another senior subordinated trustee named in a prospectus supplement. We refer to this indenture as the "senior subordinated trustee, or another senior subordinated trustee named in a prospectus supplement. We refer to this indenture as the "senior subordinated trustee, or another senior subordinated trustee named in a prospectus supplement. We refer to this indenture as the "senior subordinated indenture." A form of the senior subordinated indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Together the senior indenture and the senior subordinated indenture are referred to as the "debt indentures." The trustee under the senior indenture is called the "senior debt trustee" and the trustee under the senior subordinated indenture is called the "senior subordinated debt trustee." Together the senior debt trustee and the senior subordinated debt trustee are called the "debt trustees."

Neither of the indentures limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued. The applicable indenture provides that debt securities may be issued up to an aggregate principal amount authorized by CBS Corporation and may be payable in any currency or currency unit designated by CBS Corporation.

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General

CBS Corporation will issue debt securities from time to time and offer its debt securities on terms determined by market conditions at the time of their sale. CBS Corporation may issue debt securities in one or more series with the same or various maturities, at par, at a premium or at a discount. Any debt securities bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates will be sold at a discount, which may be substantial, from their stated principal amount. CBS Corporation will describe the material federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any substantially discounted debt securities in a related prospectus supplement.

You should refer to the prospectus supplement for the following terms of the debt securities offered by this registration statement:

the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of the debt securities;

the percentage of the principal amount at which CBS Corporation will issue the debt securities;

the date or dates on which the debt securities will mature;

the annual interest rate or rates of the debt securities, or the method of determining the rate or rates;

the date or dates on which any interest will be payable, the date or dates on which payment of any interest will commence and the regular record dates for the interest payment dates;

whether the debt securities will be guaranteed by CBS Operations;

the terms of any mandatory or optional redemption, including any provisions for any sinking, purchase or other similar funds, or repayment options;

the currency, currencies or currency units for which the debt securities may be purchased and in which the principal, any premium and any interest may be payable;

if the currency, currencies or currency units for which the debt securities may be purchased or in which the principal, any premium and any interest may be payable is at CBS Corporation's election or the purchaser's election, the manner in which the election may be made;

if the amount of payments on the debt securities is determined by an index based on one or more currencies or currency units, or changes in the price of one or more securities or commodities, the manner in which the amounts may be determined;

the extent to which any of the debt securities will be issuable in temporary or permanent global form, and the manner in which any interest payable on a temporary or permanent global security will be paid;

the terms and conditions upon which the debt securities may be convertible into or exchanged for common stock, preferred stock, or indebtedness or other securities of any person, including CBS Corporation;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

a discussion of any material federal income tax and other special considerations, procedures and limitations relating to the debt securities; and

any other specific terms of the debt securities not inconsistent with the applicable debt indenture.

If CBS Corporation sells any of the debt securities for one or more foreign currencies or foreign currency units or if the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any series of debt securities will be payable in one or more foreign currencies or foreign currency units, it will describe the restrictions, elections, any material federal income tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to the issue of debt securities and the currencies or currency units in the related prospectus supplement.

Unless specified otherwise in a prospectus supplement, the principal of, premium on, and interest on the debt securities will be payable, and the debt securities will be transferable, at the corporate trust office of the applicable debt trustee in New York, New York. However, CBS Corporation may make payment of interest, at its option, by check mailed on or before the payment date to the address of the person entitled to the interest payment or by transfer to an account held by the payee as it appears on the registry books of the debt trustee, CBS Corporation or its agents.

Unless specified otherwise in a prospectus supplement, CBS Corporation will issue the debt securities in registered form and in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000. Bearer securities, other than those issued in global form, will be issued in denominations of \$5,000. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of any debt securities, but CBS Corporation may, except in specific cases not involving any transfer, require payment of a sufficient amount to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange.

CBS Corporation's rights and the rights of its creditors, including holders of debt securities, to participate in any distribution of assets of any CBS Corporation subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is subject to the prior claims of creditors of the subsidiary, except to the extent that CBS Corporation's claims as a creditor of the subsidiary may be recognized.

Guarantees

CBS Operations may unconditionally guarantee the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and any interest on the debt securities when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at maturity, upon redemption, upon acceleration or otherwise. The guarantees of the debt securities will be endorsed on the debt securities.

Various federal and state fraudulent conveyance laws have been enacted for the protection of creditors and may be utilized by a court of competent jurisdiction to subordinate or avoid all or part of any guarantee issued by CBS Operations. The applicable debt indentures provide that in the event that the guarantees would constitute or result in a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of, or result in a violation of, any United States federal, or applicable United States state, fraudulent transfer or conveyance or similar law, then the liability of CBS Operations under the guarantees shall be reduced to the extent necessary to eliminate such fraudulent transfer or conveyance or violation under the applicable fraudulent transfer or conveyance or similar law. Application of this clause could limit the amount which holders of debt securities may be entitled to collect under the guarantees. Holders, by their acceptance of the debt securities, will have agreed to such limitations.

To the extent that a court were to find that (x) a guarantee was incurred by CBS Operations with the intent to hinder, delay or defraud any present or future creditor or (y) CBS Operations did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for issuing its guarantee and CBS Operations (i) was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of the issuance of the guarantee, (ii) was engaged or about to engage in a business or transaction for which the remaining assets of CBS Operations constituted unreasonably small capital to carry on its business or (iii) intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they matured, the court could subordinate or avoid all or part of such guarantee in favor of CBS Operations' other creditors. To the extent any guarantee issued by CBS Operations was voided as a fraudulent conveyance or held unenforceable for any other reason, the holders of any debt securities guaranteed by CBS Operations could cease to have any claim against CBS Operations and would be creditors solely of CBS Corporation.

We and CBS Operations believe that the issuances of the guarantees by CBS Operations are not fraudulent conveyances. There can be no assurance, however, that a court passing on such questions would reach the same conclusions. In rendering their opinions on the validity of the senior debt securities and senior subordinated securities and, if applicable, the related guarantees, neither our counsel, counsel for CBS Operations nor counsel for any initial purchaser will express any opinion as to federal or state laws relating to fraudulent transfers.

Ranking

The senior debt securities will be unsecured senior obligations of CBS Corporation and will rank equally in right of payment with all of CBS Corporation's other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The guarantees on the senior debt securities will be unsecured senior obligations of CBS Operations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of CBS Operations' other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness.

The senior subordinated debt securities will be unsecured senior subordinated obligations of CBS Corporation and will be subordinated in right of payment to CBS Corporation's senior indebtedness. The guarantees on the senior subordinated debt securities will be unsecured senior subordinated obligations of CBS Operations and will be subordinated in right of payment to CBS Operations' senior indebtedness.

The debt securities and the guarantees will be effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness of CBS Corporation or CBS Operations, as the case may be, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The debt indentures do not limit the amount of debt that CBS Corporation, CBS Operations or their respective subsidiaries can incur.

In addition, both CBS Corporation and CBS Operations conduct their operations through subsidiaries, which generate a substantial portion of their respective operating income and cash flow. As a result, distributions or advances from subsidiaries of CBS Corporation and CBS Operations are a major source of funds necessary to meet their respective debt service and other obligations. Contractual provisions, laws or regulations, as well as subsidiaries' financial conditions and operating requirements, may limit the ability of CBS Corporation or CBS Operations to obtain cash required to pay CBS Corporation's debt service obligations, including payments on the debt securities, or CBS Operations' payment obligations under the guarantees. The debt securities (whether senior or subordinated obligations of CBS Corporation) will be structurally subordinated to all obligations of CBS Corporation's subsidiaries (other than CBS Operations, to the extent such debt securities are guaranteed), including claims with respect to trade payables. The guarantees (whether senior or subordinated obligations of CBS Operations) will be structurally subordinated to all obligations of CBS Operations' subsidiaries, including claims with respect to trade payables. This means that holders of the debt securities of CBS Corporation will have a junior position to the claims of creditors of CBS Corporation's subsidiaries (other than CBS Operations, to the extent such debt securities are guaranteed) on the assets and earnings of such subsidiaries. Holders of guarantees of CBS Operations, if any, will have a junior position to the claims of creditors of CBS Operations' subsidiaries on the assets and earnings of such subsidiaries and will have no claim by virtue of such guarantees against CBS Corporation or any subsidiary of CBS Corporation that is not a subsidiary of CBS Operations. As of September 30, 2011, CBS Corporation's direct and indirect subsidiaries, other than CBS Operations, had approximately \$138 million of indebtedness outstanding, while CBS Operations' direct and indirect subsidiaries had approximately \$64 million of indebtedness outstanding.

Global Securities

CBS Corporation may issue debt securities of a series, in whole or in part, in the form of one or more global securities and will deposit them with or on behalf of a depositary identified in the prospectus supplement relating to that series. CBS Corporation may issue global securities in fully registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part, for the individual debt securities represented thereby, a global security may only be transferred among the depositary, its nominees and any successors.

The specific terms of the depositary arrangement relating to a series of debt securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series. It is anticipated that the following provisions will generally apply to depositary arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a global security, the depositary for the global security or its nominee will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the principal amounts of the individual debt securities represented by the global security to the accounts of persons that have accounts with the depositary. The accounts will be designated by the dealers, underwriters or agents with respect to the debt securities or by CBS Corporation if the debt securities are offered and sold directly by it. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to persons that have accounts with the applicable depositary participants or persons that hold interests through these participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by:

the applicable depositary or its nominee, with respect to interests of depositary participants; and

the records of depositary participants, with respect to interests of persons other than depositary participants.

The laws of some states require that purchasers of securities take physical delivery of the securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

So long as the depositary for a global security or its nominee is the registered owner of that global security, the depositary or the nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the global security for all purposes under the applicable debt indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will:

not be entitled to have any of the individual debt securities of the series represented by the global security registered in their names;

not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any debt security of that series in definitive form; and

not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the applicable debt indenture governing the debt securities.

Further Issues

Not all debt securities of any one series need be issued at the same time and, unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened, without the consent of the holders, for issuances of additional debt securities of such series.

Payment and Paying Agents

Payments of principal of, any premium on, and any interest on individual debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee will be made to the depositary or its nominee as the registered owner of the global security representing the debt securities. Neither CBS Corporation, the debt trustee, any paying agent, nor the security registrar for the debt securities will have any responsibility or liability for the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of the global security for the debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to the beneficial ownership interests.

CBS Corporation expects that the depositary for a series of debt securities or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest in respect of a permanent global security representing any of the debt securities, will immediately credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their beneficial interests in the principal amount of the global security for the debt securities as shown on the records of the depositary or its nominee. CBS Corporation also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global security held through the participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." The payments will be the responsibility of those participants.

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

Under the terms of the debt indentures, CBS Corporation and CBS Operations generally would be permitted to consolidate or merge with another entity or to sell all or substantially all of our respective assets to another entity, subject to CBS Corporation and CBS Operations meeting all of the following conditions:

the surviving entity to the transaction must be a corporation organized under the laws of a state of the United States;

the resulting entity (other than CBS Corporation or CBS Operations) must agree through a supplemental indenture to be legally responsible for the debt securities;

immediately following the consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, no Event of Default (as defined below) shall have occurred and be continuing;

CBS Corporation or CBS Operations, as the case may be, must deliver certain certificates and documents to the debt trustee; and

CBS Corporation and CBS Operations, if applicable, must satisfy any other requirements specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities.

We and CBS Operations may merge or consolidate with, or sell all or substantially all of our assets to each other or any of our Subsidiaries. When we make reference in this section to the sale of "all or substantially all of our assets," we mean property and assets generating revenues representing, in the aggregate, at least 80% of our total consolidated revenues.

In the event that CBS Corporation or CBS Operations consolidates or merges with another entity or sells all or substantially all of its assets to another entity, the surviving entity shall be substituted for CBS Corporation or CBS Operations, as the case may be, under the debt indentures and CBS Corporation or CBS Operations, as the case may be, shall be discharged from all of its obligations under the debt indentures.

Limitations on Liens

We covenant in the debt indentures that we will not create, assume or permit any Lien on any of our properties or assets, unless we secure the debt securities at least equally and ratably to the secured Indebtedness. The foregoing only applies to Liens that in the aggregate exceed 15% of our total consolidated assets, reduced by the Attributable Debt related to any permitted sale and leaseback arrangement. See "—Limitations on Sale and Leaseback Transactions" below. The restrictions do not apply to Capitalized Leases or Indebtedness that is secured by:

Liens existing, in the case of any debt securities, on the date such debt securities are issued;

Liens on any property or any Indebtedness of a person existing at the time the person becomes a Subsidiary (whether by acquisition, merger or consolidation);

Liens in favor of us or our Subsidiaries; and

Liens existing at the time of acquisition of the assets secured thereby and purchase money Liens.

The restrictions do not apply to extensions, renewals or replacements of any of the foregoing types of Liens.

Limitations on Sale and Leaseback Transactions

We covenant in the debt indentures that neither we nor any Restricted Subsidiary will enter into any arrangement with any person to lease a Principal Property (except for any arrangements that exist on the date the debt securities are issued or that exist at the time any person that owns a Principal Property becomes a Restricted Subsidiary) which has been or is to be sold by us or the Restricted Subsidiary to the person unless:

the sale and leaseback arrangement involves a lease for a term of not more than three years;

the sale and leaseback arrangement is entered into between us and any Subsidiary or between our Subsidiaries;

we or the Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled to incur indebtedness secured by a Lien on the Principal Property at least equal in amount to the Attributable Debt permitted pursuant to the first paragraph under "Limitations on Liens" without having to secure equally and ratably the debt securities;

the proceeds of the sale and leaseback arrangement are at least equal to the fair market value (as determined by our board of directors in good faith) of the property and we apply within 180 days after the sale an amount equal to the greater of the net proceeds of the sale or the Attributable Debt associated with the property to (i) the retirement of long-term debt for borrowed money that is not subordinated to the debt securities and that is not debt to us or a Subsidiary, or (ii) the purchase or development of other comparable property; or

the sale and leaseback arrangement is entered into within 180 days after the initial acquisition of the Principal Property subject to the sale and leaseback arrangement.

The term "Attributable Debt", with regard to a sale and leaseback arrangement of a Principal Property, is defined in the debt indentures as an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) the fair market value of the property (as determined in good faith by our board of directors); or (b) the present value of the total net amount of rent payments to be made under the lease during its remaining term, discounted at the rate of interest set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease, compounded semi-annually. The calculation of the present value of the total net amount of rent payments is subject to adjustments specified in the debt indentures.

The term "Principal Property" is defined in the debt indentures to include any parcel of our or our Restricted Subsidiaries' real property and related fixtures or improvements located in the United States, the aggregate book value of which on the date of determination exceeds \$1.0 billion. The term "Principal Property" does not include any telecommunications equipment or parcels of real property and related fixtures or improvements that are determined in good faith by our board of directors not to be of material importance to our and our Subsidiaries' total business. As of the date of this prospectus, neither we nor any of our Subsidiaries own any Principal Property.

Defaults and Remedies

Holders of debt securities will have specified rights if an Event of Default (as defined below) occurs in respect of the debt securities of that series, as described below.

The term "Event of Default" in respect of the debt securities of a particular series means any of the following:

CBS Corporation does not pay interest on a debt security of such series within 30 days of its due date;

CBS Corporation does not pay the principal of or any premium on a debt security of such series when due and payable, at its maturity, or upon its acceleration or redemption;

CBS Corporation remains in breach of a covenant or warranty in respect of the senior indenture for 60 days after CBS Corporation receives a written notice of default; the notice must be sent by either the debt trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of a series of outstanding debt securities; or

CBS Corporation or CBS Operations, if guarantees are issued, files for bankruptcy, or other events of bankruptcy specified in the applicable debt indenture, insolvency or reorganization occur.

If an Event of Default has occurred, the debt trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may declare the entire unpaid principal amount (and premium, if any) of, and all the accrued interest on, the debt securities of that series to be due and immediately payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity. There is no action on the part of the debt trustee or any holder of debt securities required for such declaration if the Event of Default is a bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of a series may also waive certain past defaults under the debt indenture on behalf of all of the holders of such series of debt securities. A declaration of acceleration of maturity may be canceled, under specified circumstances, by the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of a series of debt securities and the debt trustee.

Except in cases of default, where the debt trustee has special duties, a debt trustee is not required to take any action under a debt indenture at the request of holders unless the holders offer the debt trustee reasonable protection from expenses and liability satisfactory to the debt trustee. If a reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of a series of debt securities may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the debt trustee. The debt trustee may refuse to follow those directions in certain circumstances specified in the applicable debt indenture. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of the right, remedy or Event of Default.

Before holders are allowed to bypass the debt trustee and bring a lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce their rights or protect their interests relating to the debt securities, the following must occur:

holders must give the debt trustee written notice that an Event of Default has occurred and remains uncured;

holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series must make a written request that the debt trustee take action because of the default and must offer the debt trustee indemnity satisfactory to the debt trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action;

the debt trustee must have failed to take action for 60 days after receipt of the notice and offer of indemnity; and

holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of a series must not have given the debt trustee a direction inconsistent with the above notice for a period of 60 days after the debt trustee has received the notice.

Holders are, however, entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on the debt securities on or after the due date.

Modification of the Debt Indentures

The debt indentures provide that CBS Corporation, CBS Operations, if applicable, and the debt trustee may, without the consent of any holders of debt securities, enter into supplemental indentures for the purposes, among other things, of:

adding to CBS Corporation's or CBS Operations' covenants;

adding additional events of default;

changing or eliminating any provisions of the debt indenture so long as there are no holders entitled to the benefit of the provisions;

establishing the form or terms of any series of debt securities; or

curing ambiguities or inconsistencies in the debt indenture or making any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the debt indentures.

With specific exceptions, the debt indentures or the rights of the holders of the debt securities may be modified by CBS Corporation, CBS Operations and the debt trustee with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of each series affected by the modification then outstanding, but no modification may be made without the consent of the holders of each outstanding debt security affected which would:

change the maturity of any payment of principal of, or any premium on, or any installment of interest on, any debt security;

change the terms of any sinking fund with respect to any debt security;

reduce the principal amount of, or the interest or any premium on, any debt security upon redemption or repayment at the option of the holder;

change any obligation of CBS Corporation to pay additional amounts;

change any place of payment where, or the currency in which, any debt security or any premium or interest is payable;

impair the right to sue for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any debt security;

reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series required to consent to any supplemental indenture, any waiver of compliance with provisions of a debt indenture or specific defaults and their consequences provided for in the debt indenture, or otherwise modify the sections in the debt indenture relating to these consents; or

reduce the obligations of CBS Operations, if any, in respect of the due and punctual payment of principal, premium and interest, if any.

Meetings

The debt indentures contain provisions for convening meetings of the holders of the debt securities of any or all series. Specific terms related to such meetings of the holders are described in the debt indentures.

Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

CBS Corporation may elect either (i) to defease and be discharged (and, if applicable, to have CBS Operations defeased and discharged) from any and all obligations with respect to the debt securities (except as otherwise provided in the debt indentures) ("defeasance") or (ii) to be released from its obligations with respect to certain covenants that are described in the debt indentures ("covenant defeasance"), upon the deposit with the debt trustee, in trust for such purpose, of money and/or government obligations that through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient, without reinvestment, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities of such series to maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and any mandatory sinking fund or analogous senior payments thereon. As a condition to defeasance or covenant defeasance, CBS Corporation must deliver to the debt trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance or covenant defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred. Such opinion of counsel, in the case of defeasance under clause (i) above, must refer to and be based upon a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable United States federal income tax law occurring after the date of the debt indentures.

CBS Corporation may exercise its defeasance option with respect to the debt securities of any series notwithstanding its prior exercise of its covenant defeasance option. If CBS Corporation exercises its defeasance option, payment of the debt securities of such series may not be accelerated because of an event of default and the guarantees relating to such debt securities will cease to exist. If CBS Corporation exercises its covenant defeasance option, payment of the debt securities of such series may not be accelerated by reference to any covenant from which CBS Corporation is released as described under clause (ii) above. However, if acceleration were to occur for other reasons, the realizable value at the acceleration date of the money and government obligations in the defeasance trust could be less than the principal and interest then due on the debt securities of such series, in that the required deposit in the defeasance trust is based upon scheduled cash flows rather than market value, which will vary depending upon interest rates and other factors.

Notices

Notices to holders of debt securities will be given by mail to the addresses of such holders as they appear in the security register.

Title

CBS Corporation, CBS Operations, as guarantor, the debt trustees and any agent of ours, may treat the registered owner of any registered debt security as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not the debt security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary) for the purpose of making payment and for all other purposes.

Replacement of Debt Securities

We will replace any mutilated debt security at the expense of the holders upon surrender to the trustee. We will replace debt securities that become destroyed, lost or stolen at the expense of the holder upon delivery to the trustee of satisfactory evidence of the destruction, loss or theft thereof. In the event of a destroyed, lost or stolen debt security, an indemnity or security satisfactory to us and the debt trustee may be required at the expense of the holder of the debt security before a replacement debt security will be issued.

Governing Law

The debt indentures, the debt securities and the guarantees will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Concerning the Debt Trustees

CBS Corporation will identify the debt trustees in the relevant prospectus supplement. In specific instances, CBS Corporation or the holders of a majority of the then outstanding principal amount of the debt securities issued under a debt indenture may remove the debt trustee and appoint a successor trustee. The debt trustee may become the owner or pledgee of any of the debt securities with the same rights, subject to conflict of interest restrictions, it would have if it were not the debt trustee. The debt trustee and any successor trustee must be eligible to act as trustee under the Section 310(a)(1) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 and be subject to examination by federal or state authority. Subject to applicable law relating to conflicts of interest, the debt trustee may also serve as trustee under other indentures relating to securities issued by CBS Corporation or its affiliated companies and may engage in commercial transactions with CBS Corporation and its affiliated companies. The initial debt trustee under each debt indenture is Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas.

Senior Debt Securities

CBS Corporation will describe the specific terms of the senior debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which the general provisions summarized in this description may apply to any series of its senior debt securities in the prospectus supplement relating to that series.

Senior Subordinated Debt Securities

In addition to the provisions previously described in this prospectus and applicable to all debt securities, the following description of CBS Corporation's senior subordinated debt securities summarizes the additional terms and provisions of its senior subordinated debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The specific terms of CBS Corporation's senior subordinated debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which the general provisions summarized below may apply to any series of senior subordinated debt securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series.

Subordination. The senior subordinated debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to CBS Corporation's senior indebtedness to the extent set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the senior subordinated debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all of CBS Corporation's senior indebtedness. CBS Corporation may not make payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the senior subordinated debt securities and may not acquire, or make payment on account of any sinking fund for, the senior subordinated debt securities unless full payment of amounts then due for principal, premium, if any, and interest on all senior indebtedness by reason of the maturity thereof has been made or duly provided for in cash or in a manner satisfactory to the holders of the senior indebtedness. In addition, the senior subordinated indenture provides that if a default has occurred giving the holders of the senior indebtedness the right to accelerate the maturity of that senior indebtedness, or an event has occurred which, with the giving of notice, or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an event of default, then unless and until that event has been cured or waived or has ceased to exist, no payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the senior subordinated debt securities and no acquisition of, or payment on account of a sinking fund for, the senior subordinated debt securities may be made. CBS Corporation will give prompt written notice to the senior subordinated trustee of any default under any senior indebtedness or under any agreement pursuant to which senior indebtedness may have been issued. The senior subordinated indenture provisions described in this paragraph, however, do not prevent CBS Corporation from making a sinking fund payment with senior subordinated debt securities acquired prior to the maturity of senior indebtedness or, in the case of default, prior to the default and notice thereof. Upon any distribution of assets in connection with CBS Corporation's dissolution, liquidation or reorganization, all senior indebtedness must be paid in full before the holders of the senior subordinated debt securities are entitled to any payments whatsoever. As a result of these subordination provisions, in the event of CBS Corporation's insolvency, holders of the senior subordinated debt securities may recover ratably less than the holders of CBS Corporation's senior indebtedness.

For purposes of the description of the senior subordinated debt securities, the term "Senior Indebtedness" of the Company or the Guarantor, as the case may be, means the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the following, whether outstanding on the date of execution of the senior subordinated indenture or incurred or created after the execution:

indebtedness for money borrowed by it, or evidenced by securities, other than the senior subordinated debt securities or any other indebtedness which is subordinate to the senior subordinated debt securities;

obligations with respect to letters of credit;

indebtedness constituting a guarantee of indebtedness of others, other than any subordinated guarantees;

obligations under Capitalized Leases (other than telecommunications equipment, including satellite transponders);

any obligation of a third party if secured by a lien on assets; or

renewals, extensions or refundings of any of the indebtedness referred to in the preceding bullet points unless, in the case of any particular indebtedness, renewal, extension or refunding, under the express provisions of the instrument creating or evidencing the same, or pursuant to which the same is outstanding, the indebtedness or the renewal, extension or refunding thereof is not superior in right of payment to the senior subordinated debt securities.

Senior Indebtedness of the Company or the Guarantor, as the case may be, will not include any obligation of the Company or the Guarantor (i) to any subsidiary of the Company or the Guarantor or to any person with respect to which the Company or the Guarantor is a subsidiary or (ii) specifically with respect to the production, distribution or acquisition of motion pictures or other programming rights, talent or publishing rights.

As of September 30, 2011, CBS Corporation's Senior Indebtedness totaled approximately \$5.9 billion, and CBS Operations had no Senior Indebtedness, other than its guarantees of the senior debt of CBS Corporation, all of which is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by CBS Operations.

Certain Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to the debt indentures:

"Capitalized Lease" means any obligation of a person to pay rent or other amounts incurred with respect to real property or equipment acquired or leased by such person and used in its business that is required to be recorded as a capital lease in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied as in effect from time to time.

"Indebtedness" of any person means, without duplication (i) any obligation of such person for money borrowed, (ii) any obligation of such person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (iii) any reimbursement obligation of such person in respect of letters of credit or other similar instruments which support financial obligations which would otherwise become Indebtedness, (iv) any obligation of such person under Capitalized Leases (other than in respect of (x) telecommunications equipment including, without limitation, satellite transponders, and (y) theme park equipment and attractions), and (v) any obligation of any third party to the extent secured by a Lien on the assets of such person; provided, however, that "Indebtedness" of such person shall not include any obligation of such person (i) to any Subsidiary of such person or to any person with respect to which such person is a Subsidiary or (ii) specifically with respect to the production, distribution or acquisition of motion pictures or other programming rights, talent or publishing rights. When used with respect to CBS Corporation, the term "Indebtedness" also includes any obligation of CBS Operations specified in clauses (i) through (v) above to the extent that said Indebtedness is guaranteed by CBS Corporation.

"Lien" means any pledge, mortgage, lien, encumbrance or other security interest.

"Restricted Subsidiary" means a corporation, all of the outstanding voting stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by CBS Corporation or by one or more of its Subsidiaries, or by CBS Corporation and one or more of its Subsidiaries, which is incorporated under the laws of a State of the United States, and which owns a Principal Property.

"Subsidiary" of any person means (i) a corporation, a majority of the outstanding voting stock of which is at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such person, or by such person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof or (ii) any other person (other than a corporation), including, without limitation, a partnership or joint venture, in which such person, one or more Subsidiaries thereof, or such person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination thereof, has at least majority ownership interest entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof (or other persons performing similar functions).

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

The following description sets forth certain general terms of preferred stock which CBS Corporation may issue. The terms of any series of the preferred stock will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the preferred stock being offered. The description set forth below and in any prospectus supplement is not complete, and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, CBS Corporation's amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, the certificate of designations relating to each particular series of the preferred stock, which was or will be filed with the SEC at or before the issuance of the series of preferred stock, and the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"). Copies of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws are incorporated by reference herein. For more information on how you can obtain copies of these documents, see the section entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information." You are urged to read our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated certificate of incorporation entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information." You are urged to read our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws in their entirety.

Terms of the Preferred Stock

Under CBS Corporation's amended and restated certificate of incorporation, CBS Corporation is authorized to issue up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The board of directors has the authority, without the approval of stockholders, to cause shares of preferred stock to be issued from time to time in one or more series, and to fix the number of shares and the designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional, dividend and other special rights and qualifications, limitations, restrictions, conditions and other characteristics of each series. As of October 31, 2011, CBS Corporation had 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock available for issuance.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of each series of preferred stock, including, where applicable, the following:

the designation, stated value, liquidation preference and number of shares offered;

the offering price or prices;

the dividend rate or rates, or method of calculation, the dividend periods, the date on which dividends shall be payable and whether dividends are cumulative or noncumulative and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends begin to accumulate;

any redemption or sinking fund provisions;

any conversion or exchange provisions;

any voting rights;

whether the preferred stock will be issued in certificated or book-entry form;

whether the preferred stock will be listed on a national securities exchange;

information with respect to any book-entry procedures;