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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

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THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Harman International Industries, Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction)

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of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of each class of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price ⁽¹⁾ | Amount of registration fee ⁽²⁾ |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share (and associated Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock Purchase Rights) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ | | | |
| Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | | | |
| Debt Securities | | | |
| Warrants | | | |

- (1) An indeterminate initial offering price, principal amount or number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices or upon conversion, exchange or exercise of securities registered hereunder to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, such securities. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are being registered that are issued in exchange for, or upon conversion or exercise of, the debt securities being registered hereunder. Securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or together with other securities registered hereunder.
- (2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee and will pay the registration fee subsequently in advance or on a pay as you go basis.
- (3) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act, there is also being registered such indeterminate number of shares of our common stock as may be issued from time to time with respect to shares being registered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (4) This registration statement also relates to rights to purchase shares of the registrant's Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock Purchase Rights, par value \$0.01 per share, which are attached to all shares of the registrant's common stock. Until the occurrence of certain prescribed events, the rights to purchase shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock are not exercisable, are evidenced by the

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certificates representing the common stock and are transferred with and only with the common stock. The value attributable to the rights, if any, is reflected in the value of the common stock and no separate consideration is to be received for the rights.

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PROSPECTUS

Harman International Industries, Incorporated

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

Warrants

We may, from time to time, offer to sell common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and warrants. We refer to our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and warrants collectively as the securities. The securities we may offer may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our other securities. We may offer the securities separately or together, in separate series or classes and in amounts, at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. In addition, this prospectus may be used to offer securities for the account of persons other than us.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities. The specific terms of any securities to be offered, and any other information relating to a specific offering, will be set forth in a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or in a supplement to this prospectus or may be set forth in one or more documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We or any selling security holder may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The supplements to this prospectus will provide the specific terms of the plan of distribution. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HAR.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See Risk factors on page 3. You should also consider the risk factors described in any accompanying prospectus supplement and in the documents we incorporate by reference.

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

The date of this prospectus is June 15, 2009.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) using the shelf registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we and/or certain selling security holders may offer and sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings, the securities described in this prospectus. No limit exists on the aggregate amount of the securities we may sell pursuant to the registration statement.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This document may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus, or in any prospectus supplement, is accurate as of any date other than its date regardless of the time of delivery of the prospectus or prospectus supplement or any sale of the securities.

This prospectus includes trademarks, service marks and trade names owned by us or other companies. All trademarks, service marks and trade names included in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

We urge you to read carefully both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, together with the information described under the headings Where you can find more information and Incorporation by reference, before deciding whether to invest in any of the securities being offered.

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Summary

References in this prospectus to Harman International, Harman, the Company, we, us and our are to Harman International Industries, Incorporated and its subsidiaries. The term you refers to a prospective investor.

Our Company

We believe we are a worldwide leader in the development, manufacture and marketing of high-quality, high-fidelity audio products and electronic systems. We have developed, both internally and through a series of strategic acquisitions, a broad range of product offerings sold under renowned brand names in our principal markets. We also believe that we are a leader in digitally integrated infotainment systems for the automotive industry. Our AKG, Crown, JBL, Infinity, Harman/Kardon, Lexicon, dbx, Studer/Soundcraft, Mark Levinson and Becker brand names are well known worldwide for premium quality and performance. We have built these brands by developing our engineering, manufacturing and marketing competencies, and have employed these resources to establish our Company as a leader in the markets we serve.

We report our business on the basis of four segments. Our Automotive, Consumer and Professional segments are based on the end-user markets we serve. Our fourth segment, Other, includes our QNX business, which was previously reported in our Automotive segment. This realignment reflects our focus on growing the QNX business in other non-automotive industries.

Automotive

Our Automotive segment designs, manufactures and markets audio, electronic and infotainment systems for vehicle applications to be installed primarily as original equipment by automotive manufacturers. Our infotainment systems are a combination of information and entertainment components that may include or control GPS navigation, traffic information, voice-activated telephone and climate control, rear seat entertainment, wireless Internet access, hard disk recording, MP3 playback and a high-end branded audio system. We expect future infotainment systems to also integrate driver safety capabilities such as lane guidance, traffic sign recognition, pre-crash emergency braking, adaptive cruise control and night vision. Our Automotive products are marketed worldwide under brand names including JBL, Infinity, Mark Levinson, Harman/Kardon, Logic 7, Lexicon and Becker. We also have an exclusive alliance with Bowers & Wilkins to develop, manufacture, sell or service premium audio systems under the Bowers & Wilkins brand name. Global automotive customers for our premium audio and infotainment systems include Daimler, the BMW Group, Toyota/Lexus, Audi/Volkswagen, Chrysler, Porsche, Land Rover, Hyundai, PSA Peugeot Citroën and Jaguar. We also produce a Harman/Kardon branded infotainment system for Harley-Davidson touring motorcycles. Our premium branded audio systems are sold independently or in conjunction with our infotainment systems. Our Automotive segment also markets personal navigation devices that are primarily sold in Europe.

Consumer

Our Consumer segment designs, manufactures and markets a wide-range of mid- to high-end audio, video and digital storage systems for home, multimedia and mobile applications. Our Consumer products feature some of the world's most recognized audio brands, including AKG, Harman/Kardon, Infinity, JBL and Mark Levinson. Home applications include dedicated home audio and theater systems, as well as distributed systems that provide multi-zone high-quality audio and video. Multimedia applications comprise a wide-range of innovative accessories such as designer fashion earbuds and noise cancelling headphones that enhance the sound of portable electronic devices. Our branded audio products for multimedia applications are primarily designed to enhance sound for Apple's iPods and iPhones, and other MP3 players. We provide transducers and built-in speakers for leading notebook computers, such as Toshiba and Lenovo. Additionally, we provide an extensive line of audio systems for personal computers that are recognized for their award winning design and high-fidelity.

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Aftermarket mobile products include speakers, amplifiers and controllers that deliver high-quality in-car audio. Our Consumer products are sold in specialty audio stores, mass market retail stores such as the Apple stores, Best Buy, Target, Media Markt and Fnac, and through online retailers.

Professional

Our Professional segment designs, manufactures and markets an extensive range of loudspeakers, power amplifiers, digital signal processors, microphones, headphones and mixing consoles used by audio professionals in concert halls, stadiums, airports, houses of worship and other public spaces. For example, our Professional products can be found in prestigious venues and at important events such as the Kennedy Center, the Vienna State Opera House, the O2 World Arena in Berlin, Yankee Stadium, the 51st Grammy Awards, the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. We design products for recording, broadcast, cinema and music reproduction applications. We also provide high-quality products to the sound reinforcement, music instrument support and broadcast and recording segments of the professional audio market. Our Professional products are marketed globally under brand names including JBL Professional, AKG, Crown, Soundcraft, Lexicon, Revel, DigiTech, dbx and Studer.

We also offer complete systems solutions for professional installations and users around the world. Our products can be linked by our HiQnet network protocol providing a central digital network for audio professionals to control different aspects of a complex system. We believe that we are well equipped to provide turnkey systems solutions for professional audio applications that offer the customer improved performance, reliability, ease of installation and reduced cost. Our Professional segment also includes high-end installed audio and home theater systems that we market under our JBL Professional, Revel, Crown, Lexicon and Mark Levinson brands.

Other (QNX)

Our Other segment includes the operations of our QNX business, which offers real-time operating system software, middleware, development tools and consulting services. The markets served by our QNX business include automotive, industrial control and automation, energy, medical, networking and telecommunications, and security and defense. Leading technology companies have embraced QNX solutions in such products as the Intel Atom processor, Adobe Flash and Apple's iPod. QNX products include the QNX Neutrino RTOS operating system and the award-winning QNX Aviage suite of middleware. Additionally, our QNX technologies can be found in a wide spectrum of products in which reliability is paramount, such as medical devices, the NASA Space Arm, optical telecommunications networks and in a number of defense applications, including control, sensor and communications systems.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1980. Our principal executive offices are located at 400 Atlantic Street, Suite 1500, Stamford, Connecticut 06901. Our telephone number is (203) 328-3500 and our website can be accessed at www.harman.com. Information contained in our website does not constitute part of this prospectus.

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Risk factors

Please carefully consider the risk factors described below. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations.

Decreased demand from our customers in the automotive industry may adversely affect our results of operations.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2009, approximately 65 percent of our sales were to automobile manufacturers. As a result, our financial performance depends, in large part, on conditions in the automotive industry, which is highly dependant on general economic conditions and which has recently experienced significant difficulty. Certain of our customers have publicly announced their financial difficulties, including some of our major customers. As a result, we have and may continue to experience reductions in orders from these customers. If one or more of our significant automotive customers experiences, or continues to experience, continued or increased financial difficulty, as a result of a prolonged economic downturn or otherwise, this would have a further adverse effect on our business due to further decreased demand, the potential inability of these companies to make full payment on amounts owed to us, or both. In addition, our customer supply agreements generally provide for reductions in pricing of our products over the period of production. Pricing pressures may intensify as a result of cost cutting initiatives of our customers in the current economic environment. If we are unable to generate sufficient production cost savings in the future to offset future price reductions, our results of operations may be adversely affected.

A decrease in discretionary spending would likely reduce our sales.

Our sales are dependent on discretionary spending by consumers, which has been materially adversely impacted by economic conditions affecting disposable consumer income and retail sales. In addition, our sales of audio, electronic and infotainment products to automotive customers are dependent on the overall success of the automobile industry, and the success of premium automobiles in particular, as well as the willingness of automobile purchasers to pay for the option of a premium branded automotive audio system or a multi-function digital infotainment system. Global demand for and production of premium vehicles, including certain vehicle models that incorporate our products, has recently declined significantly in the difficult economic environment. This mix shift has had a negative impact on our results of operations. Consumer trends such as this could continue or accelerate in the future.

The current economic environment may adversely affect the availability and cost of credit and consumer spending patterns.

Our ability to make scheduled payments or to refinance our obligations with respect to indebtedness will depend on our operating and financial performance, which in turn is subject to prevailing economic conditions. The subprime mortgage crisis and disruptions in the financial markets, including the bankruptcy and restructuring of major financial institutions, may adversely impact the availability of credit already arranged, and the availability and cost of credit in the future. The disruptions in the financial markets have also had an adverse effect on the global economy, which has negatively impacted consumer spending patterns. This has resulted in reductions in sales of our products, longer sales cycles, slower adoption of new technologies and increased price competition. There can be no assurances that government responses to the disruptions in the financial markets will restore consumer confidence, stabilize the markets or increase liquidity and the availability of credit.

Our products may not satisfy shifting consumer demand or compete successfully with competitors' products.

Our business is based on the demand for premium audio and video products and our ability to introduce distinctive new products that anticipate changing consumer demands and capitalize upon emerging

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technologies. If we fail to introduce new products, misinterpret consumer preferences or fail to respond to changes in the marketplace, consumer demand for our products could decrease and our brand image could suffer. In addition, our competitors may introduce superior designs or business strategies, impairing our distinctive image and our products' desirability. If any of these events occur, our sales could decline.

We may not realize sales represented by awarded business.

Our current \$8.8 billion of awarded business is calculated using certain assumptions from our customers, including projected future sales volumes with respect to the applicable platforms. Orders from our customers with respect to these platforms are not made pursuant to contractual obligations and our customers can terminate arrangements with us at any time without penalty. Therefore, our actual platform sales volumes, and thus the ultimate amount of revenue that we derive from such platforms, is not committed. If actual production orders from our customers are not consistent with the projections we use in calculating the amount of our awarded business, we could realize substantially less revenue over the life of these projects than the currently projected \$8.8 billion.

We may not be successful in realizing the cost savings anticipated in our STEP Change program.

Our STEP Change restructuring methodology is intended to achieve \$400 million in sustainable annual cost-savings, as measured against fiscal year 2008. This methodology uses a calculation of the targeted reduction in costs that is based exclusively on the reduction of costs relative to our cost base in fiscal year 2008, which is not consistent with our cost base in all fiscal years. In addition, it assumes, for purposes of calculating cost savings, that sales volumes are identical to those experienced in fiscal year 2008. Certain of the cost savings contemplated by this methodology are volume dependent, and therefore even if we achieve the full \$400 million in annual cost-savings as calculated in accordance with the STEP Change methodology, the actual impact on our results of operations may be substantially less than \$400 million in any fiscal year in which sales volumes are not consistent with those experienced in fiscal year 2008.

The initiatives comprised by our STEP Change program include facility and headcount reductions and other expense controls. We cannot assure you that we will be able to implement these cost reduction initiatives successfully, or at a reasonable cost. For the nine months ended March 31, 2009, we incurred \$47.2 million of restructuring and related costs associated with these initiatives, and we anticipate incurring further expenses throughout the upcoming years, some of which may be material in the period in which they are incurred.

Even if we are successful in these initiatives, we may face other risks associated with our plans, including, among other things, declines in employee morale and increased labor relations issues or other interruptions in our operations. Any of these risks could have an adverse impact on our results of operations. In addition, as a result of pricing pressures on our products, we may not be able to translate all of the cost savings from these initiatives into increased earnings.

Failure to maintain relationships with our largest customers and failure by our customers to continue to purchase expected quantities of our products due to changes in market conditions would have an adverse effect on our operations.

We anticipate that our automotive customers, including Audi/Volkswagen, BMW, Daimler and Toyota/Lexus, will continue to account for a significant portion of our sales for the foreseeable future. However, none of Audi/Volkswagen, BMW, Daimler, Toyota/Lexus or our other automotive customers are obligated to any long-term purchases of our products. The loss of sales to Audi/Volkswagen, BMW, Daimler, Toyota/Lexus or to any of our other significant automotive customers would have a material adverse effect on our consolidated sales, earnings and financial position. In recent years, we held a majority of Daimler's infotainment and audio system business. Automakers customarily maintain dual sourcing arrangements, so our supply relationship with Daimler exceeded expectations. Daimler made strategic decisions in 2006 and 2007 to move to dual sourcing, and as a result, our share of Mercedes business has declined in fiscal 2008 and will further decline in fiscal 2009. We cannot assure you that our customers will not further expand dual sourcing arrangements in the future.

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Failure to deliver products on time to our automotive customers could adversely affect our financial results.

We have products in various stages of development for our automotive customers. If we do not complete our development efforts in time to meet our customers' vehicle production requirements, we could be subject to monetary penalties and damage our customer relationships, which could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated sales, earnings and financial condition.

Bankruptcy of a significant customer could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, financial position and results of operations.

A significant portion of our revenues are derived from sales to customers in the automotive industry, where companies have experienced financial difficulties. As part of the bankruptcy process, our pre-petition receivables may not be realized, customer manufacturing sites may be closed or contracts voided. The bankruptcy of a major customer could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, financial condition, and results of operations.

Chrysler, one of our significant customers, has filed for bankruptcy, which may adversely affect our results of operations.

On April 30, 2009, Chrysler filed a petition in bankruptcy court. The nature of the negative impact could be a reduction in future sales. We might also incur additional expenses related to the idling of one of our facilities. The Chrysler bankruptcy may adversely affect our results of operations.

The financial distress of our suppliers could harm our results of operations.

Automotive industry conditions have adversely affected our supplier base. Lower production levels for some of our key customers and increases in certain raw material, commodity and energy costs have resulted in severe financial distress among many companies within the automotive supply base. Several large suppliers have filed for bankruptcy protection or ceased operations. The continuation of financial distress within the supplier base may lead to increased commercial disputes and possible supply chain interruptions. The continuation or worsening of these industry conditions may have a negative effect on our business.

We may lose market share if we are unable to compete successfully against our current and future competitors.

The audio and video product markets that we serve are fragmented, highly competitive, rapidly changing and characterized by intense price competition.

Many manufacturers, large and small, domestic and foreign, offer audio and video systems that vary widely in price and quality and are marketed through a variety of channels, including audio and video specialty stores, discount stores, department stores, mail order firms and the Internet. Some of our competitors have financial and other resources greater than ours. We cannot assure you that we will continue to compete effectively against existing or new competitors that may enter our markets. We also compete indirectly with automobile manufacturers that may improve the quality of original equipment audio and electronic systems, reducing demand for our aftermarket mobile audio products, or change the designs of their cars to make installation of our aftermarket products more difficult or expensive.

If we do not continue to develop, introduce and achieve market acceptance of new and enhanced products, our sales may decrease.

In order to increase sales in current markets and gain entry into new markets, we must maintain and improve existing products, while successfully developing and introducing new products. Our new and enhanced products must respond to technological developments and changing consumer preferences. We may experience difficulties

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that delay or prevent the development, introduction or market acceptance of new or enhanced products. Furthermore, we may be unable to detect and correct defects in some of our products before we ship them. Delays or defects in new product introduction may result in loss of sales or delays in market acceptance. Even after introduction, our new or enhanced products may not satisfy consumer preferences and product failures may cause consumers to reject our products. As a result, these products may not achieve market acceptance. In addition, our competitors' new products and product enhancements may cause consumers to defer or forego purchases of our products.

Our business could be adversely affected if we are unable to obtain raw materials and components from our suppliers on favorable terms.

We are dependent upon third party suppliers, both in the United States and other countries, for various components, parts, raw materials and finished products. Some of our suppliers may produce products that compete with our products. We use externally sourced microchips in many of our products. A significant disruption in our supply chain and an inability to obtain alternative sources could have a material impact on our results of operations.

Covenants in our existing debt agreements restrict our operations.

Our recently amended revolving credit facility and the indenture for our convertible senior notes contain provisions that restrict our operating and financing activities. Together, they restrict our ability to, among other things:

incur debt for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements or other corporate purposes;

use a substantial portion of proceeds from sales of debt, equity or assets to fund working capital, capital expenditures, product development and other corporate requirements;

create or assume liens;

enter into sale-leaseback transactions;

engage in mergers or consolidations;

make capital expenditures or investments;

sell assets; and

modify or prepay certain material debt.

Because of the restrictions in these debt agreements, we may have difficulty securing additional financing in the form of additional indebtedness. In addition, our revolving credit facility contains other and more restrictive covenants, including financial covenants that will require us to achieve specified financial and operating results and maintain compliance with specified financial ratios. We may have to curtail some of our operations to maintain compliance with these covenants. A violation of any of these covenants could result in a default under these debt agreements, which could permit the lenders to accelerate the repayment of any borrowings outstanding at that time, and the lenders under the revolving credit facility could act on the collateral package granted in connection with the recently amended credit facility. A default or acceleration under our debt agreements would result in increased capital costs and adversely affect our ability to operate our business, our subsidiaries and guarantors' ability to operate their business and our results of operations and financial condition.

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If we fail to comply with the covenants contained in our existing debt agreements, the related debt incurred under those agreements could be declared immediately due and payable, which could also trigger a default under other agreements.

Our ability to meet the covenants or requirements in our credit facility and the indenture for our Convertible Senior Notes may be affected by events beyond our control, and we cannot assure you that we will satisfy these covenants and requirements. A breach of these covenants or our inability to comply with the financial ratios, tests or other restrictions could result in an event of default under the applicable agreement. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the applicable agreement, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the applicable agreement, together with accrued interest, to be immediately due and payable. If the payment of our indebtedness is accelerated, we cannot assure you that we will be able to make those payments or borrow sufficient funds from alternative sources to make those payments. Even if we were to obtain additional financing, that financing may be on unfavorable terms.

Currency fluctuations may reduce profits on our foreign sales or increase our costs, either of which could adversely affect our financial results.

A significant amount of our assets and operations are located, and the majority of our revenue is derived from, outside the United States. Consequently, we are subject to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, especially the Euro. Translation losses resulting from currency fluctuations may adversely affect the profits from our foreign operations and have a negative impact on our financial results. In addition, we purchase certain foreign-made products. Although we hedge a portion of our foreign currency exposure and, due to the multiple currencies involved in our business, foreign currency positions partially offset and are netted against one another to reduce exposure, we cannot assure you that fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates will not make these products more expensive to purchase. Increases in our cost of purchasing these products could negatively impact our financial results if we are not able to pass those increased costs on to our customers.

Our operations could be harmed by factors including political instability, natural disasters, fluctuations in currency exchange rates and changes in regulations that govern international transactions.

The risks inherent in international trade may reduce our international sales and harm our business and the businesses of our distributors and suppliers. These risks include:

changes in tariff regulations;

political instability, war, terrorism and other political risks;

foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations;

establishing and maintaining relationships with local distributors and dealers;

lengthy shipping times and accounts receivable payment cycles;

import and export licensing requirements;

compliance with foreign laws and regulations, including unexpected changes in taxation and regulatory requirements;

greater difficulty in safeguarding intellectual property than in the United States; and

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difficulty in staffing and managing geographically diverse operations.

These and other risks may, among other things, increase the relative price of our products compared to those manufactured in other countries, reducing the demand for our products.

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Our business could be adversely affected by a strike or work stoppage at one of our manufacturing plants or at a facility of one of our significant customers or at a common carrier or major shipping location.

Certain of our automotive customers are unionized and may incur work stoppages or strikes. A work stoppage at our facilities or those of our automotive customers could have a material adverse effect on our sales, earnings and financial condition. In addition, a work stoppage at a common carrier or a major shipping location could have a material adverse effect on our sales, earnings and financial condition. The risk of issues of this type at our facilities may be exacerbated by the implementation of our STEP Change program, which involves significant staff reductions and facility relocations.

Obligations to correct product defects covered by our warranties could adversely affect our financial results.

We warrant our products to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for periods ranging from six months to six years. Costs to correct product defects may exceed our estimates and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

If we are unable to enforce or defend our ownership and use of our intellectual property, our business may decline.

Our future success will depend, in substantial part, on our intellectual property. We seek to protect our intellectual property rights, but our actions may not adequately protect the rights covered by our patents, patent applications, trademarks and other proprietary rights and prosecution of our claims could be time consuming and costly. In addition, the intellectual property laws of some foreign countries do not protect our proprietary rights, as do the laws of the United States. Despite our efforts to protect our proprietary information, third parties may obtain, disclose or use our proprietary information without our authorization, which could adversely affect our business. From time to time, third parties have alleged that we infringe their proprietary rights. These claims or similar future claims could subject us to significant liability for damages, result in the invalidation of our proprietary rights, limit our ability to use infringing intellectual property or force us to license third-party technology rather than dispute the merits of any infringement claim. Even if we prevail, any associated litigation could be time consuming and expensive and could result in the diversion of our time and resources.

We are engaged in ongoing litigation and may be the subject of additional litigation that may result in payments to third parties, which could harm our business and financial results.

As more fully described in Part II, Item 3 Legal Proceedings, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, we are currently involved in litigation arising out of or relating to the events leading up to the termination of the proposed acquisition of our Company in October 2007 or certain earnings guidance provided by us. In addition, similar litigation has been and may be initiated against us and others based on the alleged activities and disclosures at issue in the pending litigation. We cannot predict the outcome of any such proceeding or the likelihood that further proceedings will be instituted against us. In the event that there is an adverse ruling in any legal proceeding, we may be required to make payments to third parties that could harm our business or financial results. Furthermore, regardless of the merits of any claim, the continued maintenance of these legal proceedings may result in substantial legal expense and could also result in the diversion of our management's time and attention away from our business.

We have deferred tax assets in our consolidated financial statements.

Our consolidated financial statements include deferred tax assets of \$273.6 million as of March 31, 2009, which relate to temporary differences (differences between the assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the assets and liabilities in the calculation of taxable income). The valuation of deferred tax assets is based on various projections for future taxable income. Thus, when actual taxable income differs from

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projections, it may become necessary to adjust the valuation of our deferred tax assets, which could impact our results of operations and financial condition.

Harman International is a holding company with no operations of its own and therefore our cash flow and ability to service debt is dependent upon distributions from our subsidiaries.

Our ability to service our debt and pay dividends is dependent upon the operating earnings of our subsidiaries. The distribution of those earnings, or advances or other distributions of funds by those subsidiaries to Harman International, all of which could be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions, are contingent upon the subsidiaries' earnings and are subject to various business considerations.

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Forward-looking statements

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). You should not place undue reliance on these statements. Forward-looking statements include information concerning possible or assumed future results of operations, capital expenditures, the outcome of pending legal proceedings and claims, goals and objectives for future operations, including descriptions of our business strategies and purchase commitments from customers. These statements are typically identified by words such as believe, anticipate, expect, plan, intend, estimate, should, will and similar expressions. We base these statements on particular assumptions that we have made in light of our industry experience, as well as our perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors that we believe are appropriate under the circumstances. As you read and consider the information in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, you should understand that these statements are not guarantees of performance or results. They involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. In light of these risks and uncertainties, we cannot assure you that the results and events contemplated by the forward-looking statements contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus will in fact transpire.

The risks described below are discussed in greater detail in our periodic filings with the SEC. You should carefully consider the risks described below and in our periodic reports because they identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted in any such forward-looking statements. Our operating results may fluctuate significantly and may not meet our expectations or those of securities analysts or investors. The price of our stock would likely decline if this occurs. Factors that may cause fluctuations in our operating results include, but are not limited to, the following:

our ability to successfully implement our strategic initiatives, including our STEP Change cost reduction initiatives, and to achieve the intended benefits and anticipated savings of those initiatives;

automobile industry sales and production rates and the willingness of automobile purchasers to pay for the option of a premium audio system and/or a multi-function infotainment system;

changes in consumer confidence and spending and worsening economic conditions worldwide;

the bankruptcy or financial deterioration of one or more of our customers or suppliers;

the loss of one or more significant customers, including our automotive manufacturer customers, or the loss of a significant platform with an automotive customer;

changes in interest rates and the availability of financing affecting corporate and consumer spending, including the effects of continued volatility and further deterioration in the financial and credit markets;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates, particularly with respect to the value of the U.S. dollar and the euro, and other risks inherent in international trade and business transactions;

warranty obligations for defects in our products;

our ability to satisfy contract performance criteria, including our ability to meet technical specifications and due dates on new platforms, at expected profit margins;

competition in the automotive, consumer or professional markets in which we operate, including pricing pressure in the market for personal navigation devices (PNDs);

our ability to achieve cost reductions and other benefits in connection with the restructuring of our manufacturing, engineering and administrative organizations;

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model-year changeovers and customer acceptance in the automotive industry;

our ability to enforce or defend our ownership and use of intellectual property;

our ability to maintain a competitive technological advantage within the systems, services and products we provide into the marketplace;

our ability to effectively integrate acquisitions made by us or manage restructuring and cost migration initiatives;

our ability to comply with the financial or other covenants in our long-term debt agreements;

limitations on our ability to borrow funds under our existing credit facilities;

the valuation of certain assets, including goodwill, investments and deferred tax assets, considering recent market conditions;

strikes, work stoppages and labor negotiations at our facilities, or at a facility of one of our significant customers, or work stoppages at a common carrier or a major shipping location;

commodity price fluctuations;

availability of key components for the products we manufacture; and

the outcome of pending or future litigation and other claims, including, but not limited to, the current stockholder and ERISA lawsuits.

Although we believe that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, you should be aware that many factors could affect our actual results of operations, and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. As a result, the foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read together with the other cautionary statements included in this prospectus and the periodic reports we file with the SEC, including the information in Item 1A, *Risk Factors* of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, and Item 1A, *Risk Factors* of Part II of the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended September 30, 2008, December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement.

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Use of proceeds

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement our intended use for the net proceeds received by us from our sale of securities under this prospectus. We will not receive the net proceeds of any sales by selling security holders.

Description of the securities

We may issue from time to time, in one or more offerings, the following securities:

shares of common stock;

shares of preferred stock;

debt securities, which may be senior or subordinated; or

warrants exercisable for common stock, preferred stock or debt securities.

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement a description of the common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or warrants that may be offered under this prospectus. The terms of the offering of securities, the initial offering price and the net proceeds to us will be contained in the prospectus supplement and other offering material relating to such offering.

Ratio of earnings to fixed charges

The following table sets forth the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated. We have not included a ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends because we currently do not have any preferred stock outstanding.

| | Fiscal Quarter Ended | | Fiscal Year Ended | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | March 31, 2009 | June 30, 2008 | June 30, 2007 | June 30, 2006 | June 30, 2005 | June 30, 2004 |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(1) | (2) | 4.59x | 16.69x | 10.59x | 10.63x | 6.35x |

- (1) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, fixed charges consist of interest expense on long-term debt and capital leases, capitalized interest, amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness, and the portion of rental expense deemed to be representative of interest. Earnings consist of income (loss) before income taxes, plus fixed charges, plus amortization of capitalized interest, and less capitalized interest.
- (2) Due to our loss for the three months ended March 31, 2009, the ratio coverage was less than 1:1. We must generate additional earnings of \$94.8 million to achieve a ratio of 1:1.

Selling security holders

Information about selling security holders, where applicable, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in a post-effective amendment or in filings we make with the SEC under the Exchange Act which are incorporated by reference.

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Plan of distribution

We or any selling security holder may sell any of the securities being offered by this prospectus in any one or more of the following ways from time to time:

through agents or dealers;

to or through underwriters;

directly by us or by any selling security holder to purchasers; or

through a combination of any of these methods.

We will describe the details of any such offering and the plan of distribution for any securities offering by us or any selling security holder in a prospectus supplement.

Legal matters

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the securities offered under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us, or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Experts

The consolidated financial statements of Harman International Industries, Incorporated as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended June 30, 2008, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The audit report on the consolidated financial statements dated August 29, 2008, except as it relates to the effect of changes in segments discussed in Note 17, *Business Segment Data* for which the date is June 15, 2009, contains an explanatory paragraph that states that the Company adopted, effective July 1, 2007, FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109.

Where you can find more information

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy materials that we have filed with the SEC at the SEC 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. The SEC also maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers, including us, that file electronically with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and on our website at www.harman.com. Except as set forth below under Incorporation by reference, information on our website is not incorporated into this prospectus by reference and should not be considered a part of this prospectus. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HAR), and you can obtain information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Incorporation by reference

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents that we have previously filed with the SEC or documents that we will file with the SEC in the future. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, except for any information that is superseded by other information that is included or incorporated by reference into this document.

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This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC, which contain important information about us:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 (including the portions of our proxy statement for our 2008 annual meeting of stockholders incorporated by reference therein);

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended September 30, 2008, December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed July 31, 2008, August 21, 2008, September 23, 2008, November 14, 2008, December 8, 2008, January 15, 2009, January 30, 2009, February 13, 2009, March 16, 2009, April 3, 2009 and June 15, 2009 (other than, in each case, any portions of those documents not deemed to be filed);

the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A (Commission File No. 001-09764), filed on February 27, 2003, including any amendments thereto; and

the description of the Rights to purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A (Commission File No. 001-09764), filed on December 16, 1999, including any amendments thereto.

We incorporate by reference any additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (other than those furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 in any Current Report on Form 8-K or other information deemed to have been furnished rather than filed in accordance with SEC rules) from the date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is part until the termination of the offering of the securities. These documents may include annual, quarterly and current reports, as well as proxy statements. Any material that we later file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede, as appropriate, the information previously filed with the SEC.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. For purposes of this prospectus, any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such statement contained in the previous document.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost by writing or calling us at the following address or telephone number: Harman International Industries, Incorporated, 400 Atlantic Street, Suite 1500, Stamford, Connecticut 06901; telephone (203) 328-3500. The filings are also available on our website at www.harman.com. Please note, however, that the information on, or accessible through, our website, other than the documents listed above, is not incorporated into this prospectus by reference and should not be considered a part of this prospectus.

Table of Contents**PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table sets forth fees and expenses payable by the registrant in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby (other than any underwriting discounts and commissions).

| | Amount to be paid |
|---|------------------------------|
| Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee | * |
| Printing fees | ** |
| Legal fees and charges | ** |
| Accounting fees and expenses | ** |
| Trustee fees and expenses | ** |
| Miscellaneous | ** |
| TOTAL | ** |

* In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), we are deferring payment of the registration fee for the securities offered by this prospectus.

** Expenses are not presently known but an estimate of the aggregate amount of these expenses will be reflected in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Article Tenth of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that to the fullest extent permitted by law a director will not be personally liable for monetary damages to the Company or its stockholders for or with respect to any acts or omissions in the performance of his or her duties as a director. Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") provides that, in its certificate of incorporation, a corporation may limit or eliminate a director's personal liability for monetary damages to the corporation or its stockholders, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to such corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for paying a dividend or approving a stock repurchase in violation of Section 174 of the DGCL or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. While Article Tenth of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides directors with protection from awards for monetary damages for breaches of the duty of care, it does not eliminate the directors' duty of care. Accordingly, the Restated Certificate of Incorporation will have no effect on the availability of equitable remedies such as an injunction or rescission based on a director's breach of the duty of care. The provisions of Article Tenth as described above apply to officers of the Company only if they are directors of the Company and are acting in their capacity as directors, and does not apply to officers of the Company who are not directors.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify directors and officers as well as other employees and agents of the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement, in connection with specified actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, as a derivative action), if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. A similar standard is applicable in the case of actions by or in the right of the corporation, except that indemnification only extends to expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred.

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in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, and no indemnification may be made where the person seeking indemnification has been found liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that a court determines indemnification is fair and reasonable in view of all circumstances. Article VIII of the by-laws provides that the Company will indemnify its directors, officers, employees and agents to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law or any other applicable law, thereby affording such persons the protections available to directors, officers, employees and agents of Delaware corporations as summarized above. The Company maintains directors and officers liability insurance which insures against liabilities that directors or officers of the Company may incur in such capacities.

The foregoing summaries are subject to the complete text of the statute, our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and by-laws referred to above and are qualified in their entirety by reference thereto.

Item 16. Exhibits

Exhibit

| Number | Exhibit |
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| 1.1* | Form of Underwriting Agreement |
| 4.1 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Harman International Industries, Incorporated, as amended (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2003, Commission File No. 001-09764, and hereby incorporated by reference) |
| 4.2 | By-Laws of Harman International Industries, Incorporated, as amended, dated February 6, 2008 (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, Commission File No. 001-09764, and hereby incorporated by reference) |
| 4.3 | Rights Agreement, dated as of December 13, 1999, by and between Harman International Industries, Incorporated and ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C., as rights agent (including a Form of Certificate of Designation of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, a Form of Right Certificate and a Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Stock) (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8 A filed with the Commission on December 16, 1999, Commission File No. 001-09764, and hereby incorporated by reference) |
| 4.4 | Amendment No. 1, dated as of April 26, 2007, to the Rights Agreement, dated as of December 13, 1999, by and between Harman International Industries, Incorporated and Mellon Investor Services LLC (formerly known as ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C.), as rights agent (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the Commission on April 27, 2007, Commission File No. 001-09764, and hereby incorporated by reference) |
| 4.5 | Certificate of Designation of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Harman International Industries, Incorporated, dated January 11, 2000 (filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, Commission File No. 001-09764, and hereby incorporated by reference) |
| 4.6 | Form of Indenture for Senior Debt Securities |
| 4.7 | Form of Indenture for Subordinated Debt Securities |
| 4.8 | Form of Senior Debt Security (included in Exhibit 4.6) |
| 4.9 | Form of Subordinated Debt Security (included in Exhibit 4.7) |
| 4.10* | Form of Warrant Agreement |
| 4.11* | Form of Warrant |
| 5.1 | Form of opinion of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP |

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| 12.1 | Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges |
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |
| 23.2 | Consent of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney of certain directors and officers of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (included on signature page) |
| 25.1* | Statement of eligibility of Trustee under the Indenture for Senior Debt Securities, on Form T-1 |
| 25.2* | Statement of eligibility of Trustee under the Indenture for Subordinated Debt Securities, on Form T-1 |

* To be filed by an amendment to the registration statement or as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K under the Exchange Act, subsequent to the effectiveness, if necessary.

Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 and Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

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

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

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

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(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however,* that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date;

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(6) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(7) If the securities to be registered are to be offered to existing security holders pursuant to warrants or rights and any securities not taken by security holders are to be reoffered to the public, to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by the underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent reoffering thereof. If any public offering by the underwriters is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, a post-effective amendment will be filed to set forth the terms of such offering.

(8) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification

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

(9) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933:

(i) the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A under the Securities Act of 1933 and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective; and

(ii) each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, in the state of Connecticut on June 15, 2009.

**HARMAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES,
INCORPORATED**

By: */s/ DINESH C. PALIWAL*
Dinesh C. Paliwal

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Todd A. Suko and Marisa Iasenza, and each of them, the true and lawful attorney or attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, to sign on his or her behalf as a director or officer or both, as the case may be, of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (the Corporation) any and all amendments and any or all post-effective amendments to this Registration Statement (and any additional registration statement related hereto permitted by Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933 (and all further amendments, including post-effective amendments, thereto)) and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney or attorneys-in-fact, and each of them with or without the others, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney or attorneys-in-fact or any of them or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|--|---------------|
| <i>/s/ DINESH C. PALIWAL</i> Dinesh C. Paliwal | Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) | June 15, 2009 |
| <i>/s/ HERBERT K. PARKER</i> Herbert K. Parker | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) | June 15, 2009 |
| <i>/s/ JENNIFER PETER</i> Jennifer Peter | Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) | June 15, 2009 |
| <i>/s/ BRIAN F. CARROLL</i> Brian F. Carroll | Director | June 15, 2009 |
| <i>/s/ HARALD EINSMANN</i> | Director | June 15, 2009 |

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| Signature | Title | Date |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| /s/ RAJAT K. GUPTA Rajat K. Gupta | Director | June 15, 2009 |
| /s/ ANN McLAUGHLIN KOROLOGOS Ann McLaughlin Korologos | Director | June 15, 2009 |
| /s/ EDWARD H. MEYER Edward H. Meyer | Director | June 15, 2009 |
| /s/ KENNETH M. REISS Kenneth M. Reiss | Director | June 15, 2009 |
| /s/ HELLENE S. RUNTAGH Hellene S. Runtagh | Director | June 15, 2009 |
| /s/ GARY G. STEEL Gary G. Steel | Director | June 15, 2009 |

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| 4.5 | Certificate of Designation of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Harman International Industries, Incorporated, dated January 11, 2000 (filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, Commission File No. 001-09764, and hereby incorporated by reference) |
| 4.6 | Form of Indenture for Senior Debt Securities |
| 4.7 | Form of Indenture for Subordinated Debt Securities |
| 4.8 | Form of Senior Debt Security (included in Exhibit 4.6) |
| 4.9 | Form of Subordinated Debt Security (included in Exhibit 4.7) |
| 4.10* | Form of Warrant Agreement |
| 4.11* | Form of Warrant |
| 5.1 | Form of opinion of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP |
| 12.1 | Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges |
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |
| 23.2 | Consent of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney of certain directors and officers of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (included on signature page) |
| 25.1* | Statement of eligibility of Trustee under the Indenture for Senior Debt Securities, on Form T-1 |
| 25.2* | Statement of eligibility of Trustee under the Indenture for Subordinated Debt Securities, on Form T-1 |

* To be filed by an amendment to the registration statement or as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K under the Exchange Act, subsequent to the effectiveness, if necessary.

