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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

LOEWS CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

13-2646102  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered(1)(2) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)(2) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)(2) | Amount of Registration Fee (3) |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Debt Securities                                    | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |
| Preferred Stock, par value \$0.10 per share        | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share           | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |
| Warrants                                           | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |
| Subscription Rights                                | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |
| Stock Purchase Contracts                           | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |
| Stock Purchase Units                               | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |
| Total                                              | —                             | —                                              | —                                               | —                              |

(1) Not applicable pursuant to Form S-3 General Instruction II(E).

(2) Securities registered hereunder may be sold separately, together or as units with other securities registered hereunder. An indeterminate aggregate offering price and number or amount of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock, warrants, subscription rights, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units of Loews Corporation is being registered as may from time to time be issued at currently indeterminable prices and as may be issuable upon conversion, redemption, repurchase, exchange, exercise or settlement of any securities registered hereunder, including under any applicable anti-dilution provisions. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on conversion, exchange, exercise or settlement of other securities.

(3) In accordance with Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

PROSPECTUS

LOEWS CORPORATION

Debt Securities  
Preferred Stock  
Common Stock  
Warrants  
Subscription Rights  
Stock Purchase Contracts  
Stock Purchase Units

Loews Corporation may offer from time to time (i) unsecured senior or subordinated debt securities, (ii) preferred stock, (iii) common stock, (iv) warrants to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities, (v) subscription rights to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities, (vi) stock purchase contracts obligating holders to purchase from or sell to us common stock or preferred stock at a future date or dates, and (vii) stock purchase units, each consisting of a stock purchase contract and any combination of debt securities or debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, which would secure the holder's obligation to purchase from or to sell to us, as the case may be, preferred stock or common stock under the stock purchase contract.

We will provide the terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities.

Our common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "L". If we decide to seek a listing of any debt securities, preferred stock or warrants offered by this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement will disclose the exchange or market on which such securities will be listed, if any, or where we have made an application for listing, if any.

Our principal office is located at 667 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10065-8087. Our telephone number is (212) 521-2000.

Investing in these securities involves risks. Please see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference herein, and the risk factors included in our other periodic reports and in prospectus supplements relating to specific offerings of securities that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

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The date of this prospectus is February 22, 2012

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. We will provide the terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. We urge you to read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described in the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information.”

In this prospectus, the words “we,” “us,” “our,” and “Loews” refer to Loews Corporation, and “our board of directors” refers to the board of directors of Loews Corporation.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). These forward-looking statements are based on our management’s beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to our management. Forward-looking statements include information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations and statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates” or similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed elsewhere in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. We do not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements after we distribute this prospectus.



LOEWS CORPORATION

We are a holding company. Our subsidiaries are engaged in the following lines of business:

- commercial property and casualty insurance (CNA Financial Corporation (“CNA”), a 90% owned subsidiary);
- operation of offshore oil and gas drilling rigs (Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (“Diamond Offshore”), a 50.4% owned subsidiary);
- exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and oil (including condensate and natural gas liquids) (HighMount Exploration & Production LLC (“HighMount”), a wholly-owned subsidiary);
- interstate transportation and storage of natural gas (Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP (“Boardwalk Pipeline”), a 61% owned subsidiary); and
- operation of hotels (Loews Hotels Holding Corporation (“Loews Hotels”), a wholly-owned subsidiary).

CNA. CNA is an insurance holding company whose primary subsidiaries consist of commercial property and casualty insurance companies. CNA’s property and casualty insurance operations are conducted by Continental Casualty Company and The Continental Insurance Company and their respective affiliates. CNA accounted for 63.4%, 63.0% and 60.0% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Diamond Offshore. Diamond Offshore is engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the business of owning and operating drilling rigs that are used in the drilling of offshore oil and gas wells on a contract basis for companies engaged in exploration and production of hydrocarbons. Diamond Offshore owns 49 offshore rigs. Diamond Offshore accounted for 23.6%, 23.0% and 25.9% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

HighMount. HighMount is engaged in the exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and oil (including condensate and natural gas liquids), primarily in the Permian Basin in Texas. HighMount accounted for 2.5%, 2.9% and 4.4% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Boardwalk Pipeline. Boardwalk Pipeline is engaged in the interstate transportation and storage of natural gas. Boardwalk Pipeline owns and operates three interstate natural gas pipelines with approximately 14,200 miles of interconnected pipelines, directly serving customers in 12 states and indirectly serving customers throughout the northeastern and southeastern United States through numerous interconnections with unaffiliated pipelines. Boardwalk Pipeline accounted for 8.1%, 7.7% and 6.4% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Loews Hotels. Loews Hotels currently operates 17 hotels, 15 of which are in the United States and two of which are in Canada. Loews Hotels accounted for 2.4%, 2.1% and 2.0% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

We derive substantially all of our cash flow from our subsidiaries. We rely upon our invested cash balances and distributions from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our obligations and to declare and pay any dividends to our shareholders. The ability of our subsidiaries to make such payments is subject to, among other things, the availability of sufficient funds in such subsidiaries and applicable state laws (including, in the case of the insurance subsidiaries of CNA, laws and rules governing the payment of dividends by regulated insurance companies). Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will generally have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries

over our claims and those of our creditors and shareholders.

Our principal executive offices are located at 667 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10065-8087. Our telephone number is (212) 521-2000.

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## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports or other information that we file with the SEC at its Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549. You may also receive copies of these documents upon payment of a duplicating fee by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Room. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial documents retrieval services, at our website ([www.loews.com](http://www.loews.com)) and at the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). Information on our website is not incorporated into this prospectus or our other SEC filings and is not a part of this prospectus or those filings.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information that we file with them into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC, including our annual, quarterly and current reports. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, except for any information that is modified or superseded by information contained in this prospectus or any other subsequently filed document. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. All documents filed (but not those that are furnished) by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the initial filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and, with respect to any offering of securities pursuant hereto prior to the termination of such offering, will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any previously filed document.

The following documents have been filed by us with the SEC (File No. 1-6541) and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011; and
- The description of the common stock contained in a registration statement filed under the Exchange Act.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the foregoing documents incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents). Requests for such documents should be directed to Loews Corporation, 667 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10065-8087, Attention: Corporate Secretary (telephone: (212) 521-2000).

No person is authorized to give any information or represent anything not contained in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus. We are only offering the securities in places where sales of those securities are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus, as well as information incorporated by reference herein, is current only as of the date of that information. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in connection with a particular offering of securities, the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus will be used for general corporate purposes.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The table below sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2011, which was computed by dividing pretax income from continuing operations available for fixed charges (pretax income from continuing operations before adjustment for noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and income or loss from equity investees, plus fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest, and distributed income of equity investees, less capitalized interest) by fixed charges. Fixed charges include (a) interest expense, (b) capitalized interest, (c) amortization of debt issuance costs, (d) interest credited to policyholder account balances, and (e) one-third of rent expense, which we believe represents the interest factor attributable to rent. Since no shares of preferred stock were outstanding during the periods presented, the ratio of income from continuing operations to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends would be the same as the ratios presented here.

|                                    | Years Ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|                                    | 2011                     | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | 4.9x                     | 5.7x | 3.9x | 2.9x | 8.4x |

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

This prospectus describes certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities. The debt securities will constitute either unsecured senior debt or unsecured subordinated debt. We will issue debt securities that will be senior debt under an indenture dated as of March 1, 1986 between us and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank, National Association), as trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture on March 30, 1993 and a second supplemental indenture on February 18, 1997 (as supplemented, the “senior indenture”). We will issue debt securities that will be subordinated debt under an indenture dated as of December 1, 1985 between us and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company), as the trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture on February 18, 1997, a second supplemental indenture on February 18, 1997 and a third supplemental indenture on September 16, 1997 (as supplemented, the “subordinated indenture”). This prospectus refers to the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture individually as the “indenture” and collectively as the “indentures.” The term “trustee” refers to the trustee under each indenture, as appropriate.

The indentures are subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The indentures are substantially identical, except for the provisions relating to subordination, which are included only in the subordinated indenture. The following summary of the material provisions of the indentures and the debt securities is not complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the indentures, each of which has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We urge you to read the indenture that is applicable to you because it, and not the summary below, defines your rights as a holder of debt securities. You can obtain copies of the indentures by following the directions described in the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information.”

In the summary below, we have included references to section numbers of the indentures so that you can easily locate those provisions. Unless otherwise noted, the referenced section numbers are the same in each indenture. Capitalized terms used in the summary below have the meanings specified in the indentures. The referenced sections of the indentures and the definitions of capitalized terms are incorporated by reference in the following summary.

### General

The senior debt securities will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to our “Senior Indebtedness.” For additional information, see “Subordination” below. As of December 31, 2011, approximately \$0.7 billion aggregate principal amount of Loews’s existing debt would have ranked senior to the subordinated debt securities and equally with the senior debt securities. As of December 31, 2011, none of Loews’s existing debt would have been subordinated to the senior debt securities and have ranked equally with the subordinated debt securities. The indentures do not limit the amount of debt, either secured or unsecured, which may be issued by us under the indentures or otherwise. The debt securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities and may be sold at par, a premium or an original issue discount. Debt securities sold at an original issue discount may bear no interest or interest at a rate which is below market rates.

Since Loews is a holding company, the right of Loews, and hence the rights of the creditors and shareholders of Loews, to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is accordingly subject to prior claims of creditors of the subsidiary, except to the extent that claims of Loews itself as a creditor of the subsidiary may be recognized. As of December 31, 2011, Loews’s subsidiaries had approximately \$8.3 billion aggregate principal amount of debt outstanding. The indentures do not prohibit us or our subsidiaries from incurring debt or agreeing to limitations on their ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us.

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The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to a series of debt securities will describe the terms of such debt securities being offered, including (to the extent such terms are applicable to such debt securities):

- designation, aggregate principal amount, denomination and currency or currency unit;
  - date of maturity;

- currency or currency units for which such debt securities may be purchased and in which principal of, premium, if any, and any interest will or may be payable;
  - interest rate or rates (or the manner of calculation thereof), if any;
  - the times at which any such interest will be payable;
  - the place or places where the principal and interest, if any, will be payable;
- any redemption provisions, including, if applicable, the terms of any optional make-whole redemption provisions;
  - any sinking fund provisions;
- whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts on such debt securities held by a person who is not a “U.S. person” in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge withheld or deducted and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem such debt securities rather than pay such additional amounts;
- whether and under what circumstances we may from time to time, without the consent of holders of debt securities, issue additional debt securities, having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the debt securities being offered, except for the issue price and issue date and, in some cases, the first interest payment date, whereby such additional securities will, together with the then outstanding debt securities, constitute a single class of debt securities under the indentures, and will vote together on matters under the senior indenture;
  - federal income tax consequences;
- whether and under what circumstances we will issue the debt securities in whole or in part as Global Securities as described below under “—Global Securities;”
  - applicable conversion or exchange privileges; and
- any other specific terms of the offered debt securities, including any terms which may be required by or advisable under United States laws or regulations.

For purposes of this prospectus, “U.S. person” means a citizen, national or resident of the United States of America, its territories, possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction (the “United States”), a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, or an estate or trust, the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax regardless of its source.

Debt securities may be presented for exchange, and registered debt securities may be presented for transfer, in the manner, at the places and subject to the restrictions set forth in the debt securities and as summarized in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Such services will be provided without charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with such exchange or transfer, but subject to the limitations provided in the applicable indenture.

#### Optional Make-Whole Redemption of Debt Securities

Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of debt securities, we may redeem any such debt securities in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a make-whole redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of the debt securities being redeemed; and
- (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of the principal and interest (other than interest accruing to the date of redemption) on the debt securities being redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus a spread as indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as calculated by a Reference Treasury Dealer.

In each case, we will pay accrued interest on the principal amount of the debt securities being redeemed to the redemption date.

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

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

“Independent Investment Banker” means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers that we appoint to act as the Independent Investment Banker from time to time.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means any entity that is a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City and that is selected by us.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, for each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the trustee by the Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. New York City time on the third business day preceding the redemption date for the debt securities being redeemed.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per year equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

If we elect to redeem less than all of a series of debt securities, then the trustee will select the particular debt securities of that series to be redeemed in a manner it deems appropriate and fair.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the date of redemption to each holder of the series of debt securities to be redeemed. The notice of redemption for a series of debt securities will state, among other things, the amount of debt securities to be redeemed, the redemption date, the redemption price and the place or places that payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the debt securities to be redeemed. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the date of redemption, interest will cease to accrue on the debt securities of that series or the portions called for redemption.

#### Subordination

The indebtedness represented by the subordinated debt securities is subordinated in right of payment to existing and future “Senior Indebtedness,” as described in the subordinated indenture and any accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus (Section 1301 of the subordinated indenture). The term “Senior Indebtedness” means:

- all indebtedness for money borrowed incurred by us, unless the terms of the instrument or instruments by which such indebtedness is incurred or created expressly provide that such indebtedness is subordinate to the subordinated debt securities or that such indebtedness is not superior in right of payment to the

subordinated debt securities;

- any other indebtedness, obligation or liability incurred by us (including any guaranty, endorsement or other contingent obligation of ours in respect of, or to purchase, or otherwise acquire, any obligation of another), direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, or matured or unmatured, which is specifically designated by us as Senior Indebtedness in the instruments evidencing such indebtedness, obligation or liability at the time of its issuance or incurrence; or

- any deferral, renewal or extension of any of the foregoing (Section 101 of the subordinated indenture).

By reason of such subordination, in the event of dissolution, insolvency, bankruptcy or other similar proceedings, upon any distribution of assets, (i) the holders of subordinated debt securities will be required to pay over their share of such distribution in respect of the subordinated debt securities to the holders of Senior Indebtedness until such Senior Indebtedness is paid in full and (ii) creditors of ours who are not holders of Senior Indebtedness may recover less, ratably, than holders of Senior Indebtedness, and may recover more, ratably, than holders of subordinated debt securities (Section 1301 of the subordinated indenture).

#### Conversion and Exchange

The terms, if any, on which debt securities of any series will be convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, our preferred stock, another series of our debt securities, other securities, property or cash, or a combination of any of the foregoing, will be summarized in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series of debt securities. Such terms may include provisions for conversion or exchange, either on a mandatory basis, at the option of the holder, or at our option, in which the number of shares or amount of our common stock, our preferred stock, another series of our debt securities, other securities, property or cash to be received by the holders of the debt securities would be calculated according to the factors and at such time as summarized in the related prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

#### Global Securities

Debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository (the "Depository") identified in applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series. Unless otherwise specified by us, the Depository will be The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. Global Securities may be issued only in fully registered form and may be issued in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities that it represents, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for such Global Security to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository or by the Depository or any nominee of such Depository to a successor Depository or any nominee of such successor.

The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities will be summarized in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series. We anticipate that the following provisions will generally apply to depository arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a Global Security, the Depository for such Global Security or its nominee will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the respective principal amounts of the individual debt securities represented by such Global Security to the accounts of persons that have accounts with the Depository ("Participants"). Such accounts shall be designated by the underwriters, dealers or agents with respect to such debt securities or by us if such debt securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be limited to Participants or persons that may hold interests through Participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in such Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the applicable Depository or its nominee (with respect to interests of Participants) and records of Participants (with respect to interests of persons who hold through Participants).

So long as the Depository for a Global Security or its nominee is the registered owner of such Global Security, the Depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by such Global Security for all purposes under the applicable 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 such Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such debt securities of such series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of such debt securities under the applicable indenture.

Payments of principal of and any premium and any interest on individual debt securities represented by a Global Security registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee will be made to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the Global Security representing such debt securities. None of Loews,

the trustee, any paying agent or the security registrar for such debt securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Global Security for such debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the Depository 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 such debt securities, immediately will credit Participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Security for such debt securities as shown on the records of such Depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by Participants to owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security held through such Participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name." Such payments will be the responsibility of such Participants.

If a Depository for a series of debt securities is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the Global Security representing such series of debt securities. In addition, we may, at any time and in our sole discretion, subject to any limitations described in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series of debt securities, determine not to have any debt securities of such series represented by one or more Global Securities and, in such event, will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the Global Security or Securities representing such series of debt securities. Individual debt securities of such series so issued will be issued in denominations, unless otherwise specified by us, of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

#### Defeasance

At our option, either (a) we will be Discharged (as defined below) from any and all obligations in respect of any series of debt securities or (b) we will cease to be under any obligation to comply with the restriction on our ability to merge, consolidate or sell assets set forth in the applicable indenture, in either case if we deposit irrevocably with the trustee, in trust, specifically for the benefit of the holders of such series, money or U.S. Government Obligations (as defined below) which through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient (in the written opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent accountants in the case of U.S. Government Obligations or a combination of money and U.S. Government Obligations) to pay all the principal of (including any sinking fund payments or analogous obligations), and interest on, the debt securities of such series on the dates such payments are due in accordance with the terms of such series of debt securities. To exercise such option, we are required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of nationally recognized tax counsel to the effect that holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and discharge and will be subject to federal income tax in the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and discharge had not occurred.

The term "Discharged" is defined to mean that we are deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by, and obligations under, the debt securities of such series and to have satisfied all the obligations under the indenture relating to the debt securities of such series, except for:

- the rights of holders of the debt securities of such series to receive, from the trust fund described above, payment of the principal of and the interest on the debt securities of such series when such payments are due,
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our obligations with respect to the debt securities of such series with respect to registration, transfer, exchange, replacement of mutilated, destroyed, lost and stolen certificates, maintenance of a paying office and holding money in trust, and

- the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the trustee under the applicable indenture.

The term “U.S. Government Obligations” is defined to mean securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the payment

of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, which, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii) are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and also includes a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company, as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligations evidenced by such depository receipt (Section 1402 of the senior indenture; Section 1502 of the subordinated indenture).

#### Modification of the Indentures

Modifications and amendments of either indenture may be made by us and the trustee with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities affected by such modification or amendment; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any debt security;
- reduce the principal amount of or interest on, or any premium payable upon redemption of, any debt security;
  - change certain other terms related to waiver of defaults or covenants; or
- reduce the percentage of the principal amount of the outstanding debt security of any series, the consent of whose holders is required to modify or amend the applicable indenture or waive compliance with, or consent to certain defaults under, the provisions of such indenture (Section 902).

Our board of directors does not have the power to waive any of the covenants of either indenture, including those relating to consolidation, merger or sale of assets.

#### Events of Default, Notice and Waiver

The following will be “Events of Default” with respect to any particular series of the debt securities:

- default in any payment of interest on such series when due, continued for 30 days;
- default in any payment of principal and premium, if any, of, or sinking fund installment on, such series when due;
- default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of ours applicable to such series continued for 60 days after written notice to us by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series;
- default resulting in the acceleration of any indebtedness of ours for money borrowed in excess of \$100,000,000 under the terms of the instrument under which such indebtedness is or may be outstanding, if such acceleration is not rescinded or annulled within 10 days after notice to us by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series; and
  - certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization (Section 501).

No Event of Default with respect to a particular series of debt securities necessarily constitutes an Event of Default with respect to any other series of debt securities (Section 501).

The trustee will, within 90 days after the occurrence of any default with respect to any series of the debt securities, give to the holders thereof notice of such default known to the trustee, unless such default has been cured or waived (the term default for this purpose means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become, an Event of Default); provided that, except in the case of a default in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any of such series of debt securities or in the payment of any sinking fund

installments, the trustee will be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as it in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the holders of the debt securities of that series (Section 602).

We will be required to furnish to the trustee each year a statement as to the compliance by us with the terms, provisions and conditions of the applicable indenture (Section 1004).

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, in respect of such series, waive certain defaults and may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, provided that such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with the applicable indenture (Sections 512, 513). The trustee has the right to decline to follow any such direction if the trustee in good faith determines that the proceeding so directed would be unjustly prejudicial to the holders of debt securities of such series not joining in any such direction or would involve the trustee in personal liability. Each indenture provides that in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of the debt securities, the trustee will be required to exercise any of its rights and powers under such indenture with the degree of care and skill such as a prudent man would exercise in the conduct of his own affairs (Section 601). Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable indenture at the direction of any of the holders of such debt securities unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by the trustee in complying with such direction (Section 603).

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of any series, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series may declare such series due and payable (Section 502).

Each indenture provides that no holder of debt securities of any series may institute any action against us under such indenture (except actions for payment of overdue principal or interest or premium, if any) unless the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series have requested the trustee to institute such action and have offered the trustee reasonable indemnity, and the trustee has not instituted such action within 60 days of such request (Section 507).

#### Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets

We may not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or sell our assets substantially as an entirety, unless:

- the corporation formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or the corporation which acquires our assets is organized in the United States and expressly assumes the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the debt securities, if any, issued under the applicable indenture and the performance of every covenant of such indenture to be performed by us, and
- immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which after notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default, has happened and is continuing.

Upon any such consolidation, merger or sale, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation, or into which we are merged or to which such sale is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, us under such indenture (Sections 801, 802).

Other than the covenants described above, or as set forth in any accompanying prospectus supplement or applicable free writing prospectus, as the case may be, the indentures and the debt securities do not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or a highly leveraged transaction involving us.

Concerning the Trustee

We and the trustee may from time to time engage in normal and customary banking transactions.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of certain terms of our capital stock does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation, our by-laws, and the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Our certificate of incorporation and our by-laws have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. For more information on how you can obtain our certificate of incorporation and by-laws, please see the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information." We urge you to read our certificate of incorporation and by-laws in their entirety. The following description of our common stock updates any description thereof contained in any document incorporated by reference herein.

### General

Our certificate of incorporation provides that we are authorized to issue 1,900,000,000 shares of capital stock, consisting of 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share, and 1,800,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of February 1, 2012, we had outstanding 396,793,726 shares of common stock and no shares of preferred stock.

Although our board of directors has no intention at the present time of doing so, it could issue common stock, warrants or a series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of such securities, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt. Our board of directors will make any determination to issue such shares based on its judgment as to the best interests of us and our shareholders. Our board of directors, in so acting, could issue securities having terms that could discourage an acquisition attempt through which an acquirer may be able to change the composition of our board of directors, including a tender offer or other transaction that some, or a majority, of our shareholders might believe to be in their best interests or in which our shareholders might receive a premium for their stock over the then-current market price of the stock.

### Preferred Stock

The following description of certain terms of the preferred stock does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation, the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and the certificate of designations that relates to the particular series of preferred stock, which will be filed with the SEC at or prior to the time of the sale of the related preferred stock. Certain terms of any series of preferred stock offered by any prospectus supplement will be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement, relating to such series of preferred stock. If so indicated in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any such series may differ from the terms set forth below. If there are differences between the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series and this prospectus, the prospectus supplement will control. For more information on how you can obtain our certificate of incorporation and any applicable certificate of designations, please see the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information." We urge you to read our certificate of incorporation and any applicable certificate of designations in their entirety.

General. The board of directors is authorized to establish and designate series of preferred stock and to fix the number of shares and the relative rights, preferences and limitations of the respective series of preferred stock. The terms of a particular series of preferred stock may differ, among other things, in:

- the designation and number of shares comprising such series;
- the dividends, if any, which shall be payable on the shares of such series and any preferences and other terms and conditions applicable thereto;

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- any rights and preferences of the holders of the shares of such series upon the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of our affairs, or upon any distribution of our assets;
- the full, limited or special voting rights, if any, of the shares of such series, in addition to voting rights provided by law, and the terms and conditions applicable thereto;
- any provision with respect to the conversion of the shares of such series into, or the exchange of such shares for, shares of any other class or classes, or of any other series of any class, of our capital stock

and/or any other property or cash, and the terms and conditions applicable to any such conversion or exchange;

- any provision with respect to the redemption, purchase, or retirement of such shares and the terms and conditions applicable thereto;
- any provision with respect to the issuance of additional shares of such series or of any other class or series on a parity with or superior to the shares of such series; and
- any other relative, participating, optional or special powers, preferences, or rights of, and any other qualifications, limitations, or restrictions with respect to, the shares of such series as the board of directors may deem advisable.

Unless otherwise specifically set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock, all shares of preferred stock will be of equal rank, preference and priority as to dividends; when the stated dividends are not paid in full, the shares of all series of the preferred stock will share ratably in any payment thereof; and upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if assets are insufficient to pay in full all preferred stock, then such assets shall be distributed among the holders ratably.

Since we are a holding company, our right, and hence the right of our creditors and shareholders, to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is necessarily subject to the prior claims of creditors of such subsidiary, except to the extent that our claims as a creditor of such subsidiary may be recognized.

**Dividend Rights.** Except as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock, the holders of preferred stock will be entitled to receive, but only when and as declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose, cash dividends at the rates and on the dates set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of preferred stock, and no more, payable quarterly. Such rate may be fixed or variable. Each such dividend will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on our stock books on such record dates as will be fixed by our board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof. Dividends payable on the preferred stock for any period less than a full quarter will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a 360 day year and for a period of a full calendar quarter, will be computed on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Except as may be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock, such dividends will be payable from, and will be cumulative from, the date of original issue of each share, so that, if in any quarterly dividend period (being the period between such dividend payment dates), dividends at the rate or rates as set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement, relating to such series of preferred stock have not been declared and paid or set apart for payment on all outstanding shares of preferred stock for such quarterly dividend period and all preceding quarterly dividend periods from and after the first day from which dividends are cumulative, then the aggregate deficiency will be declared and fully paid or set apart for payment, but without interest, before any dividends are declared or paid or set apart for payment on our common stock by us. After payment in full of all dividend arrearages on the preferred stock, dividends on our common stock may be declared and paid out of funds legally available for that purpose as our board of directors may determine.

**Redemption.** We will have such rights, if any, to redeem shares of preferred stock, and the holders of preferred stock will have such rights, if any, to cause us to redeem shares of preferred stock, as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement, relating to a series of preferred stock.

**Conversion or Exchange.** The holders of preferred stock will have such rights, if any, to convert such shares into or to exchange such shares for, shares of any other class or classes, or of any other series of any class, of our capital stock and/or any other property or cash, as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the

prospectus supplement, relating to a series of preferred stock.

Voting Rights. The holders of preferred stock will have such voting rights as required by applicable law and as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock.

**Liquidation Rights.** Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, holders of preferred stock will have such preferences and priorities, if any, with respect to distribution of our assets or the proceeds thereof as may be set forth in the certificate of designations and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock.

**Miscellaneous.** The transfer agent, dividend disbursing agent and registrar for the preferred stock issued in connection with this prospectus will be as set forth in the certificate of designations and summarized in the prospectus supplement. The holders of preferred stock, including any preferred stock issued in connection with this prospectus, will not have any preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for any shares of any class or other securities of any type of ours. When issued, the preferred stock will be fully paid and nonassessable. The certificate of designations setting forth the provisions of each series of preferred stock will become effective after the date of the applicable prospectus supplement but on or before issuance of the related series of preferred stock.

### Common Stock

The following description of certain rights of our common stock does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation, our by-laws and the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

**Voting Rights.** Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock they hold on all matters voted on by shareholders, including elections of directors, and, except as otherwise required by law or provided in any resolution adopted by our board of directors with respect to any series of our preferred stock or any other class of our common stock hereafter created, the holders of our common stock possess all voting power of our capital stock.

Elections of directors are decided by a majority of the votes cast by holders of capital stock entitled to vote thereon in person or by proxy at a meeting, so long as quorum is present, except that (i) contested elections of directors are decided by a plurality of votes cast by holders of shares of capital stock entitled to vote thereon, and (ii) newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring in the board of directors for any reason may be filled by vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, at any meeting of the board of directors, or may be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of capital stock entitled to vote in the election at a special meeting of the shareholders called for that purpose. Except as provided by the Delaware General Corporation Law, all other matters to be voted upon by shareholders are decided by a majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of our capital stock entitled to vote thereon in person or by proxy at a meeting, so long as a quorum is present.

**Dividends and Liquidation Rights.** Subject to any preferential rights of any outstanding series of preferred stock created by our board of directors hereafter, the holders of common stock are entitled to such dividends as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors from funds available therefor, and, upon liquidation, holders of our common stock will share ratably in the funds remaining for distribution to our common shareholders.

**Miscellaneous.** The outstanding shares of common stock are, and any shares of common stock offered hereby upon issuance and payment therefor will be, fully paid and nonassessable. The common stock has no preemptive or conversion rights and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable thereto.

The common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "L".

The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock is BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, 480 Washington Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07310 (telephone: (800) 358-9151).

Anti-Takeover Considerations

The Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation and our by-laws contain provisions which could serve to discourage or to make more difficult a change in control of us without the support of our board of directors or without meeting various other conditions.

### Extraordinary Corporate Transactions

Delaware law provides that the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote must approve any fundamental corporate transactions such as mergers, sales of all or substantially all of a corporation's assets, dissolutions, etc.

### State Takeover Legislation

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, in general, prohibits a business combination between a corporation and an interested shareholder within three years of the time such shareholder became an interested shareholder, unless (a) prior to such time, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, (b) upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, the interested shareholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, exclusive of shares owned by directors who are also officers and by certain employee stock plans or (c) at or subsequent to such time, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized by the affirmative vote at a shareholders' meeting of at least 66 2/3 % of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested shareholder. The restrictions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law do not apply to corporations that have elected, in the manner provided therein, not to be subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or, with certain exceptions, which do not have a class of voting stock that is listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 shareholders. We have elected not to be governed by Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

### Rights of Dissenting Shareholders

Delaware law does not afford appraisal rights in a merger transaction to holders of shares that are either listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 shareholders, provided that such shares will be converted into stock of the surviving corporation or another corporation, which corporation in either case must also be listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 shareholders. In addition, Delaware law denies appraisal rights to shareholders of the surviving corporation in a merger if the surviving corporation's shareholders weren't required to approve the merger.

### Shareholder Action

Delaware law provides that, unless otherwise stated in the certificate of incorporation, any action which may be taken at an annual meeting or special meeting of shareholders may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing is signed by the holders of the outstanding stock having the minimum number of votes necessary to authorize the action at a meeting of shareholders. Our certificate of incorporation does not provide otherwise and thus permits action by written consent.

### Meetings of Shareholders

Our by-laws provide that special meetings of the shareholders may be called at any time by the board of directors or by the chairman of the board, the president or by the secretary or upon the written request of holders of a majority of the shares of our capital stock entitled to vote in an election of directors.

### Cumulative Voting

Delaware law permits shareholders to cumulate their votes and either cast them for one candidate or distribute them among two or more candidates in the election of directors only if expressly authorized in a corporation's certificate of

incorporation. Our certificate of incorporation does not authorize cumulative voting.

#### Removal of Directors

Delaware law provides that, except in the case of a classified board of directors or where cumulative voting applies, a director, or the entire board of directors, of a corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the corporation entitled to vote at an election of directors.

Our by-laws provide that any or all of the directors may be removed, with or without cause, by vote of the shareholders.

#### Vacancies

Delaware law provides that vacancies and newly created directorships resulting from a resignation or any increase in the authorized number of directors elected by all of the shareholders having the right to vote as a single class may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, unless the governing documents of a corporation provide otherwise.

Our by-laws provide that newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring in the board of directors for any reason, may be filled by vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, at any meeting of the board of directors or may be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of capital stock entitled to vote in the election at a special meeting of the shareholders called for that purpose.

#### No Preemptive Rights

Holders of common stock do not have any preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional shares of capital stock or other obligations convertible into or exercisable for shares of capital stock that Loews may issue in the future.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities. We may issue warrants independently or together with other securities. Warrants sold with other securities may be attached to or separate from the other securities. We will issue warrants under one or more warrant agreements between us and a warrant agent that we will name in the prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to any warrants we offer will include specific terms relating to the offering. These terms will include some or all of the following:

- the title of the warrants;
- the aggregate number of warrants offered;
- the designation, number and terms of the debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and procedures by which those numbers may be adjusted;
- the exercise price of the warrants;
- the dates or periods during which the warrants are exercisable;
- the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants are issued;
- if the warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date on and after which the warrants and the other security will be separately transferable;
- if the exercise price is not payable in U.S. dollars, the foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency in which the exercise price is denominated;
  - any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time;
  - any terms relating to the modification of the warrants;
- any terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange or exercise of the warrants; and
  - any other specific terms of the warrants.

The description in the prospectus supplement will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable warrant agreement, which will be filed with the SEC.

## DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

We may issue subscription rights to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities. These subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other security offered hereby and may or may not be transferable by the shareholder receiving the subscription rights in such offering. In connection with any offering of subscription rights, we may enter into a standby arrangement with one or more underwriters or other purchasers pursuant to which the underwriters or other purchasers may be required to purchase any securities remaining unsubscribed for after such offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of any offering of subscription rights for which this prospectus is being delivered, including the following:

- the price, if any, for the subscription rights;
- the exercise price payable for each share of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities upon the exercise of the subscription rights;
- the number of subscription rights issued to each shareholder;
- the number and terms of the shares of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities which may be purchased per each subscription right;
- the extent to which the subscription rights are transferable;
- any other terms of the subscription rights, including the terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the subscription rights;
- the date on which the right to exercise the subscription rights shall commence, and the date on which the subscription rights shall expire;
- the extent to which the subscription rights may include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities; and
- if applicable, the material terms of any standby underwriting or purchase arrangement entered into by us in connection with the offering of subscription rights.

The description in the applicable prospectus supplement of any subscription rights we offer will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable subscription rights certificate, which will be filed with the SEC if we offer subscription rights. For more information on how you can obtain copies of any subscription rights certificate if we offer subscription rights, please see the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information.” We urge you to read the applicable subscription rights certificate and any applicable prospectus supplement in their entirety.

## DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS

We may issue stock purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from or sell to us, and us to sell to or purchase from the holders, a specified number of shares of common stock or shares of preferred stock at a future date or dates. The consideration per share of common stock or preferred stock and the number of shares of each may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately or as part of units, often known as stock purchase units, consisting of a stock purchase contract and any combination of:

- debt securities, or
- debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities,

which may secure the holders' obligations to purchase the common stock or preferred stock under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the stock purchase units or vice versa, and these payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The stock purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations under those contracts in a specified manner.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units, including, if applicable, collateral arrangements relating thereto.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions, including without limitation:

- directly to purchasers;
- through agents;
- to or through underwriters or dealers; or
- through a combination of these methods.

A distribution of the securities offered by this prospectus may also be effected through the issuance of derivative securities, including without limitation, warrants, exchangeable securities, forward delivery contracts and the writing of options.

In addition, the manner in which we may sell some or all of the securities covered by this prospectus includes, without limitation, through:

- a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell as agent, but may position or resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;
  - purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
  - ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker solicits purchasers; or
  - privately negotiated transactions.

We may also enter into hedging transactions. For example, we may:

- enter into transactions with a broker-dealer or affiliate thereof in connection with which such broker-dealer or affiliate will engage in short sales of the common stock pursuant to this prospectus, in which case such broker-dealer or affiliate may use shares of common stock received from us to close out its short positions;
  - sell securities short and redeliver such shares to close out our short positions;
- enter into option or other types of transactions that require us to deliver common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who will then resell or transfer the common stock under this prospectus; or
- loan or pledge the common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who may sell the loaned shares or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged shares pursuant to this prospectus.

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

the loaned securities or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged securities pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be.

A prospectus supplement with respect to each series of securities will state:

- the terms of the offering of the securities;
- the method of distribution, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them, if any;
- the public offering price or purchase price of the securities and the net proceeds to be received by us from the sale;

- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any initial public offering price;
- any underwriting discounts or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation;
  - any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and
  - any securities exchange on which the securities may be listed.

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

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, including in "at the market offerings" within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act;
- at prices related to the prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

#### General

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

#### Underwriters and Agents

If underwriters are used in a sale, they will acquire the offered securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the offered securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions. These sales may be made at a fixed public offering price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale, at prices related to such prevailing market price or at negotiated prices. We may offer the securities to the public through an underwriting syndicate or through a single underwriter. The underwriters in any particular offering will be mentioned in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be.

Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the offered securities will be subject to certain conditions contained in an underwriting agreement that we will enter into with the underwriters at the time of the sale to them. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities of the series offered if any of the securities are purchased, unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed, reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

We may designate agents to sell the offered securities. Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the agents will agree to use their best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment. We may also sell the offered securities to one or more remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. These firms will remarket the offered securities upon purchasing them in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to the terms of the offered securities. A prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, will identify any remarketing firm and will describe the terms of its agreement, if any, with us and its compensation.

In connection with offerings made through underwriters or agents, we may enter into agreements with such underwriters or agents pursuant to which we receive our outstanding securities in consideration for the securities being offered to the public for cash. In connection with these arrangements, the underwriters or agents may also sell securities covered by this prospectus to hedge their positions in these outstanding securities, including in short sale transactions. If so, the underwriters or agents may use the securities received from us under these arrangements to close out any related open borrowings of securities.

#### Dealers

We may sell the offered securities to dealers as principals. We may negotiate and pay dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions for their services. Dealers may then resell such securities to the public either at varying prices to be determined by the dealers or at a fixed offering price agreed to with us at the time of resale. Dealers engaged by us may allow other dealers to participate in resales.

#### Direct Sales

We may choose to sell the offered securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved.

#### Institutional Purchasers

We may authorize agents, dealers or underwriters to solicit certain institutional investors to purchase offered securities on a delayed delivery basis pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified future date. The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, will provide the details of any such arrangement, including the offering price and commissions payable on the solicitations.

We will enter into such delayed contracts only with institutional purchasers that we approve. These institutions may include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions.

#### Indemnification; Other Relationships

We may have agreements with agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms, and their affiliates, may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business. This includes commercial banking and investment banking transactions.

#### Market Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions

There is currently no market for any of the offered securities, other than our common stock, which is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If the offered securities are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors. While it is possible that an underwriter could inform us that it intended to make a market in the offered securities, such underwriter would not be obligated to do so, and any such market making could be discontinued at any time without notice. Therefore, no assurance can be given as to whether an active trading market will develop for the offered securities. We have no current plans for listing of the debt securities, preferred stock or warrants on any securities exchange; any such listing with respect to any particular debt securities, preferred stock or warrants will be described in an applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

In connection with any offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell shares of common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of common stock in excess of the number of shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. "Covered" short sales are sales of shares made in an amount up to the number of shares represented by the underwriters' over-allotment option. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short involve either

purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also make “naked” short sales of shares in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares of common stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of shares in the open market while the offering is in progress for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities.

In connection with any offering, the underwriters may also engage in penalty bids. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would be in the absence of the transactions. The underwriters may, if they commence these transactions, discontinue them at any time.

#### Fees and Commissions

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”), the aggregate maximum discount, commission or agency fees or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer shall be fair and reasonable and shall be expressed as a percentage of any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be.

If more than 5% of the net proceeds of any offering of securities made under this prospectus will be received by any FINRA member participating in the offering, including the affiliates and associated persons of such FINRA member, the offering will be conducted in accordance with FINRA Rule 5121(a).

## LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise specified in connection with the particular offering of any securities, the validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Gary W. Garson, Esq., our Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel. As of February 22, 2012, Mr. Garson owned options and stock appreciation rights with respect to an aggregate of 391,250 shares of our common stock. If legal matters in connection with offerings made by this prospectus are passed on by counsel for the underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms, if any, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and the related financial statement schedules, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from Loews's Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the effectiveness of Loews's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are herein incorporated by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The report of HighMount Exploration & Production LLC's staff engineers with regard to its estimated proved reserves of gas and oil at December 31, 2011 incorporated in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement by reference from Loews's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 have been audited by Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. in accordance with the Standards Pertaining to the Estimating and Auditing of Oil and Gas Reserves Information promulgated by the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

## PART II

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses (all of which will be borne by the registrant) incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions (if any). All of the amounts shown are estimates, except the SEC registration fee.

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| SEC registration fee         | \$#       |
| Rating agency fees           | 300,000   |
| Trustee fees and expenses    | 5,000     |
| Printing and distributing    | 25,000    |
| Legal fees and expenses      | 75,000    |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 50,000    |
| Miscellaneous                | 5,000     |
| Total                        | \$460,000 |

# Deferred in reliance on Rule 456(b) and 457(r).

## Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The registrant is a Delaware corporation. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, among other things, that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, or is or was serving at the registrant's request as a director, officer, agent or employee of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding. The power to indemnify applies (i) if such person is successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding or (ii) if such person acting in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interest, or not opposed to the best interest, of the corporation, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The power to indemnify applies to actions brought by or in the right of the corporation as well but only to the extent of defense expenses, including attorneys' fees but excluding amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonably incurred and not to any satisfaction of judgment or settlement of the claim itself, and with the further limitation that in such actions no indemnification shall be made in the event of any adjudication of liability to the corporation, unless the court believes that in light of all the circumstances indemnification should apply.

Article 8, Section 8.1 of the registrant's by-laws provides as follows: "The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or an officer of the Corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding to the fullest extent and in the manner set forth in and permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, and any other applicable law, as from time to time in effect. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled apart from the foregoing provisions. The foregoing provisions of this Section 8.1 shall be deemed to be a contract between the Corporation and each director and officer

who serves in such capacity at any time while this Article 8 and the relevant provisions, of the Delaware General Corporation Law and other applicable law, if any, are in effect, and any repeal or modification thereof shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing, with respect to any state of facts then or theretofore existing, or any action, suit or proceeding theretofore, or thereafter brought or threatened based in whole or in part upon any such state of facts.”

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The registrant maintains directors and officers liability insurance for the benefit of its directors and certain of its officers.

In connection with an offering of the securities registered hereunder, the registrant may enter into an underwriting agreement which may provide that the underwriters are obligated, under certain circumstances, to indemnify directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

Please also see the undertakings set out in response to Item 17 herein.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Article Tenth of the registrant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation limits the liability of directors to the fullest extent permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, among other things, that a director, who willfully or negligently approves of an unlawful payment of dividends or an unlawful purchase or redemption of stock, may be held liable for such actions. A director who was either absent when the unlawful actions were approved or dissented at the time, may avoid liability by causing his or her dissent to such actions to be entered in the books containing minutes of the meetings of the board of directors at the time such action occurred or immediately after such absent director receives notice of the unlawful acts.

#### Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

See the Exhibit Index which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

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

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

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this 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 Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent 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 this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement;

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provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(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 Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this 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

(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.

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

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 15 above, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification 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.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that 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 New York, State of New York on February 22, 2012.

LOEWS CORPORATION

|        |                                                         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| By:    | /s/ Gary W. Garson                                      |
| Name:  | Gary W. Garson                                          |
| Title: | Senior Vice President, Secretary<br>and General Counsel |

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENT, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Peter W. Keegan and Gary W. Garson and each of them, his or her attorney-in-fact with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments (including post-effective amendments), supplements, subsequent registration statements relating to the offerings to which this Registration Statement relates (including pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act of 1933), or other instruments he deems necessary or appropriate, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact or his substitute may 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 below by the following persons in their respective capacities on February 22, 2012.

| Name                                       | Title or Position                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| /s/ James S. Tisch<br>James S. Tisch       | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director<br>(Principal Executive Officer)   |
| /s/ Peter W. Keegan<br>Peter W. Keegan     | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principal Financial Officer) |
| /s/ Mark S. Schwartz<br>Mark S. Schwartz   | Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)                                          |
| /s/ Lawrence S. Bacow<br>Lawrence S. Bacow | Director                                                                           |
| /s/ Ann E. Berman<br>Ann E. Berman         | Director                                                                           |
| /s/ Joseph L. Bower<br>Joseph L. Bower     | Director                                                                           |
| /s/ Charles M. Diker<br>Charles M. Diker   | Director                                                                           |
| /s/ Jacob A. Frenkel<br>Jacob A. Frenkel   | Director                                                                           |
| /s/ Paul J. Fribourg<br>Paul J. Fribourg   | Director                                                                           |
| /s/ Walter L. Harris<br>Walter L. Harris   | Director                                                                           |
| /s/ Philip A. Laskawy<br>Philip A. Laskawy | Director                                                                           |

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/s/ Ken Miller Director  
Ken Miller

/s/ Gloria R. Scott Director  
Gloria R. Scott

/s/ Andrew H. Tisch Director  
Andrew H. Tisch

/s/ Jonathan M. Tisch Director  
Jonathan M. Tisch

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description of Documents

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| 1.1  | Form of Underwriting Agreement to be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant and incorporated by reference herein.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3.1  | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, dated August 11, 2009, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Registrant for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 (File No. 1-6541).                                                                                                        |
| 3.2  | By-Laws of the Registrant, as amended through October 9, 2007, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Registrant for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 (File No. 1-6541).                                                                                                                         |
| 4.1  | Indenture, dated as of March 1, 1986, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank, National Association), as Trustee (the "Senior Indenture"), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Registrant, dated March 7, 1986 (File No. 33-3829). |
| 4.2  | Form of Senior Debt Securities (included in Exhibit 4.1).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4.3  | First Supplemental Indenture to the Senior Indenture, dated as of March 30, 1993, between the Registrant and the Trustee, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit B to a Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant filed with the SEC on June 3, 1993 (File No. 1-6541).                                                                           |
| 4.4  | Second Supplemental Indenture to the Senior Indenture, dated as of February 18, 1997, between the Registrant and the Trustee, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Registrant, dated February 20, 1997 (File No. 333-22113).                                                                  |
| 4.5  | Indenture, dated as of December 1, 1985, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company), as Trustee (the "Subordinated Indenture"), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Registrant, dated December 9, 1985 (File No. 33-2026). |
| 4.6  | Form of Subordinated Debt Securities (included in Exhibit 4.5).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4.7  | First Supplemental Indenture to the Subordinated Indenture, dated as of February 18, 1997, between the Registrant and the Trustee, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Registrant, dated February 20, 1997 (File No. 333-22113).                                                             |
| 4.8  | Second Supplemental Indenture to the Subordinated Indenture, dated as of February 18, 1997, between the Registrant and the Trustee, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Registrant, dated February 20, 1997 (File No. 333-22113).                                                            |
| 4.9  | Third Supplemental Indenture to the Subordinated Indenture, dated as of September 16, 1997, between the Registrant and the Trustee, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to a Current Report on Form 8-K/A of the Registrant filed with the SEC on September 29, 1997 (File No. 1-6541).                                                       |
| 4.10 | Form of Certificate for Preferred Stock to be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant and incorporated by reference herein.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4.11 | Form of Warrant Agreement, including the Form of Warrant Certificate, to be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant and                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

incorporated by reference herein.

- 4.12 Purchase Contract Agreement, including the Form of Stock Purchase Contract and/or Stock Purchase Unit, to be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K of the Registrant and incorporated by reference herein.
- 4.13 Form of Subscription Rights Agreement, including the Form of Subscription Rights Certificate, to be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.
- 5.1 Opinion of Gary W. Garson, Esq., Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Registrant. \*
- 12.1 Computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges. \*
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP. \*
- 23.2 Consent of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. \*
- 23.3 Consent of Gary W. Garson, Esq., Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Registrant (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page).
- 25.1 Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of The Bank of New York Mellon under the Senior Indenture. \*
- 25.2 Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of The Bank of New York Mellon under the Subordinated Indenture. \*

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\* Filed herewith