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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| | Proposed | | | |
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| | Amount | Maximum | Proposed | |
| Title of Each Class of | to be | Offering Price | Maximum Aggregate | |
| | | | | Amount of |
| Securities to be Registered | Registered | per Unit | Offering Price | Registration Fee(1)(2) |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 26,450,000 | \$28.00 | \$740,600,000 | \$101,017.84 |

- (1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This Calculation of Registration Fee table shall be deemed to update the Calculation of Registration Fee table in MRC Global Inc. s Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration No. 333-187034) in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, \$55,453.60 of the registration fee previously paid by MRC Global Inc. under the Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-184341), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 23, 2012, relate to securities which remain unsold as of this date, and remain available. Such fees have been carried forward and \$55,453.60 has been offset against the \$101,017.84 registration fee due for this offering. Filing fees in the amount of \$45,564.24 have been paid with respect to this offering.

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4) Registration No. 333-187034

Prospectus Supplement to Prospectus dated March 4, 2013.

23,000,000 Shares

MRC Global Inc.

Common Stock

All of the shares of common stock in the offering are being sold by the selling stockholder identified in this prospectus supplement. MRC Global Inc. will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares being sold by the selling stockholder.

The common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol MRC . The last reported sale price of the common stock on March 6, 2013 was \$29.35 per share.

See <u>Risk Factors</u> on page S-20 of this prospectus supplement and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider before buying shares of the common stock.

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

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| | Per Share | Total |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Initial price to public | \$ 28.00 | \$ 644,000,000 |
| Underwriting discount | \$ 1.19 | \$ 27,370,000 |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholder | \$ 26.81 | \$ 616,630,000 |

To the extent that the underwriters sell more than 23,000,000 shares of common stock, the underwriters have the option to purchase from the selling stockholder up to an additional 3,450,000 shares of common stock at the initial price to public less the underwriting discount.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares against payment in New York, New York on March 12, 2013.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. BofA Merrill Lynch Raymond James Barclays Wells Fargo Securities KeyBanc Capital Markets Baird Stephens Inc. William Blair

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We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses we have prepared. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is an offer to sell only the shares offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is current only as of the respective dates of such documents.

In this prospectus supplement, the Company, MRC, we, us and our refer to MRC Global Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information, some of which does not apply to this offering. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before deciding to invest in our common stock.

To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. You should also read and consider the additional information under the captions Incorporation by Reference and Where You Can Find More Information in this prospectus supplement.

In making your investment decision, you should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus and in any free writing prospectus with respect to this offering filed by us with the Securities & Exchange Commission (the SEC). We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free writing prospectus with respect to the offering filed by us with the SEC and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

The underwriters are offering to sell, and are seeking offers to buy, our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of our common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the offering of our common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights information about this prospectus supplement and may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read the following summary together with the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, as well as the financial statements and related notes thereto and other information included in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

Business Overview

We are the largest global industrial distributor of pipe, valves and fittings (PVF) and related products and services to the energy industry based on sales and hold a leading position in our industry across each of the upstream (exploration, production and extraction of underground oil and natural gas), midstream (gathering and transmission of oil and natural gas, natural gas utilities and the storage and distribution of oil and natural gas) and downstream (crude oil refining, petrochemical processing and general industrials) sectors. We offer more than 175,000 stock keeping units (SKUs), including an extensive array of PVF, oilfield supply, automation, instrumentation and other general and specialty industry supply products from our over 18,000 suppliers. We operate in three segments consisting of our U.S., Canadian, and International operations. Through our U.S., Canadian and International segments, we serve our more than 18,000 customers through over 400 service locations throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australasia. We are diversified by geography, the industry sectors we serve and the products we sell.

Our PVF and oilfield supplies are used in mission critical process applications that require us to provide a high degree of product knowledge, technical expertise and comprehensive value added services to our customers. We seek to provide best-in-class service and a one-stop shop for our customers by satisfying the most complex, multi-site needs of many of the largest companies in the energy and industrial sectors as their primary PVF supplier. We provide services such as product testing, manufacturer assessments, multiple daily deliveries, volume purchasing, inventory and zone store management and warehousing, technical support, just-in-time delivery, truck stocking, order consolidation, product tagging and system interfaces customized to customer and supplier specifications for tracking and replenishing inventory, which we believe result in deeply integrated customer relationships. We believe the critical role we play in our customers—supply chain, together with our extensive product offering, broad global presence, customer-linked scalable information systems and efficient distribution capabilities, serve to solidify our long-standing customer relationships and drive our growth. As a result, we have an average relationship of over 20 years with our largest 25 customers.

We have benefited historically from several growth trends within the energy industry, including high levels of customer expansion and maintenance expenditures. Although these trends were offset in 2009 and 2010 due to adverse economic conditions, we believe that growth in PVF and industrial supply spending within the energy industry is likely to continue. Several factors have driven the long-term growth in spending, including underinvestment in North American energy infrastructure, production and capacity constraints, and market expectations of future improvements in the oil, natural gas, refined products, petrochemical and other industrial sectors. In addition, the products we distribute are often used in extreme operating environments, leading to the need for a regular replacement cycle. Approximately 70% of our sales are attributable to multi-year maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) arrangements. Our average annual retention rate for these contracts since 2000 is 95%. We consider MRO arrangements to be normal, generally repetitive business that primarily addresses the recurring maintenance, repair or operational work to existing energy infrastructure. Project activities, including facility expansions, exploration or new construction projects, are more commonly associated with a customer s capital expenditures budget. Such projects can be more sensitive to global oil and natural gas prices and general economic conditions. We mitigate our exposure to price volatility by limiting the length of any price-protected contracts, and as pricing continues to rebound, we believe that we have the ability to pass price increases on to the marketplace.

We distribute products globally, including in PVF intensive, rapidly expanding oil and natural gas exploration and production (E&P) areas such as the Bakken, Barnett, Eagle Ford, Fayetteville, Haynesville, Marcellus, Niobrara, Utica and Permian Basin shales and related plays in North America. Furthermore, our Canadian subsidiary, MRC Canada ULC (MRC Canada), one of the two largest Canadian PVF distributors based on sales, provides PVF products to oil and natural gas companies operating primarily in Western Canada, including the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, Alberta Oil Sands and heavy oil regions. These regions are still in the early stages of infrastructure investment with numerous companies seeking to facilitate the long-term harvesting of difficult to extract and process crude oil. Beyond North America, our acquisitions of Transmark Fcx Group BV (together with its subsidiaries, MRC Transmark), Stainless Pipe and Fittings Australia Pty Ltd. (MRC SPF) and the piping systems division of OneSteel Ltd. (MRC PSA) have provided us with a well-established and integrated platform for international growth and further positioned us to be the leading global PVF distributor to the energy industry. The following map illustrates our global presence:

MRC Locations 44+ Countries* & 400+ Locations

| Angola | Ecuador | Malaysia | Singapore |
|-----------|------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Aruba | Equatorial | | |
| | Guinea | Mexico | South Africa |
| Australia | Finland | Netherlands | South Korea |
| Austria | France | New Zealand | Spain |
| Belgium | Germany | Nigeria | Sweden |
| Brunei | India | Norway | Thailand |
| Cameroon | Indonesia | Pakistan | Trinidad |
| Canada | Iraq | Peru | Turkey |
| China | Italy | Poland | United Arab Emirates |
| Colombia | Kazakhstan | Russia | United Kingdom |
| Denmark | Kuwait | Saudi Arabia | United States |

^{*} Branch operations and significant direct export sales

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Our business is characterized by diversity in the industry sectors and regions we serve and in the products we supply. The following charts summarize our revenue by sector, geography and product, across our U.S., Canadian and International segments, for the year ended December 31, 2012:

Due to the demanding operating conditions in the energy industry, high costs and safety risks associated with equipment failure, customers prefer highly reliable products and vendors with established qualifications, reputation and experience. As our PVF products typically are mission critical yet represent a fraction of the total cost of the project, our customers often place a premium on service and high reliability given the high cost to them of maintenance or project delays. Our products are typically used in high-volume, high-stress and abrasive applications or in high-pressure, extreme temperature and high-corrosion applications.

With over 400 global service locations servicing the energy and industrial sectors, we are an important link between our more than 18,000 customers and our more than 18,000 suppliers. We add value to our customers and suppliers in a number of ways:

Broad Product Offering and High Customer Service Levels: The breadth and depth of our product offering enables us to provide a high level of service to our energy and industrial customers. Given our global inventory coverage and branch network, we are able to fulfill orders more quickly, including orders for less common and specialty items, and provide our customers with a greater array of value added services than if we operated on a smaller scale or only at a local or regional level. These value added services include multiple daily deliveries, volume purchasing, product testing, manufacturer assessments, inventory management and warehousing, technical support, just-in-time delivery, order consolidation, product tagging and tracking and system interfaces customized to customer and supplier specifications.

Approved Manufacturer List (AML) Services: Our customers rely on us to provide a high level of quality control for their PVF products. We do this by regularly auditing many of our suppliers for quality assurance through our Supplier Registration Process (SRP). We use our resulting Approved Supplier List (the MRC ASL) to supply products across many of the industries we support, particularly for downstream and midstream customers. Increasingly, many of our customers rely on the MRC ASL and our AML services to help devise and maintain their own approved manufacturer listings.

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Customized and Integrated Service Offering: We offer our customers integrated supply services, including product procurement, quality assurance, physical warehousing and inventory management and analysis, using our proprietary information technology (IT) platform. This is part of an overall strategy to provide a one stop solution for PVF purchases across the upstream-midstream-downstream spectrum through integrated supply agreements and MRO contracts. This enables our customers to focus on their core operations, generate cost savings and increase the overall efficiency of their businesses.

Industry Overview

We primarily serve the global oil and natural gas industry, generating approximately 90% of our sales from supplying products and various services to customers throughout the energy industry. In each of 2010 and 2011, as part of the broader global economic recovery, our customers capital and operating expenditures increased as compared to 2009, although overall oil and natural gas drilling and completion spending still remained below 2006 and 2007 levels. In 2011, drilling and completion global spending increased to peak 2008 levels. The global rise is being driven largely by United States shale activity and continued international increases. Over the longer term, we expect to continue to see customer spending increase due to a variety of global supply and demand fundamentals, a slowly improving global economy, shale E&P activity, and longer term outlooks for oil and natural gas prices.

During the last several years, the global energy industry has experienced a number of favorable supply and demand dynamics that have led our customers to make substantial investments to expand their physical infrastructure and processing capacities. On the demand side, world energy markets are benefiting from:

increased consumption of energy, caused in part by the industrialization of China, India and other countries that are not members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (non-OECD countries);

a slow recovery in economic growth in OECD countries from the severe downturn in 2009 and 2010;

continued global energy infrastructure expansion; and

increased use of natural gas, as opposed to coal, in power generation.

At the same time, global energy supply has been generally constrained due to increasing scarcity of natural resources, declining excess capacity of existing energy assets, geopolitical instability, natural and other unforeseen disasters and more stringent regulatory, safety and environmental standards. These demand and supply dynamics underscore the need for investment in energy infrastructure and increases in global exploration, extraction, production, transportation, refining and processing of energy inputs. Within the U.S., the energy industry has benefited from technological developments that have enabled more recent significant increases in U.S. oil production and natural gas supply. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) expects that U.S. crude oil production, which increased 2.4% in 2010, 3.2% in 2011 and 14.0% in 2012, will increase by a further 12.7% in 2013 and 7.9% in 2014, driven by increased oil-directed drilling activity, particularly in unconventional shale formations. EIA expects that U.S. marketed natural gas production, which increased by 3.5% in 2010, 7.4% in 2011 and 5.1% in 2012, will grow further by 1.1% in 2013. Finally, as companies in the energy industry, both in North America and internationally, continue to focus on improving operating efficiencies, they have been increasingly looking to outsource their procurement and related administrative functions to distributors such as MRC.

Competitive Strengths

Global Market Leader with Worldwide Branch Network and Significant Scale. We are the leading global industrial distributor of PVF and related products to the energy industry based on sales. The benefits of our size and international presence include:

the ability to act as a single-source supplier to large, multi-national customers operating across the various segments of the global energy industry;

the ability to commit significant financial resources to further develop and invest in our operating infrastructure and provide a strong platform for future expansion;

the ability to secure improved access, service and volume purchasing benefits from our suppliers; and

the ability to leverage our global inventory coverage to provide greater overall breadth and depth of product offerings. *Proven Track Record of Successfully Identifying, Executing and Integrating Acquisitions.* We have demonstrated our ability to successfully integrate acquired companies in 29 acquisitions since 2000, collectively representing approximately \$2.0 billion in sales in the respective years of acquisition, including 10 acquisitions since 2007 (which collectively had approximately \$1.2 billion of revenue in the respective years of acquisition), in addition to the business combination between McJunkin Corporation and Red Man Pipe & Supply Co. (Red Man) in October 2007 (which had approximately \$2 billion of revenue in the year of merger). The most recent 10 acquisitions and the revenue amounts for the respective years of acquisition include:

Midway-Tristate Corporation (revenue: \$150 million), an oilfield distributor primarily serving the Rockies and Appalachian regions, in April 2007;

LaBarge Pipe & Steel Company (revenue: \$233 million), a distributor of carbon steel pipe to the North American midstream sector that significantly expanded our line pipe capability, in October 2008;

MRC Transmark (revenue: \$346 million), a leading distributor of valves and flow control products in Europe, Southeast Asia and Australasia, in October 2009;

South Texas Supply Co. (revenue: \$9 million) and Dresser Oil Tools & Supply (\$13 million), which expanded our footprint in the Eagle Ford and Bakken shale regions, in May and August 2010, respectively;

MRC SPF (revenue: \$91 million), a distributor of stainless steel piping products through its seven locations across Australia as well as Korea, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates, in June 2011;

The Valve Systems and Controls business unit of Curtis-Wright Flow Control Corporation (revenue: \$13 million), which strengthened our overall valve capabilities in the Gulf Coast of the U.S., in July 2011;

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OneSteel Piping Systems, now known as MRC Piping Systems Australia (revenue: \$174 million), a PVF distributor, which expanded our footprint in Australia, in March 2012;

Chaparral Supply LLC (revenue: \$71 million), which provided us support in the Mississippian Lime formation in Oklahoma and Kansas, in June 2012; and

Production Specialty Services, Inc. (revenue: \$127 million), a regional PVF distributor with 17 locations within the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford shale regions of Texas and New Mexico, in December 2012.

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Our operating scale and integration capabilities have also enabled us to realize important synergies, while minimizing execution risk. All of our North American acquisitions have been integrated onto a single IT platform, which facilitates more efficient pricing, sourcing and inventory management.

High Level of Integration and MRO Contracts with a Global Energy Customer Base. We have a diversified global customer base with over 18,000 active customers. We serve as the sole or primary supplier in all sectors or in specified sectors or geographies for many of our customers. Our largest 25 customers, with whom we have had relationships for more than 20 years on average, accounted for approximately half of our sales for 2012, while no single customer accounted for more than 7% of our sales during that period. We enjoy fully integrated relationships, including interconnected technology systems and daily communication, with many of our customers, and we provide an extensive range of integrated and outsourced supply services, allowing us to market a total transaction value concept as opposed to individual product prices. We sell products to our major customers through multi-year MRO contracts, which are typically renegotiated every three to five years. Although there are typically no guaranteed minimum purchase amounts under these contracts, these MRO customers, representing approximately 70% of our 2012 sales with an average annual retention rate of over 95% since 2000, provide a relatively stable revenue stream and help mitigate the effect of industry downturns on our business.

Business and Geographic Diversification in High-Growth Areas. We are well diversified across the upstream, midstream and downstream operations of the energy industry, as well as through our participation in selected industrial sectors. This diversification affords us some measure of protection in the event of a downturn in any one sector while providing us the ability to offer a one stop solution for our integrated energy customers. In North America, our more than 190 branch locations are located near major hydrocarbon and refining regions, including rapidly expanding oil and natural gas E&P areas, such as the Bakken, Barnett, Eagle Ford, Fayetteville, Haynesville, Marcellus, Niobrara, Utica and Permian Basin shales and related plays. In these non-conventional shale areas, a typical well can produce three to five times the revenue for us than a conventional well due to the greater length and the higher quality of pipe and related PVF products we furnish. In our International operating segment, we have a network of over 50 branch locations throughout Europe, Asia and Australasia in close proximity to major projects in liquefied natural gas (LNG), mining and mineral processing and other high-growth energy and infrastructure development areas.

Strategic Supplier Relationships. We have extensive relationships with our suppliers and have key supplier relationships dating back in certain instances over 60 years. Approximately 45% of our total purchases for the year ended December 31, 2012 were from our largest 25 suppliers. We believe our customers view us as an industry leader in part due to the formal processes we use to evaluate vendor performance and product quality. We employ individuals who specialize in conducting manufacturer assessments both domestically and internationally and who are certified by the International Registry of Certificated Auditors. Our Supplier Registration Process, which allows us to maintain the MRC ASL, serves as a significant strategic advantage to us in developing, maintaining and institutionalizing key supplier relationships. For our suppliers, inclusion on the MRC ASL represents an opportunity for them to increase their product sales to our customers. The SRP also adds value to our customers, as they collaborate with us regarding specific manufacturer performance, our past experiences with products and the results of our on-site manufacturer assessments.

IT Platform Focused on Customer Service. Our proprietary, integrated, scalable, customer-linked and highly customized information systems support our business. A wide area network links these systems and our more than 4,780 employees. We operate a single information and operating system (SIMS) for all of our North American locations and a separate, Oracle-based system for our

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other international locations (other than those we have recently acquired). This enables real-time access to our business resources, including customer order processing, purchasing and material requests, distribution requirements planning, warehousing and receiving, inventory control and accounting and financial functions. In 2012, we had over 1.6 million electronic data interchange customer transactions (including purchase orders, advance ship notices, electronic funds transfer and internet ordering), compared to less than 700,000 in 2000. We have over 4 million customer part numbers cross referenced and integrated into MRC s IT systems. Significant elements of our systems include firm-wide pricing controls, resulting in disciplined pricing strategies, advanced scanning and customized bar-coding capabilities, allowing for efficient warehousing activities at customer as well as our own locations, and significant levels of customer-specific integrations. We believe that the customized integration of our customers systems into our own information systems has increased customer retention by reducing our customers expenses, resulting in switching costs when our customers compare us to alternative sources of supply. Typically, smaller regional and local competitors do not have IT capabilities that are as advanced as ours, which we believe further differentiates us from our competition.

Highly Efficient, Flexible Operating Structure Drives Significant Free Cash Flow Generation. We place a particular emphasis on practicing financial discipline as evidenced by our strong focus on return on net assets, minimal maintenance capital expenditures and high free cash flow generation. Our disciplined cost control, coupled with our active asset management strategies and IT and services capabilities, result in a business model exhibiting a high degree of operating leverage. As is typical with the flexibility associated with a distribution operating model, our variable cost base includes substantially all of our cost of goods sold and a large portion of our operating costs. Furthermore, our total capital expenditures were approximately 0.5% of our sales for the year ended December 31, 2012. This cost structure allows us to adjust effectively to changing industry dynamics.

Experienced and Motivated Management Team. Our executive management team averages approximately 30 years of experience in the oilfield and industrial supply business, the majority of which has been with MRC or its predecessors. Employees own approximately 5% of our Company, including approximately 4% that is owned by executive and senior management, either directly or indirectly through their equity interests in PVF Holdings LLC (PVF Holdings), our largest shareholder.

Our Strategy

Our goal is to grow our market position as the largest global industrial distributor of PVF and related products to the energy industry.

Increase Market Share Organically and Grow Business with Current Customers. We are committed to expanding existing deep relationships with our current customer base while concurrently striving to secure new customers. To accomplish this, we are focused on providing a global one stop PVF procurement solution across the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors of the energy industry, maximizing bundling opportunities by leveraging our extensive product offering and increasing our penetration of existing customers new multi-year projects. Since 2000, we have retained in excess of 95% of our MRO contracts.

The migration of existing customer relationships to sole or primary sourcing arrangements is a core strategic focus. We seek to position ourselves as the sole or primary provider of a broad complement of PVF products and services for a particular customer, often by sector or region, or in certain instances across all of a customer s global upstream, midstream and downstream operations. Several of our largest customers have recently switched to sole or primary sourcing contracts with us.

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Additionally, we believe that other significant opportunities exist to expand our deep customer and supplier relationships and thereby increase our market share. There is also a significant opportunity to extend our current North American MRO contracts internationally as well as bundle certain products, most notably pipe, flanges, fittings and other products (PFF), into MRC Transmark s existing customer base, branch network and more valve-focused product platform.

We also aim to increase our penetration of our existing customers new projects. For example, while we often provide nearly 100% of the PVF products for certain customers under MRO contracts, increased penetration of those customers new downstream and midstream projects remains a strategic priority.

Increase Recurring Revenues through Integrated Supply and MRO Contracts. We have entered into, and continue to pursue, integrated supply and MRO contracts with certain of our customers. Under these arrangements, we are typically the sole or primary source provider of the upstream, midstream or downstream requirements of our customers. In certain instances, we are the sole or primary source provider for our customers across all the energy sectors or North American geographies within which the customer operates. We will seek to extend these contracts internationally.

In May 2012, we were awarded a five year global Enterprise Framework Agreement with Shell for the distribution of valves and automation services for their upstream, midstream and downstream project and MRO requirements in North America, Europe, Australia, the Middle East and Africa. The agreement also covers carbon steel, stainless and alloy pipe, fittings and flanges in the United States as well as stainless steel and alloy pipe, fittings and flanges in Canada.

In addition, our customers have, over time, increasingly moved toward centralized PVF procurement management at the corporate level rather than at individual local units. These developments are partly due to significant consolidation among our customer base. Sole or primary sourcing arrangements allow customers to focus on their core operations and provide economic benefits by generating immediate savings for the customer through administrative cost and working capital reductions, while providing for increased volumes, more stable revenue streams and longer term visibility for us. We believe we are well positioned to obtain these arrangements due to our leadership position and technical expertise, geographically diverse branch network, breadth of available product lines, value added services and scale in purchasing and existing deep relationships with customers and suppliers.

We also have both exclusive and non-exclusive MRO contracts in place. Our customers are increasing their capital and operating spending, which is being driven by aging infrastructure, increasing regulatory, safety and environmental requirements, the increased utilization of existing facilities and the decreasing quality of energy feedstocks. Our customers benefit from MRO arrangements through lower inventory investment and the reduction of transaction costs associated with the elimination of the bid submission process, and we benefit from the recurring revenue stream that occurs with an MRO contract in place. We believe there are additional opportunities to utilize MRO arrangements through our one-stop PVF solution, both in North America and globally, for servicing the requirements of our customers. We are actively pursuing such opportunities.

Capitalize on Significant Growth in U.S. Shale Activity. The development of shale oil and gas in the U.S. has been rapid over the past several years. Natural gas is a major source of energy in the U.S., providing about 26% of total U.S. energy according to the Department of Energy. Shale gas, as a percentage of total natural gas production, has, in turn, rapidly increased from less than 2% of total U.S. natural gas production in 2001 to 30% in 2011 and is projected to increase to 49% by 2035

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according to the EIA. Over the past ten years, technological advances in directional drilling and fracturing technologies have enabled the production of oil and natural gas products in previously underdeveloped U.S. oil and natural gas shale basins. As a result, unconventional E&P activity in shale regions has accelerated significantly and production levels have increased. We believe that PVF expenditures for unconventional shale plays can amount to as much as five times that required for comparable conventional plays and have positioned ourselves to benefit from this increase in unconventional E&P and midstream infrastructure activity by investing in these shale regions.

In addition, we are well positioned to continue to benefit from the more recent marked shift in E&P activity in the U.S. towards oil production. During 2007, approximately 17% of E&P activity in the U.S. consisted of oil drilling and 83% consisted of natural gas drilling. During 2012, approximately 72% of E&P activity in the U.S. consisted of oil drilling and 28% consisted of natural gas drilling. This is the highest percentage of oil drilling in the U.S. in approximately two decades.

Capitalize on Anticipated Midstream MRO Activity. Our major midstream customers face new safety regulations requiring additional inspection and hydro-testing requirements for U.S. pipelines. On January 3, 2012, the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (the Pipeline Act) was enacted into law. The Pipeline Act is expected to accelerate PVF testing and replacement as well as require midstream participants to install additional automatic or remote-controlled shut-off valves and excess flow valves in new or replaced transmission pipelines. In addition, approximately 60% of the 178,000 miles of pipeline in the U.S. is over 40 years old. Recent initiatives from several of our major customers suggest a longer term trend towards continued replacement of this aged pipeline infrastructure and related MRO spending. Our acquisition of LaBarge Pipe & Steel Company (LaBarge), along with our increased focus and investments in line pipe and its attendant PVF and industrial supply products, uniquely positions us to benefit from increased pipeline replacement and MRO spending in the midstream sector over the next 10 years.

Further Penetrate the Canadian Oil Sands, Particularly the Downstream Sector. The Canadian Oil Sands region and its attendant downstream sector represent long-term growth areas for our Company. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers and Energy Resources Conservation Board estimate that Oil Sands capital expenditures increased by approximately 18% in 2010 to \$13 billion and projects that expenditures will increase to approximately \$20 billion by 2016, a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.4%, which we believe will generate significant PVF expenditures. While MRC Canada has historically focused on the upstream and midstream sectors in Canada, we believe that a significant opportunity exists to continue to penetrate the Canadian Oil Sands and downstream industries, which include the upgrader, refinery, petrochemical and other industrial processing sectors. Our sales to the Canadian Oil Sands region and downstream sectors increased by 25% to \$453 million from 2011 to 2012. Additionally, we believe there is also a significant opportunity to penetrate the Canadian Oil Sands extraction sector involving in-situ recovery methods. We have made targeted inventory and facility investments in Canada, including a 74,000 square foot distribution center located near Edmonton and a 16,000 square foot warehouse near Fort McMurray, to address this opportunity.

Expanding Globally Through Positioning on EPC Projects. Projects are a growing part of our business and represent approximately 30% of our sales. In 2012, 15% of our revenue was derived from infrastructure projects through engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) firms and 16% was derived from drilling/production projects. These projects can be either brownfield or greenfield in nature, with the latter representing new construction and the former representing projects that are more refurbishment or replacement in scope. Infrastructure projects are an important part of all the sectors we serve but are typically more active in our downstream and midstream sectors. Due to our strong

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MRO position in these sectors, we are often our customers—choice for brownfield expansion in these facilities. We are actively looking to increase our participation in new greenfield projects both domestically and internationally by working closely with both end customers and EPC contractors.

Expand into New Geographies and Adjacent Sectors. We intend to continue to selectively establish new branches to facilitate our expansion into new geographies and enter adjacent sectors where extreme operating environments generate high PVF product replacement rates. We continue to evaluate establishing branches and service and supply centers in select domestic and international regions as well as identifying existing branches for overlap and strategic elimination.

We believe that an attractive opportunity exists to further expand our International operating segment. We continue to actively evaluate opportunities to selectively establish new branches to grow with our existing global customer base or to develop new customer relationships and extend our offering to key international markets, particularly in Asia, Europe, Australasia and the Middle East. The current installed base of energy infrastructure internationally, including the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors, is significantly larger than in North America, and, as a result, we believe represents an attractive long term opportunity for us. Since 2006, when 100% of our revenues were generated in the U.S., we have expanded into Canada, Europe, Asia and Australasia. In the year ended December 31, 2012, approximately 24% of our revenues were generated outside the U.S.

We also believe opportunities exist for expansion into new and under-penetrated sectors where PVF products are used in specialized or highly corrosive applications. These sectors include pulp and paper, waterworks, food and beverage and other general industrial sectors, in addition to other energy sectors such as power generation, mining and mineral processing, solar, LNG, coal, nuclear, ethanol and desalinization facilities.

Pursue Selective Strategic Acquisitions and Investments. We continue to seek opportunities to strengthen our franchise through selective acquisitions and strategic investments. In particular, we will consider investments that enhance our presence in the energy infrastructure sector and enable us to leverage our existing operations, either through acquiring new branches or by acquiring companies offering complementary products or geographic breadth. Our industry remains highly fragmented while our customers and suppliers continue to consolidate. We believe a significant number of small and larger acquisition opportunities remain that offer favorable synergy potential and attractive growth characteristics. We intend to focus on utilizing our global operating scale and integration capabilities to further realize important synergies while minimizing execution risk.

Continued Focus on Operational Efficiency. We strive for continued operational excellence. Our branch managers, regional management and corporate leadership team continually examine branch profitability, working capital management and return on managed assets and utilize this information to optimize global, regional and local strategies, reduce operating costs and maximize cash flow generation.

To improve efficiencies and profitability, we work to leverage operational best practices, optimize our vendor relationships, purchasing and inventory levels, and source inventory internationally when appropriate. As part of this strategy, we have integrated our purchasing functions into a central procurement function and believe we have developed strong relationships with vendors that value our international footprint, large sales force and volume purchasing capabilities. Because of this, we are often considered the preferred distribution channel.

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Corporate Governance Developments

Upon completion of this offering of the number of shares of common stock set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement (with or without giving effect to the exercise of the underwriters over-allotment option), funds affiliated with Goldman, Sachs & Co. will no longer control a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock.

At such time, we will accordingly no longer qualify as a controlled company for purposes of certain exemptions from the NYSE corporate governance standards. As a result, we will be required to have at least one independent director on each of our nominating and corporate governance and compensation committees upon completion of this offering, a majority of independent directors on those committees within 90 days after the completion of this offering, and fully independent nominating and corporate governance and compensation committees and a majority independent board within one year after the completion of this offering. We will also be required to perform an annual performance evaluation of our nominating and corporate governance and compensation committees. Prior to this offering, our board of directors has determined that two of the four members of our compensation committee, all three of the members of our audit committee, all three members of our nominating and corporate governance committee and five of the twelve members of our board of directors are independent for purposes of the NYSE corporate governance standards, and our board of directors will make independence determinations with respect to our remaining directors within the transition periods discussed above. In addition, as a result of no longer being a controlled company and contractual provisions contained in our benefit plans, when funds affiliated with Goldman, Sachs & Co. beneficially own less than 5,141,567 shares of our common stock (approximately 5% of our shares based on the number of shares currently outstanding), all options and restricted stock granted prior to our IPO will vest; if this were to occur today, we would be required to record a pre-tax charge to earnings of approximately \$9 million.

Risk Factors

Our business faces various risks. For example, decreased capital and operating expenditures in the energy industry could lead to decreased demand for our products and services and could therefore have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. We face other risks including, among others, fluctuations in steel prices, particularly for our tubular product category, volatility of oil and natural gas prices, economic downturns, our lack of long-term contracts with many of our customers and suppliers and the absence of minimum purchase obligations under the long-term customer contracts that we do have. Additionally, we have significant indebtedness. As of December 31, 2012, we had total debt outstanding of \$1,256.6 million, borrowing availability of \$429.6 million under our credit facilities and total liquidity (borrowing capacity plus cash on hand) of \$466.7 million. Our significant indebtedness could limit our ability to obtain additional financing, our ability to use operating cash flow in other areas of our business, and our ability to compete with other companies that are less leveraged, and could have other negative consequences. See Risk Factors for a more detailed discussion of these risks and other risks associated with our business.

Corporate Information

MRC Global Inc. was incorporated in Delaware on November 20, 2006. Our principal executive office is located at 2 Houston Center, 909 Fannin, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77010. Our telephone number is (877) 294-7574. Our website address is http://www.mrcglobal.com. Information contained on our website or on other external websites mentioned throughout this prospectus supplement is expressly not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

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The Offering

Issuer MRC Global Inc.

Common stock offered by the selling stockholder 23,000,000 shares

Option to purchase additional shares of common stock 3,450,000 shares from the selling stockholder

Common stock outstanding immediately after the

offering

101,620,109 shares

Use of proceeds We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock by the

selling stockholder in this offering (including any shares sold by the selling stockholder pursuant to the underwriters option to purchase additional shares). See Use of Proceeds.

Conflict of Interest Because Goldman, Sachs & Co., one of the participating underwriters, beneficially owns

in excess of 10% of our issued and outstanding common stock, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) deems Goldman, Sachs & Co. to be our affiliate and to have a conflict of interest with us within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121 (Rule 5121),

as administered by FINRA.

New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) symbol MRC

Risk Factors See Risk Factors beginning on page S-20 of this prospectus supplement for a discussion

of factors that you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our

common stock.

The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding after the offering is based on the number of shares outstanding as of February 27, 2013 and:

excludes 3,566,539 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options granted to certain of our employees and directors pursuant to our 2007 Stock Option Plan and our 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan (of which options for 1,299,249 shares of common stock have vested); and

excludes 134,211 shares of non-vested restricted stock awarded to certain of our employees pursuant to our 2007 Restricted Stock Plan and our 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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The data included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement regarding the industrial and oilfield PVF distribution industry, including trends in the market and our position and the position of our competitors within this industry, are based on our estimates, which have been derived from management s knowledge and experience in the areas in which our business operates, and information obtained from customers, suppliers, trade and business organizations, internal research, publicly available information, industry publications and surveys and other contacts in the areas in which our business operates. We have also cited information compiled by industry publications, governmental agencies and publicly available sources.

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Depending on market conditions at the time of pricing of this offering and other considerations, the selling stockholder may sell fewer or more shares than the number set forth on the cover page of this prospectus. If the selling stockholder sells fewer shares of common stock, then the percentage of our shares controlled by affiliates of Goldman, Sachs & Co. will be higher. As a result, the risks associated with the influence on our Company of affiliates of Goldman, Sachs & Co. will be greater than they would have been if these affiliates owned a smaller percentage of our Company.

In this prospectus supplement, unless otherwise indicated, foreign currency amounts are converted into U.S. dollar amounts at the exchange rates in effect on December 31, 2012, the last day of our fiscal year. Income statement figures are converted on a monthly basis, using each month s average conversion rate.

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Summary Consolidated Financial Information

The summary consolidated financial information presented below under the captions Statement of Operations Data and Other Financial Data for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, and the summary consolidated financial information presented below under the caption Balance Sheet Data as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, have been derived from the consolidated financial statements of MRC Global Inc. incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement that Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has audited. The summary consolidated financial information presented below under the captions Statement of Operations Data and Other Financial Data for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the summary consolidated financial information presented below under the caption Balance Sheet Data as of December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 have been derived from the consolidated financial statements of MRC Global Inc. not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement that Ernst & Young LLP has audited.

The summary financial data presented below have been derived from the consolidated financial statements of MRC Global Inc. that have been prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). This data should be read in conjunction with Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements, related notes and other financial information included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of future operating results.