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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## Form S-3

### REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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## AVIALL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or organization)

**5080**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**65-0433083**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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**Aviall, Inc.**  
**2750 Regent Boulevard**  
**DFW Airport, Texas 75261-9048**  
**(972) 586-1000**

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

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of securities to the public:** From time to time after the Registration Statement becomes effective.

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 being 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, please check the following box. x

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

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 delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. "

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| Title of Each Class<br>of Securities to be Registered                         | Amount to be<br>Registered | Proposed Maximum<br>Offering Price<br>Per Unit | Proposed Maximum<br>Aggregate Offering<br>Price (1) | Amount of<br>Registration Fee |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Debt Securities (2)   |                            |  |   |                               |
| Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share<br>(3)                            |                            |  |   |                               |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share<br>(4)                               | (7)                        | (7)  | (7)   | (7)                           |
| Debt Warrants (5)   |                            |  |   |                               |
| Equity Warrants (6)   |                            |  |   |                               |
| Units   |                            |  |   |                               |
| Subtotal  |                            |  | \$200,000,000 (8)                                   | \$16,180 (9)                  |
| Common Stock offerable by the selling<br>stockholder named in this prospectus | 7,000,000                  | \$15.215 (10)                                  | \$106,505,000                                       | \$8,617 (11)                  |
| Total   |                            |  | \$306,505,000                                       | \$24,797                      |

- (1) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price has been estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) and 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The proposed maximum offering price per unit will be determined from time to time by the registrant or the selling stockholder in connection with the issuance or sale of the securities registered hereunder by them. Securities registered for sale by the registrant and the selling stockholder hereunder may be sold separately, together or as units with other securities registered hereunder.
- (2) Subject to note (8) below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of Debt Securities. If any Debt Securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$200,000,000 less the dollar amount of any securities previously issued hereunder. There are also being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of Debt Securities as shall be (a) issuable (i) upon conversion or exchange of Preferred Stock or other Debt Securities registered hereunder and (ii) upon exercise of the Debt Warrants registered hereunder and (b) necessary to adjust the principal amount of Debt Securities from time to time reserved for issuance upon such exercise in accordance with the anti-dilution provisions of any convertible or exchangeable Preferred Stock or other Debt Securities or the Debt Warrants.
- (3) Subject to note (8) below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Preferred Stock as may be sold, from time to time, by the registrant. There are also being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Preferred Stock as shall be (a) issuable upon exchange of Debt Securities into Preferred Stock or exercise of the Equity Warrants registered hereunder and (b) necessary to adjust the number of shares of Preferred Stock from time to time reserved for issuance upon such exercise in accordance with the anti-dilution provisions of the Equity Warrants or exchangeable Debt Securities.
- (4) Subject to note (8) below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock as may be sold, from time to time, by the registrant. There are also being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock as shall be (a) issuable (i) upon conversion or redemption of Preferred Stock or Debt Securities registered hereunder and (ii) upon exercise of Equity Warrants registered hereunder, (b) necessary to adjust the number of shares of Common Stock from time to time reserved for issuance upon such conversion, redemption or exercise in accordance with the anti-dilution provisions of the Debt Securities, Preferred Stock or Equity Warrants, respectively, and (c) as a result of a stock split, stock dividend or other adjustment to or change in the outstanding shares

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of Common Stock.

- (5) Subject to note (8) below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Debt Warrants as may be sold, from time to time, by the registrant.
- (6) Subject to note (8) below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of Equity Warrants as may be sold, from time to time, by the registrant.
- (7) Not applicable pursuant to General Instruction II.D. of Form S-3.
- (8) In no event will the aggregate initial offering price of all securities issued from time to time by the registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed \$200,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in one or more foreign currencies, foreign currency units or composite currencies. The aggregate amount of Common Stock registered hereunder is further limited to that which is permissible under Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. The securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder.
- (9) Determined pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the rules and regulations of the Securities Act.
- (10) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act. The proposed maximum offering price per share is based upon the average of the high and low prices per share of our common stock as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange on January 7, 2004 (within 5 business days prior to filing this registration statement).
- (11) Determined pursuant to Rule 457(c) of the rules and regulations of the Securities Act.

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 9, 2004**

**PROSPECTUS**

**[AVIALL, INC. LOGO]**

**\$200,000,000**

**Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, Common Stock,**

**Debt Warrants, Equity Warrants and Units**

**Offered by**

**Aviall, Inc.**

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**7,000,000 Shares of Common Stock**

**Offered by the**

**Selling Stockholder**

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We may offer, from time to time, any combination of these securities, in one or more series or issuances, at prices we will determine at the time of offering. The total offering price of all of the securities that we may sell pursuant to this prospectus will not exceed \$200,000,000 (or the equivalent amount in other currencies).

Up to 7,000,000 shares of our common stock may be offered from time to time in one or more offerings by the selling stockholder identified in this prospectus at prices that such selling stockholder will determine at the time of the offering. We will not receive any proceeds from sales of shares of our common stock by the selling stockholder.

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We will provide the specific terms of the securities offered by us or the selling stockholder in supplements to this prospectus, which we will deliver together with the prospectus at the time of sale.

This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

Our common stock is quoted on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol AVL.

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

**The date of this prospectus is January , 2004.**

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell from time to time any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$200,000,000. In addition, the selling stockholder referred to in this prospectus may offer and sell up to 7,000,000 shares of our common stock under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We will not receive any of the proceeds from any sale of shares by the selling stockholder.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we and the selling stockholder may offer. Each time we or the selling stockholder sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus, the relevant prospectus supplement and the information described under the heading **Where You Can Find Additional Information**.

In this prospectus, the words **Aviall**, **Company**, **we**, **our**, **ours** and **us** refer to Aviall, Inc., and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise stated or the context requires.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and, in accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room 1024, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of the documents at prescribed rates by writing to the SEC at that address. Please call 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operations of the public reference facilities. Our SEC filings are also available at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to these reports will be made available free of charge through the Investor Relations section of our Internet website, [www.aviall.com](http://www.aviall.com), as soon as practicable after the material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.



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**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

We may incorporate by reference in this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means:

incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;

we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and

information that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus and any information that was previously incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Any statement so updated or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so updated or superseded, to constitute part of this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus all documents filed by us pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the exchange offer. In addition, except to the extent such information has been updated or superseded by the information in this prospectus, we incorporate by reference into this prospectus:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, as amended on August 21, 2003 pursuant to Form 10-Q/A;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003;

our Current Report on Form 8-K, dated June 12, 2003, regarding the conversion of all of our outstanding Series D Redeemable Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock;

our Current Report on Form 8-K, dated June 13, 2003, filing a press release regarding our Rule 144A offering of senior notes;

our Current Report on Form 8-K, dated June 25, 2003, regarding the pricing of our \$200 million senior note offering; and

our Current Report on Form 8-K, dated September 29, 2003, regarding our new contract with Honeywell Lighting and Electronics.

In addition, we incorporate by reference the description of our common stock, which is contained in our registration statement on Form 10, filed with the SEC on December 22, 1993, as updated or amended in any amendment or report filed for such purpose.

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You can obtain any of the filings incorporated by reference in this prospectus through us or from the SEC through the SEC's website or at the address listed above. Documents incorporated by reference are available from us without charge, excluding any exhibits to those documents that are not specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You can request a copy of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and a copy of the indenture, and other documents and agreements referred to in this prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from us at the following address:

Aviall, Inc.

P.O. Box 619048

Dallas, Texas 75261-9048

Attention: Shareholder Services

Telephone: (972) 586-1000

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**CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements concerning our business, operations and financial performance and condition. When we use the words estimates, expects, forecasts, anticipates, projects, plans, intends, believes and variations of such words or similar expressions in this prospectus, we intend to identify forward-looking statements.

We have based our forward-looking statements on our current assumptions, expectations and projections about future events. We have expressed our assumptions, expectations and projections in good faith, and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them. However, we cannot assure you that our assumptions, expectations or projections will prove to be accurate.

A number of risks and uncertainties could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements are set forth in this prospectus, including the factors described under the heading Risk Factors. These risks, uncertainties and other important factors include, among others:

- loss of key suppliers or significant customers;
- termination or curtailment of material contracts;
- changes in demand or prevailing market prices for the products and services we sell;
- changes in economic conditions;
- increased competition;
- failure to realize anticipated benefits from our agreements;
- changes in our business strategy;
- changes in government regulations and policies;
- limited operational flexibility due to our substantial leverage;
- foreign currency fluctuations and devaluations in our foreign markets; and
- foreign political instability and acts of war or terrorism.

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Other factors may cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this prospectus and, except as required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise our forward-looking statements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

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**AVIALL, INC.**

We are the largest independent global provider of new aerospace parts, supply-chain management and other related value-added services to the aerospace aftermarket. Through Aviall Services, we purchase new aerospace parts, components and supplies from over 200 original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, and resell them through our network of 40 customer service centers located in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. In addition, through Inventory Locator Service, we operate an electronic marketplace that permits subscribers to buy and sell parts, equipment and services for the aerospace, defense and marine industries.

The global market for aerospace parts, components and supplies generally consists of two related segments: the new aircraft parts segment and the aftermarket parts segment. The new aircraft parts segment is comprised of new parts, components and supplies used in the construction of new aircraft or engines. The aftermarket parts segment is comprised of new parts, components and supplies and redistributed, or refurbished, parts and components used in scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, repair and modification of aircraft and engines already in use. Aviall Services primarily operates in the aftermarket segment's new parts group, providing new aerospace parts, components and supplies on behalf of OEMs to a diverse customer base. ILS principally operates in the segment's aftermarket redistribution group providing information and functionality regarding aftermarket parts, components and supplies for subscribers utilizing its proprietary electronic marketplace.

Aviall, Inc. is a Delaware corporation.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, net proceeds from the sale of the securities sold by us will be used for general corporate purposes. These purposes may include acquisitions, working capital, capital expenditures, the repurchase of outstanding securities and the repayment of indebtedness. Pending these applications, net proceeds from the sale of securities may be temporarily invested in short-term interest-bearing securities or other investment-grade securities. We will not receive any proceeds from sales of shares of our common stock by the selling stockholder.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

Our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated below as calculated under SEC rules is as follows:

| Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30, | Year Ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|                                       | 2003                    | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|                                       |                         |      |      |      |      |
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|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | 1.7x | 2.2x | 1.3x | 2.6x | 2.9x | 6.8x |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

For the purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represents earnings from continuing operations before taxes plus fixed charges. Fixed charges include interest expense, amortization of deferred debt issuance cost, the portion of operating rental expense that

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management believes is representative of the appropriate interest component of rent expense, currently deemed to be one third, and the amount of pre-tax earnings required to pay preferred stock dividends.

## **RISK FACTORS**

The prospectus supplement applicable to each type or series of securities we or the selling stockholder offer will contain a discussion of risks applicable to an investment in our company and industry and to the particular types of securities that we or the selling stockholder are offering under that supplement. Prior to making a decision about investing in our securities, you should carefully consider the specific factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in the applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information contained in the prospectus supplement or appearing or incorporated by reference in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

## **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

The following description sets forth some general terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which such general provisions may not apply to the debt securities so offered will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities. For more information please refer to the applicable indenture. Capitalized terms used in this prospectus that are not defined will have the meanings given to them in these documents.

Any senior debt securities will be issued under a senior indenture to be entered into between us and the trustee named in the senior indenture, also referred to as the "senior trustee." Any subordinated debt securities will be issued under a subordinated indenture to be entered into between us and the trustee named in the subordinated indenture, also referred to as the "subordinated trustee." As used in this registration statement, the term "indentures" refers to both the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture, as applicable. Both indentures will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act. As used in this registration statement, the term "trustee" refers to either the senior trustee or the subordinated trustee, as applicable.

The following summaries of some material provisions of the senior debt securities, the subordinated debt securities, and the indentures are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the indenture and any supplemental indenture applicable to a particular series of debt securities, including the definitions in this registration statement of some terms. Except as otherwise indicated, the terms of any senior indenture and subordinated indenture, as applicable, will be identical.

### **General**

The terms of each series of debt securities will be established by or pursuant to a resolution of our board of directors and by a supplemental indenture. We will describe the particular terms of each series of debt securities in a prospectus supplement relating to that series.

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In particular, each prospectus supplement will describe the following terms relating to a series of debt securities as specified in a supplemental indenture:

the title and aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities are senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities and the terms of subordination;



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any provisions granting special rights to you when a specified event occurs;

any limit on the amount of debt securities that may be issued;

whether any of the debt securities will be issuable in whole or in part in temporary or permanent global form or in the form of book entry securities and, in such case, the identity for the depositary for such series;

the maturity date(s) of the debt securities;

the annual interest rate(s) (which may be fixed or variable) or the method for determining the rate(s) and the date(s) interest will begin to accrue on the debt securities, the date(s) interest will be payable, and the regular record date(s) for interest payment date(s) or the method for determining the record date(s);

the place(s) where payments with respect to the debt securities shall be payable;

our right, if any, to defer payment of interest on the debt securities and the maximum length of any deferral period;

the date, if any, after which, and the price(s) at which, the series of debt securities may, pursuant to any optional redemption provisions, be redeemed at our option, and other related terms and provisions;

the date(s), if any, on which, and the price(s) at which, if applicable, we are obligated, pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund provisions or otherwise, to redeem, or at your option to purchase in whole or in part, the series of debt securities and other related terms and provisions;

the denominations and currency in which the series of debt securities will be issued, if other than denominations of \$1,000 (or the equivalent amount in foreign currency) and any integral multiple thereof;

any mandatory or optional sinking fund or similar provisions respecting the debt securities;

the currency or currency units in which payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities shall be payable;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts on any debt securities held by a person who is not a United States person for tax or other regulatory purposes and whether we can redeem the debt securities rather than pay these additional amounts;

the terms pursuant to which the debt securities are subject to defeasance and satisfaction and discharge;

any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any event of default or any covenant specified in the applicable indenture and supplement with respect to the debt securities;

the terms and conditions, if any, pursuant to which the debt securities are secured; and



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any other terms of the debt securities.

The debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities as described in a prospectus supplement. An original issue discount security is a debt security, including any zero coupon debt security, which:

is issued at a price lower than the amount payable upon its stated maturity; and

provides that upon redemption or acceleration of the maturity, an amount less than the amount payable upon the stated maturity, shall become due and payable.

United States federal income tax considerations applicable to debt securities sold at an original issue discount security will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition, United States federal income tax or other considerations applicable to any debt securities which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than United States dollars may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in a supplemental indenture, under the indentures, we will have the ability, in addition to the ability to issue debt securities with terms different from those of debt securities previously issued, without your consent, to reopen a previous issue of a series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of that series, unless such reopening was restricted when the series was created, in an aggregate principal amount determined by us.

## **Conversion or Exchange of Rights**

The terms, if any, on which a series of debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock or other of our securities will be detailed in the prospectus supplement relating thereto. Such terms will include provisions as to whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at your option, or at our option, and may include provisions pursuant to which the number of shares of our common stock or of our other securities to be received by you and other holders of such series of debt securities would be subject to adjustment.

## **Guarantees**

Any senior or subordinated debt securities may be guaranteed by one or more of our direct and indirect subsidiaries. Each prospectus supplement will describe any guarantees for the benefit of the series of debt securities to which it relates.

## **Consolidation, Merger or Sale**

Unless noted otherwise in a prospectus supplement, the indentures and the supplemental indentures will not contain any covenant which restricts our ability to merge or consolidate, or sell, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets. However, any successor or acquirer of all or substantially all of our assets must assume all of our obligations under the indentures and any supplemental indentures or the

debt securities, as appropriate.

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### **Events of Default under the Indentures**

Unless otherwise specified in a supplemental indenture, an event of default typically will occur under the indentures with respect to any series of debt securities issued upon:

failure to pay interest on the debt securities when due if such failure continues for 30 days and the time for payment has not been extended or deferred;

failure to pay the principal or premium of the debt securities, if any, when due;

failure to deposit any sinking fund payment, when due, for any debt security and in the case of the subordinated indenture, whether or not the deposit is prohibited by the subordination provisions;

failure to observe or perform any other covenant contained in the debt securities or the indentures other than a covenant specifically relating to another series of debt securities, if such failure continues for 60 days after we receive notice from a trustee or holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series;

if the debt securities are convertible into shares of our common stock or other of our securities, failure by us to deliver common stock or the other securities when you and other holders of the debt securities elect to convert the debt securities into shares of our common stock or other of our securities; and

particular events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization.

The supplemental indentures or the form of security for a particular series of debt securities may include additional events of default or changes to the events of default described above. For any additional or different events of default applicable to a particular series of debt securities, see the prospectus supplement relating to such series.

Subject to the provisions of the supplemental indentures, an event of default for a particular series of debt securities may, but does not necessarily, constitute an event of default for any other series of debt securities.

Unless otherwise specified in a supplemental indenture, if an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series, by notice in writing to us and to the trustee if notice is given by such holders, may declare the unpaid principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest, if any, due and payable immediately.

Subject to the provisions of the supplemental indentures, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of an affected series may waive any default or event of default with respect to such series and its consequences, except defaults or events of default regarding payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities. Any such waiver shall cure such default or event of default.

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Subject to the provisions of the supplemental indentures, in the case of any series of subordinated debt securities, the amounts collected by a trustee from us as a result of an event of default must first be applied towards the payment of any senior series of debt securities.

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Subject to the terms of the supplemental indentures, if an event of default under an indenture shall occur and be continuing, the trustee named in such indenture will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under such indenture at your request or direction or that of any other holders of the applicable series of debt securities, unless you or such holders have offered the trustee reasonable indemnity. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to 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, with respect to the debt securities of that series, provided that:

it is not in conflict with any law or the applicable indenture;

the trustee may take any other action deemed proper by it which is not inconsistent with such direction; and

subject to its duties under the Trust Indenture Act, the trustee need not take any action that might involve it in personal liability or might be unduly prejudicial to the holders not involved in the proceeding.

Subject to the terms of the supplemental indentures, as a holder of the debt securities of any series, you will only have the right to institute a proceeding or to appoint a receiver or trustee, or to seek other remedies if:

you have given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to that series;

the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made written request, and have offered reasonable indemnity to the trustee to institute such proceedings as trustee; and

the trustee does not institute such proceeding, and does not receive from the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series other conflicting directions within 60 days after such notice, request, and offer. These limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by you if we default in the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on, your debt securities.

Subject to the terms of the supplemental indentures, we will periodically file statements with the trustee regarding our compliance with all of the conditions and covenants in the indentures.

## **Modification of Indentures**

We and a trustee may change an indenture without your consent with respect to specific matters, including:

to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect, or inconsistency in such indenture;

to provide for the assumption by a successor person of our obligations under such indenture;

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to add guarantees, including subsidiary guarantees, with respect to debt securities or to release subsidiary guarantors from subsidiary guarantees as provided by the terms of an indenture or to secure debt securities;



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to add to the covenants for your benefit or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us;

to change anything that does not materially adversely affect your interests as a holder of debt securities of any series; or

to comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with the qualification of an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

In addition, under the indentures, but subject to the terms of the supplemental indenture, your rights as a holder of a series of debt securities may be changed by us and a trustee with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series that is affected. However, the following changes may only be made with the consent of each holder of any outstanding debt securities affected:

change the fixed maturity of such series of debt securities;

reduce the principal amount, reduce the rate of, or extend the time of payment of interest, or any premium payable upon the redemption of any such debt securities;

reduce the amount of principal of an original issue discount security or any other debt security payable upon acceleration of the maturity thereof;

a change in the currency in which any debt security or any premium or interest is payable;

impair the right to enforce any payment on or with respect to any debt security;

adversely change the right to convert or exchange, including decreasing the conversion rate or increasing the conversion price of, such debt security (if applicable);

in the case of the subordinated indenture, modify the subordination provisions in a manner adverse to the holders of the subordinated debt securities;

if the debt securities are secured, change the terms and conditions pursuant to which the debt securities are secured in a manner adverse to the holders of the secured debt securities;

reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series, the consent of whose holders is required for modification or amendment of the applicable indenture or for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the applicable indenture or for waiver of certain defaults;

reduce the requirements contained in the applicable indenture for quorum or voting;

change any of our obligations to maintain an office or agency in the places and for the purposes required by the indentures; or

modify any of the above provisions.

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### **Form, Exchange and Transfer**

The debt securities of each series will be issuable only in fully registered form without coupons and, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 (or the equivalent amount in foreign currency) and any integral multiple thereof. Subject to the terms of the supplemental indentures, the indentures will provide that debt securities of a series may be issuable in temporary or permanent global form and may be issued as book entry securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company or another depository we name and identify in a prospectus supplement with respect to such series.

At your option, subject to the terms of the supplemental indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series, in any authorized denomination and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount.

Subject to the terms of the supplemental indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities detailed in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities may be presented for exchange or for registration of transfer (duly endorsed or with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed if so required by us or the security registrar) at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for such purpose. Unless otherwise provided in the debt securities to be transferred or exchanged, no service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange, but we may require payment of any taxes or other governmental charges. The security registrar and any transfer agent (in addition to the security registrar) initially designated by us for any debt securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of each series.

Subject to the terms of the supplemental indentures, if the debt securities of any series are to be redeemed, we will not be required to:

issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any debt securities of that series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any such debt securities that may be selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing; or

register the transfer of or exchange any debt securities so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any such debt securities being redeemed in part.

### **Information Concerning Trustees**

A trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of an event of default under an indenture, undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically detailed in the indentures and, upon an event of default under an indenture, must use the same degree of care as a prudent person would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, a trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers given it by the indentures at the request of any holder of debt securities unless it is offered reasonable security and indemnity against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that it might incur. A trustee is not required to spend or risk its own money or otherwise become financially liable while performing its duties unless it reasonably believes that it will be repaid or receive adequate indemnity.



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### **Payment and Paying Agents**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of the interest on any debt securities on any interest payment date will be made to the person in whose name such debt securities (or one or more predecessor securities) are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest.

Principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of a particular series will be payable at the office of the paying agents designated by us, except that unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, interest payments may be made by check mailed to the holder. Unless otherwise indicated in such prospectus supplement, the corporate trust office of a trustee in The City of New York will be designated as our sole paying agent for payments with respect to debt securities of each series. Any other paying agents initially designated by us for the debt securities of a particular series will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will be required to maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of a particular series.

All moneys paid by us to a paying agent or a trustee for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any debt securities which remains unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium, or interest has become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of the security thereafter may look only to us for payment thereof.

### **Governing Law**

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York except for conflicts of laws provisions and to the extent that the Trust Indenture Act shall be applicable.

### **Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities**

Unless noted otherwise in a prospectus supplement, any subordinated debt securities will be unsecured and will be subordinate and junior in priority of payment to some of our other indebtedness to the extent described in a prospectus supplement. Additionally, unless noted otherwise in a prospectus supplement, the subordinated indenture will not limit the amount of subordinated debt securities which we may issue, nor will it limit us from issuing any other secured or unsecured debt.

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**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

Selected provisions of our organizational documents and descriptions of our capital stock are summarized below. The summary is not complete. You should read the organizational documents, which are incorporated by reference to this registration statement, for other provisions that may be important to you. In addition, you should be aware that the summary below does not give full effect to the terms of the provisions of statutory or common law which may affect your rights as a stockholder.

We are authorized to issue 80,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of December 31, 2003, a total of 31,937,364 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding. As of December 31, 2003, a total of 4,666,558 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under our stock incentive plans. We are also authorized to issue 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of December 31, 2003, no shares of Preferred Stock were outstanding.

The following summary of our common stock and preferred stock is qualified in its entirety by reference to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, our Amended and Restated By-laws, and the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended.

**Common Stock**

*Listing*

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, under the symbol AVL. Any additional common stock that we issue will also be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement.

*Dividends*

Stockholders may receive dividends declared by our board of directors if, as and when our board of directors declares any such dividends. Our loan agreement contains restrictions on our ability to pay dividends.

*Voting Rights*

Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote in the election of directors and other matters submitted to our stockholders. Holders of our common stock do not have cumulative or preemptive rights. As a result, the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock voting for the election of directors can elect all the directors, and, in such event, the holders of the remaining shares of common stock will not be able to elect any persons to our board of directors.

***Other Provisions***

We will notify holders of common stock of any stockholders' meetings in accordance with applicable law. If we liquidate, dissolve or wind-up, whether voluntarily or not, our common stockholders will share equally in the assets remaining after we pay our creditors and holders of any preferred stock we have outstanding at the time of liquidation.

***Transfer Agent and Registrar***

EquiServe is the transfer agent and registrar for our common stock.

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### **Preferred Stock**

The following description of the terms of the preferred stock sets forth general terms and provisions of the preferred stock to which a prospectus supplement may relate. Specific terms of any series of preferred stock offered by a prospectus supplement will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. You should read the certificate of designations establishing a particular series of preferred stock, which we will file with the SEC in connection with the offering of such series, for other provisions that may be important to you.

### ***General***

Our board of directors can, without approval of our stockholders, establish series of preferred stock. The board can also determine the number of shares of each series and the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions including the dividend rights, voting rights, conversion rights, redemption rights and any liquidation preferences of any series of preferred stock and the terms and conditions of issue. In some cases, the issuance of preferred stock could delay a change in the persons and entities controlling us and make it harder to remove present management. Under certain circumstances, the terms of any preferred stock, which is subsequently issued, could also restrict dividend payments to holders of our common stock or restrict our ability to repurchase or redeem shares.

### ***Other Provisions***

The transfer agent, registrar and dividend disbursement agent for a series of preferred stock will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. The registrar for preferred stock will send notices to stockholders of any meetings at which holders of the preferred stock have the right to elect directors or to vote on any other matter.

If we offer preferred stock, the specific terms of a particular series will be described in the prospectus supplement, and will include the following:

the price or prices at which the preferred stock will be issued;

the maximum number of shares to constitute the series and the distinctive designations of such series;

the dividend rate, or method of calculation, the dates on which dividends will be payable, whether dividends will be paid in preference to dividends on common stock, and whether dividends will be cumulative;

whether and the manner in which the preferred stock will be redeemable at our option or otherwise;

any liquidation preference applicable to the preferred stock;



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whether and the manner in which the preferred stock will be subject to a retirement or sinking fund that requires us to repurchase the shares;

any conversion or exchange rights applicable to the preferred stock;

any restrictions on the ability to sell or transfer the preferred stock;

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any voting rights; and

any other restrictions, preferences, privileges, rights or limitations.

### **Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute**

We are a Delaware corporation and are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, Section 203 prevents us from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder (generally, a person owning 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock) for three years following the time that person becomes a 15% stockholder unless either:

before that person became a 15% stockholder, our board of directors approved the transaction in which the stockholder became a 15% stockholder or approved the business combination;

upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder's becoming a 15% stockholder, the stockholder owns at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction began (excluding stock held by directors who are also officers and by employee stock plans that do not provide employees with the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer); or

after the transaction in which that person became a 15% stockholder, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at a stockholder meeting by at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the 15% stockholder.

Under Section 203, these restrictions also do not apply to business combinations proposed by a 15% stockholder following the disclosure of an extraordinary transaction with a person who was not a 15% stockholder during the previous three years or who became a 15% stockholder with the approval of a majority of our directors. This exception applies only if the extraordinary transaction is approved or not opposed by a majority of our directors who were directors before any person became a 15% stockholder in the previous three years, or the successors of these directors.

Although the selling stockholder and its affiliates currently own over 15% percent of our common stock and acquired such stock pursuant to a transaction within the last three years, a majority of our directors approved the transaction. Consequently, Section 203 will not prevent us from engaging in a business combination with the selling stockholder or its affiliates.

### **Limitation on Directors' Liability**

Delaware has adopted a law that allows corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breach of directors' fiduciary duty of care. The duty of care requires that, when acting on behalf of the corporation, directors must exercise an informed business judgment based on all material information reasonably available to them. Absent the limitations allowed by the law, directors are accountable to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for acts of gross negligence. Although the Delaware law does not change directors' duty of care, it allows corporations to limit available relief to equitable remedies such as an injunction or rescission. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation limits the liability of our directors to the fullest extent permitted by this law. Specifically, our directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages for any breach of their fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability

for any breach of their duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;

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

under provisions relating to unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions; or

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

This limitation may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors, and may discourage or deter stockholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their duty of care, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited our stockholders.

**DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

We may issue warrants to purchase debt securities, or debt warrants, as well as warrants to purchase preferred stock or common stock, or equity warrants. We refer to debt warrants and equity warrants collectively as warrants. Warrants may be issued independently or together with any securities and may be attached to or separate from those securities. We will issue warrants under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent. When we issue warrants, we will describe the specific terms of the warrants in a prospectus supplement.

**Debt Warrants**

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of debt warrants offered thereby, the warrant agreement relating to the debt warrants and the debt warrant certificates representing the debt warrants, including:

the title of the debt warrants;

the aggregate number of debt warrants;

the price or prices at which the debt warrants will be issued;

the designation, aggregate principal amount and terms of the debt securities purchasable upon exercise of the debt warrants, and the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of the debt warrants;

the designation and terms of any related debt securities with which the debt warrants are issued, and the number of the debt warrants issued with each debt security;

the date, if any, on and after which the debt warrants and the related debt securities will be separately transferable;

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the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of each debt warrant;

the date on which the right to exercise the debt warrants will commence, and the date on which those rights will expire;

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the maximum or minimum number of debt warrants which may be exercised at any time;

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

a discussion of any material federal income tax considerations; and

any other terms of the debt warrants and terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exercise of the debt warrants.

Subject to the terms of the applicable prospectus supplement, debt warrant certificates will be exchangeable for new debt warrant certificates of different denominations. Debt warrants may be exercised at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement. Prior to the exercise of their debt warrants, holders of debt warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the debt securities purchasable upon the exercise and will not be entitled to payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on the debt securities purchasable upon the exercise.

**Equity Warrants**

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of equity warrants offered thereby, the warrant agreement relating to the equity warrants and the equity warrant certificates representing the equity warrants, including:

the title of the equity warrants;

the securities (i.e., preferred stock or common stock) for which the equity warrants are exercisable;

the price or prices at which the equity warrants will be issued;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the preferred stock or common stock with which the equity warrants are issued, and the number of equity warrants issued with each share of preferred stock or common stock;

if applicable, the date on and after which the equity warrants and the related preferred stock or common stock will be separately transferable;

the date on which the right to exercise the equity warrants will commence, and the date on which those rights will expire;

the maximum or minimum number of equity warrants which may be exercised at any time;

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

if applicable, a discussion of any material federal income tax considerations; and

any other terms of the equity warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the equity warrants.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of equity warrants will not be entitled, by virtue of being such holders, to vote, consent, receive dividends, receive notice as

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stockholders with respect to any meeting of stockholders for the election of our directors or any other matter, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as stockholders.

Except as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the exercise price payable and the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon the exercise of each equity warrant will be subject to adjustment in certain events, including the issuance of a stock dividend to holders of common stock or preferred stock or a stock split, reverse stock split, combination, subdivision or reclassification of common stock or preferred stock. In lieu of adjusting the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of each equity warrant, we may elect to adjust the number of equity warrants. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, no adjustments in the number of shares purchasable upon exercise of the equity warrants will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% thereof. We may, at our option, reduce the exercise price at any time. No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of equity warrants, but we will pay the cash value of any fractional shares otherwise issuable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, in case of any consolidation, merger, or sale or conveyance of our property as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, the holder of each outstanding equity warrant shall have the right to the kind and amount of shares of stock and other securities and property (including cash) receivable by a holder of the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock into which the equity warrant was exercisable immediately prior to the particular triggering event.

**Exercise of Warrants**

Subject to the terms of the applicable prospectus supplement, each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the principal amount, or number of, securities at the exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the applicable prospectus supplement. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered thereby. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Subject to the terms of the applicable prospectus supplement, warrants may be exercised as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Upon receipt of payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the securities purchasable upon that exercise. If less than all of the warrants represented by a particular warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants.

**DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

We may issue units consisting of two or more other constituent securities. These units may be issuable as, and for a specified period of time may be transferable as, a single security only, as distinguished from the separate constituent securities comprising such units. When we issue units, we will describe the specific terms of the units in a prospectus supplement including the following:

the title of any series of units;

identification and description of the separate constituent securities comprising the units;

the price or prices at which the units will be issued;





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if applicable, the date on and after which the constituent securities comprising the units will become separately transferable;

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

a discussion of any material federal income tax considerations; and

any other terms of the units and their constituent securities.

**SELLING STOCKHOLDER**

Pursuant to a registration rights agreement, dated as of December 21, 2001, as amended, we agreed to register certain securities owned by the selling stockholder and to indemnify the selling stockholder against certain liabilities related to the selling of the common stock, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. Under the registration rights agreement, we also agreed to pay the costs and fees of registering the shares of common stock (including the reimbursement of fees paid by the selling stockholder to counsel); however, the selling stockholder will pay any brokerage commissions, discounts or other expenses relating to the sale of the shares of common stock.

The table below sets forth information about the selling stockholder's beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 31, 2003 (such information has been provided by the selling stockholder). The selling stockholder may offer all, some or none of the shares of our common stock beneficially owned by it. The shares offered by this prospectus may be offered from time to time by the selling stockholder. As used in this prospectus, "selling stockholder" includes the successors-in-interest, donees, transferees or others who may later hold the selling stockholder's interests.

As of December 31, 2003, the selling stockholder beneficially owned 11,363,378 shares of our common stock by virtue of its beneficial ownership of 11,100,878 shares of our common stock and a warrant exercisable for 262,500 shares of our common stock. The selling stockholder is an affiliate of The Carlyle Group, a private equity firm. Two managing directors of The Carlyle Group currently sit on our board of directors.

| Name of Selling<br>Stockholder      | Shares Beneficially Owned          |         | Number of Shares<br>Being Offered |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
|                                     | Prior to the Offering              |         |                                   |
|                                     | Number of<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | Percent |                                   |
| TCG Holdings, L.L.C. <sup>(1)</sup> | 11,363,378 <sup>(2)</sup>          | 35.3%   |                                   |

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TC Group III, L.P. is the sole general partner of Carlyle Partners III, L.P., CP III Coinvestment, L.P. and Carlyle-AviAll Partners II, L.P., the record holders of 9,499,027, 801,146 and 246,201 shares of our common stock, respectively. TC Group III, L.L.C. is the sole general partner of TC Group III, L.P. TCG High Yield, L.L.C. is the sole general partner of Carlyle High Yield Partners, L.P., the record holder of 554,504 shares of Common Stock and a warrant exercisable for 262,500 shares of our common stock. TCG High Yield Holdings, L.L.C. is the sole managing member of TCG High Yield, L.L.C. TC Group,

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L.L.C. is the sole managing member of TC Group III, L.L.C. and TCG High Yield Holdings, L.L.C. TCG Holdings, L.L.C. is the sole managing member of TC Group, L.L.C. Accordingly, (i) TC Group III, L.P. and TC Group III, L.L.C. each may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of shares of common stock owned of record by each of Carlyle Partners III, L.P., CP III Coinvestment, L.P. and Carlyle-AviAll Partners II, L.P.; (ii) TCG High Yield, L.L.C. and TCG High Yield Holdings, L.L.C. each may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of shares of common stock owned of record by Carlyle High Yield Partners, L.P. and (iii) TC Group, L.L.C. and TCG Holdings, L.L.C. each may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of shares of common stock owned of record by each of Carlyle Partners III, L.P., CP III Coinvestment, L.P., Carlyle-AviAll Partners II, L.P. and Carlyle High Yield Partners, L.P. William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D Aniello and David M. Rubenstein are managing members of TCG Holdings, L.L.C. and, in such capacity, may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of shares of common stock beneficially owned by TCG Holdings, L.L.C. Such individuals expressly disclaim any such beneficial ownership. The principal address and principal offices of TCG Holdings, L.L.C. and certain affiliates is c/o The Carlyle Group, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 220 South, Washington, D.C. 20004-2505. Each of the foregoing entities reports to have sole voting and investment power over the shares of common stock reported to be beneficially owned by such entity.

- (2) Includes 262,500 shares of our common stock, which Carlyle High Yield Partners is entitled to receive upon exercise of a warrant currently held by it and registered for resale pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Reg. No. 333-894-84). None of these shares are being offered for resale pursuant to this prospectus.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

**Distribution by the Company or the Selling Stockholder**

As used in this prospectus, "selling stockholder" includes the successors-in-interest, donees, transferees or others who may later hold the selling stockholder's interests. In all cases, the selling stockholder will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. We or the selling stockholder may sell any of the securities being offered under this prospectus in any one or more of the following ways from time to time:

through underwriters or dealers;

through agents;

through a block trade in which the broker or dealer engaged to handle the block trade will attempt to sell the securities as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

as exchange distributions in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

directly to purchasers, including institutional investors;

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

through privately negotiated transactions;

through remarketing firms;

short sales;

through a combination of any of these methods of sale; or

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law

In addition, the selling stockholder may sell its common stock under Rule 144 of the Securities Act rather than under this prospectus, if the transaction meets the requirements of Rule 144, or by any other legally available means. The distribution of the securities described in this prospectus may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions either:

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

at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale;

at prices relating to the prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

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### ***Underwriters or Dealers***

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, if underwriters or dealers are utilized in the sale, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters or dealers for their own account. The underwriters or dealers may sell the securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to several conditions set forth in an agreement between us and the underwriters. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities offered if any of the securities are purchased. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time. We or the selling stockholder may grant underwriters who participate in the distribution of securities an option to purchase additional securities if they sell more securities than they purchased.

During and after an offering through underwriters, the underwriters may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, in which selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the offered securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if such offered securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, these activities may be discontinued.

If we or the selling stockholder use dealers in the sale of securities, we will sell the securities to them as principals. They may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices determined by the dealers at the time of resale. We will include in the prospectus supplement the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction.

### ***Agents***

We or the selling stockholder may designate agents who agree to use their reasonable efforts to solicit purchasers for the period of their appointment or to sell securities on a continuing basis.

### ***Direct Sales***

We or the selling stockholder may also sell securities directly to one or more purchasers without using underwriters or agents.

### ***Remarketing Firms***

The securities may be re-sold to the public following their redemption or repayment by one or more remarketing firms. Remarketing firms may act as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us.

*Rights Offerings; Conversions*

If we were to issue rights on a pro rata basis to our stockholders, we may be able to use this prospectus to offer and sell the securities underlying the rights. We may also be able to use the prospectus to offer and sell securities to be received upon conversion of any convertible securities we may issue or upon exercise of transferable warrants that may be issued by us or an affiliate.



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### ***General Information***

Underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms that participate in the distribution of the securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act, and any discounts or commissions received by them from us and any profit on the resale of the securities by them may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any underwriter, dealer, agent or remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of the transaction, including their compensation, will be described in a prospectus supplement. We or the selling stockholder may have agreements with underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms to indemnify them against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make. Underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms, or their affiliates may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for, us or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of their business.

All securities, other than shares of common stock, will be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom securities are sold by us for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any securities.

We or the selling stockholder may use agents and underwriters to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date stated in the prospectus supplement. Delayed delivery contracts will be subject to only those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement. A commission indicated in the prospectus supplement will be paid to underwriters and agents soliciting purchases of securities pursuant to delayed delivery contracts accepted by us.

### ***Hedging and Other Transactions***

In addition to the manners of distribution described above, the selling stockholder may enter into hedging transactions. For example, the selling stockholder may:

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

sell common stock short itself and redeliver such shares to close out its short positions;

enter into option or other types of transactions that require the selling stockholder 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.

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A distribution of the common stock by the selling stockholder may also be effected through the issuance by the selling stockholder or others of derivative securities, including without limitation, warrants, exchangeable securities, forward delivery contracts and the writing of options.

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*Pledges; Certain Transfers and Donations*

From time to time, the selling stockholder may pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of our common stock owned by it. If the selling stockholder defaults in the performance of its secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell such common stock from time to time by this prospectus. The selling stockholder also may transfer and donate our common stock owned by it in other circumstances. The number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by the selling stockholder will decrease as and when the selling stockholder transfers or donates its shares of our common stock or defaults in performing obligations secured by its shares of our common stock. The plan of distribution for the securities offered and sold under this prospectus will otherwise remain unchanged, except that each of the transferees, donees, pledgees, other secured parties or other successors in interest will be a selling stockholder for purposes of this prospectus.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements incorporated in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent auditors, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the issuance of any securities offered under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by our lawyers, Haynes and Boone, LLP. Counsel named in the prospectus supplement will issue opinions about the validity of the securities for any agents, dealers or underwriters.

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The following table sets forth the expenses, other than commissions, expected to be incurred in connection with the offering described in the Registration Statement:

| <u>Expense</u>                                      | <u>Amount</u>      |
|---|--------------------|
| Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee | \$ 38,500*         |
| Legal fees  | 75,000*            |
| Printing and engraving expenses                     | 5,000*             |
| Auditors' fees                                      | 30,000*            |
| Blue sky and legal investment fees and expenses     | 5,000*             |
| Trustee and Authenticating Agent fees               | 20,000*            |
| Miscellaneous expenses                              | 20,000*            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 193,500*</b> |

\* Estimated

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "Delaware Law") permits indemnification of the directors and officers of Aviall, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), involved in a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding, including, under certain circumstances, suits by or in the right of the Company, for any expenses, including attorney's fees, and (except in the case of suits by or in the right of the Company), any liabilities which they may have incurred in consequences of such action, suit or proceeding under conditions stated in said Section.

Article XI of the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate") limits the personal liability of the Company's directors to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for certain breaches of fiduciary duty. In addition, Article VI of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "By-Laws") defines and clarifies the rights of certain individuals, including the Company's directors and officers, to indemnification by the Company against personal liability or expenses incurred by them as a result of certain litigation against them.

Set forth below is a description of Article XI of the Certificate and Article VI of the By-Laws. Such descriptions are intended only as summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Company's Certificate and By-Laws.

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Article XI of the Certificate protects the directors of the Company against personal liability for breaches of their duty of care. Articles XI of the Certificate absolves directors of liability for negligence in the performance of their duties, including gross negligence. Directors remain liable for breaches of the duty of loyalty to the Company and its stockholders as well as for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law and transactions from which a director derived improper personal benefit. In addition, Article XI of the Certificate does not absolve directors of liability for unlawful dividends or stock repurchases or redemptions to which a negligence standard presently applies under the Delaware Law. Also, there may be certain liabilities, such as those under the federal securities laws or other state or federal laws, which a court may hold are unaffected by Article XI of the Certificate.

Although Article XI of the Certificate provides the directors of the Company with protections against personal liability for monetary damages for breaches of their duty of care, it does not eliminate the directors' duty of care. Accordingly, Article XI of the Certificate would have no effect on the availability of equitable remedies such as an injunction to prevent a proposed action or rescission of a contract based upon a director's breach of his or her duty of care. Although both directors and officers of the Company are covered by indemnification provisions under Article VI of the By-Laws (as discussed below), Article XI of the Certificate limits liability only with respect to a person acting in the capacity of a director.

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Article VI of the By-Laws provides that each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is involved in any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer or employee of the Company (or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer or employee of another entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans maintained or sponsored by the Company) will be indemnified and held harmless by the Company, to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware Law, as currently in effect (or, to the extent indemnification is broadened, as it may be amended) against all expense, liability or loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Article VI of the By-Laws provides that persons indemnified thereunder may bring suit against the Company to recover unpaid amounts claimed thereunder, and that if such suit is successful, the expense of bringing such a suit will be reimbursed by the Company. Article VI of the By-Laws further provides that while it is a defense to such a suit that the person claiming indemnification has not met the applicable standards of conduct making indemnification permissible under the Delaware Law, the burden of proving the defense will be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company's Board of Directors to have made a determination that indemnification is proper, nor an actual determination by the Company's Board of Directors that the claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct, will be a defense to the action or create a presumption that the claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct. Following any change in control, as described in the Company's By-Laws, any determination as to entitlement to indemnification is to be made by independent legal counsel selected by the claimant, which such independent legal counsel shall be retained by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Company.

Article VI of the By-Laws also provides that the rights to indemnification and the payment of expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition conferred therein will not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or acquire under any statute, provision of the Company's Certificate or By-Laws, or otherwise. Article VI of the By-Laws also provides that the Company may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any of its directors, officers, employees or agents against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Delaware Law.

Article VI of the By-Laws further provides that the rights conferred therein are contract rights and include the right to be paid by the Company for the expenses incurred in defending the proceedings specified above, in advance of their final disposition, except that, if the Delaware Law so requires, such payment will only be made upon delivery to the Company by the indemnified party of an undertaking to repay all amounts so advanced if it is ultimately determined that the person receiving such payments is not entitled to be indemnified under the By-Laws or otherwise. Article VI of the By-Laws also provides that the Company may, by action of its Board of Directors, provide indemnification to its agents with the same scope and effect as the foregoing indemnification of directors, officers and employees.

Pursuant to a registration rights agreement entered into by the Company and certain affiliates of The Carlyle Group (collectively, the Carlyle Investors), under certain circumstances, each of the Company and the Carlyle Investors have agreed to indemnify each other and their respective directors and officers for certain liabilities arising from untrue statements or misleading omissions contained in a registration statement related to the securities registrable pursuant to the registration rights agreement. The common stock being registered on behalf of the selling stockholder pursuant to this registration statement is being registered pursuant to the registration rights agreement.

**Item 16. Exhibits**

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**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 the Registration Statement:

- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in 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% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that the undertakings set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such 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.

(b) The undersigned registrant understands 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 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, as amended, may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of

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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, as amended, and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(d) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.

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(e) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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



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Director

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/s/ ALBERTO F. FERNANDEZ

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**Alberto F. Fernandez**

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