

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 5, 2015**

ABBVIE INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35565
(Commission file number)

32-0375147
(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

1 North Waukegan Road
North Chicago, Illinois 60064-6400
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 932-7900**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

On May 5, 2015, AbbVie Inc., and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, for themselves and as representatives of the several other underwriters named therein, entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement"), for the issuance and sale of \$16.7 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes, consisting of \$3,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 1.800% senior notes due 2018 (the "2018 Notes"), \$3,750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 2.500% senior notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes"), \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.200% senior notes due 2022 (the "2022 Notes"), \$3,750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.600% senior notes due 2025 (the "2025 Notes"), \$2,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.500% senior notes due 2035 (the "2035 Notes") and \$2,700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.700% senior notes due 2045 (the "2045 Notes" and together with the 2018 Notes, the 2020 Notes, the 2022 Notes, the 2025 Notes and the 2035 Notes, the "Notes"). The Notes are being issued pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement, dated May 5, 2015 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on May 7, 2015, and the Prospectus dated April 27, 2015, filed as part of the shelf registration statement (File No. 333-203677) that became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, when filed with the SEC on April 27, 2015 (the "Registration Statement"). Please refer to the Prospectus Supplement dated May 5, 2015 for additional information regarding the Notes offering and the terms and conditions of the Notes. Closing of the Notes offering is subject to customary conditions and is scheduled for May 14, 2015.

AbbVie intends to use the net proceeds from the Notes offering to fund the cash component of the acquisition consideration in connection with the acquisition of Pharmacyclics, Inc. (the "Pharmacyclics acquisition"), to finance the repurchase from time to time of shares of AbbVie's common stock for cash in connection with such acquisition, whether pursuant to an accelerated share repurchase program or otherwise and regardless of whether consummated substantially concurrently with or following the consummation of such acquisition and to pay related fees and expenses, and the remainder, if any, for general corporate purposes. The Notes offering is not contingent on the completion of such acquisition. However, if the consummation of the acquisition does not occur on or before February 3, 2016 or AbbVie notifies the trustee in respect of the Notes that the merger agreement in connection with the Pharmacyclics acquisition has been terminated in accordance with its terms prior to the consummation of the Pharmacyclics acquisition, AbbVie will be required to redeem the Notes at a redemption price equal to 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, up to, but excluding the applicable special mandatory redemption date.

The foregoing description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated herein by reference and into the Registration Statement.

Many of the underwriters in respect of the Underwriting Agreement and/or their affiliates have in the past performed, and may in the future from time to time perform, investment banking, financial advisory, lending and/or commercial banking services, or other services for AbbVie and its subsidiaries, for which they have received, and may in the future receive, customary compensation and expense reimbursement.

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The representations, warranties and covenants of each party set forth in the agreements described in this Form 8-K have been made only for purposes of, and were and are solely for the benefit of the parties to, the applicable agreement, may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to the agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of

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materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. In addition, certain representations and warranties were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date as is specified in the agreement. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may change after the date of the applicable agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in the parties' public disclosures. Accordingly, such agreements are included with this filing only to provide investors with information regarding the terms of those agreements, and not to provide investors with any other factual information regarding the parties, their respective affiliates or their respective businesses. These agreements should not be read alone, but should instead be read in conjunction with the periodic and current reports and statements that the Company and/or its subsidiaries file with the SEC.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are provided as part of this Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of May 5, 2015, by and among AbbVie Inc., and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representatives of the several other underwriters named therein.

Forward-Looking Statements

Some statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K may be forward-looking statements for purposes of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "project" and similar expressions, among others, generally identify forward-looking statements. AbbVie cautions that these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the likelihood that the transaction is consummated, the expected benefits of the transaction, challenges to intellectual property, competition from other products, difficulties inherent in the research and development process, adverse litigation or government action, and changes to laws and regulations applicable to our industry. Additional information about the economic, competitive, governmental, technological and other factors that may affect AbbVie's operations is set forth in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in AbbVie's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the risks described under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13 of our Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended (File No. 333-202921). AbbVie undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to forward-looking statements as a result of subsequent events or developments, except as required by law.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ABBVIE INC.

By: /s/ William J. Chase
Name: William J. Chase
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 7, 2015

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ABBVIE INC.

\$3,000,000,000 1.800% Notes due 2018
 \$3,750,000,000 2.500% Notes due 2020
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 \$2,700,000,000 4.700% Notes due 2045

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

May 5, 2015

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
 1585 Broadway
 New York, New York 10036

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
 Incorporated
 One Bryant Park
 New York, New York 10036

Barclays Capital Inc.
 745 Seventh Avenue
 New York, New York 10019

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
 60 Wall Street
 New York, New York 10005

As representatives of the several Underwriters
 named in Schedule II hereto

Ladies and Gentlemen:

AbbVie Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), proposes to issue and sell to Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Barclays Capital Inc. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (together, the “**Representatives**”) and the other several underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (together with the Representatives, the “**Underwriters**”) pursuant to this Underwriting Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) the principal amount of its debt securities identified in Schedule I hereto (the “**Securities**”), to be issued pursuant to the indenture dated as of November 8, 2012 (the “**Base Indenture**”) between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (the “**Trustee**”), as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture No. 1 dated as of November 8, 2012 (“**Supplemental Indenture No. 1**”) among the Company and the Trustee and the Supplemental Indenture No. 2 dated as of May 14, 2015 among the Company and the Trustee (the “**Supplemental Indenture No. 2**,” and together with the Base Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture No. 1, the “**Indenture**”).

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) a registration statement, including a prospectus, (the file number of which is set forth in Schedule I hereto) on Form S-3, relating to securities (the “**Shelf Securities**”), including the Securities, to be issued from time to time by the Company. The registration statement as amended to the date of this Agreement, including the information (if any) deemed to be part of the registration statement at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430A or Rule 430B under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), including all exhibits thereto (but excluding Form T-1), is hereinafter referred to as the “**Registration Statement**,” and the related prospectus covering the Shelf Securities dated April 27, 2015 is hereinafter referred to as the “**Basic Prospectus**.” The Basic Prospectus, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Securities in the form first used to confirm sales of the Securities (or in the form first made available to the Underwriters by the Company to meet requests of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Securities Act) is hereinafter referred to as the “**Prospectus**,” and the term “**preliminary prospectus**” means any preliminary form of the Prospectus. For purposes of this Agreement, “**free writing prospectus**” has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act and relating to the offering of the Securities, “**Time of Sale Prospectus**” means the documents and pricing information set forth opposite the caption “Time of Sale Prospectus” in Schedule I hereto, and “**broadly available road show**” means a “bona fide electronic road show” as defined in Rule 433(h)(5) under the Securities Act that has been made available without restriction to any person. As used herein, the terms “Registration Statement,” “Basic Prospectus,” “preliminary prospectus,” “Time of Sale Prospectus” and “Prospectus” shall include the documents, if any, incorporated by reference therein on the date hereof. The terms “**supplement**,” “**amendment**,” and “**amend**” as used herein with respect to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall include all documents subsequently filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), that are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein.

The Company understands that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Representatives deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered.

Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated March 4, 2015 (the “**Pharmacyclics Merger Agreement**”), by and among the Company, Oxford Amherst Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“**Purchaser**”), Oxford Amherst LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Merger Sub 2**”) and Pharmacyclics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**Pharmacyclics**”), as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Pharmacyclics Merger Agreement, dated March 22, 2015, and subject to the conditions contained therein, Purchaser will be merged with and into Pharmacyclics (the “**First Merger**”), with

Pharmacyclics surviving the First Merger, and immediately following the First Merger, Pharmacyclics will be merged with and into Merger Sub 2 (together with the First Merger, the “**Merger**”), with Merger Sub 2 continuing as the surviving entity and as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the “**Pharmacyclics Acquisition**”).

1. **Representations and Warranties of the Company.** The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Representatives that:

(a) **No Stop Order; Status as a Well-Known Seasoned Issuer.** The Registration Statement has become effective; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission. If

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the Registration Statement is an automatic shelf registration statement as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, the Company is a well-known seasoned issuer (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) eligible to use the Registration Statement as an automatic shelf registration statement and the Company has not received notice that the Commission objects to the use of the Registration Statement as an automatic shelf registration statement;

(b) **Registration Statement, Prospectus and Disclosure at Time of Sale.** (i) Each document, if any, filed or to be filed pursuant to the Exchange Act and incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus complied or will comply when so filed in all material respects with the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, (ii) each part of the Registration Statement, when such part became effective, did not contain, and each such part, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, (iii) the Registration Statement as of the date hereof does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, (iv) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus comply, and as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, (v) the Time of Sale Prospectus does not, and at the time of each sale of the Securities in connection with the offering when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and at the Closing Date (as defined in Section 4), the Time of Sale Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented by the Company, if applicable, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (vi) each broadly available road show, if any, when considered together with the Time of Sale Prospectus, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (vii) the Prospectus does not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph do not apply to (A) statements or omissions in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein or (B) that part of the Registration Statement that constitutes the Statement of Eligibility (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “**Trust Indenture Act**”), of the Trustee;

(c) **Ineligible Issuer.** The Company is not an “ineligible issuer” in connection with the offering pursuant to Rules 164, 405 and 433 under the Securities Act. Any free writing prospectus that the Company is required to file pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Securities has been, or will be, filed with the Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. Each free writing prospectus that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act or that was prepared by or on behalf of or used or referred to by the Company as of its date and at all times through the completion of the offering of the

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Securities complies or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; Except for the free writing prospectuses, if any, identified in Schedule I hereto, and electronic road shows, if any, each furnished to you before first use, the Company has not prepared, used or referred to, and will not, without your prior consent, prepare, use or refer to, any free writing prospectus in connection with the offering of the Securities;

(d) **Incorporated Documents.** The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, as applicable, and, when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, (a) at the time the Registration Statement became effective, (b) at the earlier of the time the Prospectus was first used and the Applicable Time and (c) at the Closing Time did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(e) **No Material Adverse Change in Company Business.** Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained since the date of the latest audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, in each case which is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus; and, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, there has not been any material change in the consolidated capital stock or any material increase in the consolidated long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, financial position, shareholders’ equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus;

(f) Good Standing of the Company. The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, has the corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or the ownership or leasing of its property requires such qualification, except where failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect upon the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(g) Good Standing of Subsidiaries. Each of the “significant subsidiaries” of the Company (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act) has been duly organized, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or the ownership or leasing of its property requires such qualification, except

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where failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect upon the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(h) Authorization of this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;

(i) Authorization of the Securities. The Securities have been duly authorized and, when executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws relating to or affecting creditors’ rights generally and general principles of equity (collectively, the “**Enforceability Exceptions**”), and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions and except as rights to indemnification and contribution may be limited under applicable law;

(j) Authorization of the Indenture. The Indenture has been duly authorized and, assuming due execution and delivery by the Trustee, when executed and delivered by the Company, will be a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions. The Indenture and the Securities will conform to the descriptions thereof contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus as amended or supplemented with respect to such Securities;

(k) Absence of Defaults and Conflicts. The issue and sale of the Securities and the compliance by the Company with all of the provisions of the Securities, the Indenture and this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated, will not (i) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party, or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, (ii) result in any violation of the provisions of the articles of incorporation or by-laws, each as amended, of the Company or (iii) result in a violation of any applicable law, statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any of their respective properties, in any such case described in clause (i) or (iii) the effects of which would, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(l) Absence of Further Requirements. No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any such court or governmental agency or body is required for the issue and sale of the Securities or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Securities or the Indenture except such as have already been obtained or may be required by the securities or Blue Sky laws of the various states in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities and except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Company’s ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this

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Agreement, the Securities or the Indenture or perform its obligations thereunder, as applicable;

(m) Absence of Proceedings. Other than as set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject (including, without limitation, any proceedings before the United States Food and Drug Administration or comparable Federal, state, local or foreign governmental bodies) that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position, shareholders’ equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and, to the Company’s knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated by governmental authorities or threatened by others;

(n) eXtensible Business Reporting Language. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission’s rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(o) Company Financial Statements. Except as noted therein, (i) the consolidated financial statements of the Company, and the related notes thereto, contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations and changes in their combined cash flows for the periods specified; (ii) such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States applied on a consistent basis; (iii) the selected financial data of the Company and its subsidiaries contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements of the Company contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus; and (iv) the pro forma financial information of the Company, and the related notes thereto, contained in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus presents fairly the information contained therein, has been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved and in accordance with the requirements of

Article 11 of Regulation S-X, and the assumptions used in the preparation thereof are reasonable and the adjustments used therein are appropriate to give effect to the transactions and circumstances referred to therein, except to the extent disclosed therein;

(p) Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply in all material respects with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the "**Sarbanes-Oxley Act**"), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

(q) Accounting Controls. The Company and its subsidiaries (i) make and keep accurate books and records in all material respects and (ii) maintain internal accounting controls which provide reasonable assurance that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, (B) transactions are recorded

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as necessary to permit preparation of their financial statements and to maintain accountability for their assets, (C) access to their assets is permitted only in accordance with management's authorization and (D) the reported accountability for their assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any difference;

(r) Disclosure Controls. The Company has established, maintains and will maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) which are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in accordance with the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Company has carried out evaluations, and the Company will carry out evaluations, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures in accordance with Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act;

(s) Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. (i) Deloitte & Touche LLP, which has audited and reported on certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries prior to December 31, 2013, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries as required by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("**PCAOB**"), (ii) Ernst & Young LLP, which has audited and reported on certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2014, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries as required by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission and the PCAOB and (iii) PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, which has audited and reported on certain financial statements of Pharmacyclics and its subsidiaries, is to the Company's knowledge, an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to Pharmacyclics and its subsidiaries as required by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission and the PCAOB.

(t) Filing of Prospectus. Each preliminary prospectus filed as part of the registration statement as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, complied when so filed in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(u) Pending Proceedings and Examinations. The Registration Statement is not the subject of a pending proceeding or examination under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Securities Act, and the Company is not the subject of a pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Securities.

(v) Anti-Corruption. None of the Company, its subsidiaries, affiliates, directors or officers has taken any action in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of money, property, gifts or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any "**government official**" (including any officer or employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for

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political office) to improperly influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have instituted and maintained policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and with the representation and warranty contained in this paragraph;

(w) Investment Company. The Company is not, and after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Prospectus will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(x) Anti-Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("**USA PATRIOT Act**"), and the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where the Company and its subsidiaries conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "**Anti-Money Laundering Laws**"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, except for any such action, suit or proceeding, individually or in the aggregate, as would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(y) OFAC. (i) To the Company's knowledge, none of the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their respective officers or directors is an individual or entity ("**Person**") that is an Embargoed Person; *provided* that if any subsidiary of the Company becomes an Embargoed Person pursuant to clause (B)(3) of the definition thereof as a result of a country or territory becoming subject to any applicable Sanctions program after the

Closing Date, such Person shall not be an Embargoed Person so long as the Company is taking reasonable steps to either obtain an appropriate license for transacting business in such country or territory or to cause such Person to no longer reside, be organized or chartered or have a place of business in such country or territory and such Person's residing, being organized or chartered or having a place of business in such country or territory would not be reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(ii) **"Embargoed Person"** means (A) any country or territory that is the target of a sanctions program administered by U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("**OFAC**") or (B) any Person that (1) is or is owned or controlled by a Person publicly identified on the most current list of "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" published by OFAC, (2) is the target of a sanctions program or sanctions list administered by OFAC, the State Department of the United States, the European Union or Her Majesty's Treasury (collectively, "**Sanctions**") or (3) resides, is organized or chartered, or has a place of business in a country or territory that is the subject of a Sanctions program administered by OFAC that prohibits dealing with the government of such country or territory (unless such Person has an appropriate

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license to transact business in such country or territory or otherwise is permitted to reside, be organized or chartered or maintain a place of business in such country or territory without violating any Sanctions); and

(iii) Except as permitted by Sanctions, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person:

(A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or

(B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).

2. *Agreements to Sell and Purchase.* The Company hereby agrees to sell to the several Underwriters, and each Underwriter, upon the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at purchase prices as set forth on Schedule I, in the respective principal amounts of Securities as set forth opposite its name in Schedule II hereto.

3. *Terms of Offering.* The Representatives have advised the Company that the Underwriters will make a public offering of their respective proportions of the Securities purchased by the Underwriters hereunder as soon after the Registration Statement and this Agreement have become effective as in the judgment of the Representatives is advisable. The Company is further advised by you that the Securities are to be offered to the public upon the terms set forth in the Prospectus.

4. *Payment and Delivery.* Payment for the Securities shall be made to the Company in Federal or other funds immediately available in New York City against delivery of such Securities for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on May 14, 2015, or at such other time on the same or such other date as shall be designated in writing by the Representatives. The time and date of such payment are hereinafter referred to as the "**Closing Date.**"

Payment for the Securities shall be made against delivery, and the Securities shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as the Representatives shall request in writing not later than one full business day prior to the Closing Date. The Securities shall be delivered to the Representatives on the Closing Date for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters, with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the transfer of the Securities to the Underwriters duly paid, against payment of the purchase price therefor plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of payment and delivery.

5. *Conditions to the Underwriters' Obligations.* The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Securities on the Closing Date are subject, in the discretion of the Representatives, to the condition that all representations and warranties and other statements of the Company in this Agreement are, at and as of the Closing Date, true and correct, the condition that each of them shall have performed in all material respects all of their respective obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed and to the following additional conditions:

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(a) Effectiveness of Registration Statement; Filing of Prospectus. The Registration Statement has become effective and at the Closing Time and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Securities Act or proceedings therefor initiated or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters. The filings required under Rule 424(b) shall have been filed with the Commission in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and become effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430B). The Final Term Sheet (as defined herein) and any other material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the rules and regulations under the Securities Act shall have been timely filed.

(b) Opinion of Counsel for the Underwriters. The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the Closing Date, with respect to such matters as may be reasonably requested by the Underwriters;

(c) Opinion of the Company's Internal Counsel. The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Kathleen Sheil Scheidt, Vice President, Securities & Benefits and Legal Operations and Assistant Secretary (or such other person who shall be a senior legal officer of the Company on the Closing Date), dated the Closing Date;

(d) Opinion of Counsel for the Company. The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, outside counsel for the Company, dated the Closing Date and a negative assurance letter, dated the Closing Date;

(e) Accountant's Comfort Letter (Deloitte & Touche LLP). The Underwriters shall have received on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date a letter, dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as applicable, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from Deloitte & Touche LLP, the accountants who certified the Company's combined financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, which is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries as of March 15, 2013 and during the period covered by the combined financial statements on which they reported within the meaning of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder;

(f) Accountant's Comfort Letter (Ernst & Young LLP). The Underwriters shall have received on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date a letter, dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as applicable, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from Ernst & Young LLP, independent public accountants with respect to the Company's consolidated financial statements and certain financial information for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information

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contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus; *provided* that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off date" not earlier than the date hereof;

(g) Accountant's Comfort Letter (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP). The Underwriters shall have received on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date a letter, dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as applicable, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent public accountants for Pharmacylics, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus; *provided* that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off date" not earlier than the date hereof;

(h) No Material Adverse Change. (i) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall have sustained since the date of the latest financial statements included in the Time of Sale Prospectus any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, and (ii) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, there shall not have been any change in the consolidated capital stock or any increase in the consolidated long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the business, financial position, shareholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, the effect of which, in any such case described in clause (i) or (ii), is in the reasonable judgment of the Representatives so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus;

(i) No Downgrade. On or after the date of this Agreement (i) no downgrading shall have occurred, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading, in the rating accorded the Company (if any) or any of the securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by Moody's Investor Services or Standard & Poor's Ratings Service and (ii) neither organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of any of the Company's debt securities;

(j) Officers' Certificate. The Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to the Representatives on the Closing Date a certificate of officers of the Company, satisfactory to the Representatives as to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein at and as of the Closing Date, as to the performance by the Company of all of its respective obligations hereunder to be performed at or prior to the Closing Date and as to the matters set forth in 5(h) and 5(i); and

(k) Chief Financial Officer's Certificate. On the date of the Prospectus at a time prior to the execution of this Agreement, on the effective date of any

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post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement filed subsequent to the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date, the Company shall have furnished to you a certificate, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof, of William J. Chase, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to you and covering such matters as you may reasonably request.

6. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants to each Underwriter as follows:

(a) Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests. The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 430B and will notify the Representatives immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or new registration statement relating to the Securities shall become effective, or any supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus shall have been filed, (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or the filing of a new registration statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or any document incorporated by reference therein or otherwise deemed to be a part thereof or for additional information relating to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or such new registration statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Securities Act concerning the Registration Statement and (v) if the Company becomes the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Securities. The Company will effect the filings required under Rule 424(b), in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b), and will take such steps as it deems necessary to

ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424(b) was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file such prospectus. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment;

(b) Delivery of Prospectus. To furnish to the Representatives in New York City, without charge, prior to 10:00 a.m. New York City time on the second business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement and during the period mentioned in Section 6(e) or (f), as many copies of the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, any documents incorporated by reference therein and any supplements and amendments thereto as the Representatives may reasonably request;

(c) Delivery of Registration Statement. Before amending or supplementing the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus during any period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Act, to furnish to the Representatives a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement and not to file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Representatives reasonably object, except as may be required by applicable law;

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(d) Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses. To furnish to the Representatives a copy of each proposed free writing prospectus to be prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Company and not to use or refer to any proposed free writing prospectus to which the Representatives reasonably object; not to take any action that would result in an Underwriter or the Company being required to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of the Underwriter that the Underwriter otherwise would not have been required to file thereunder;

(e) Continued Compliance with Securities Laws. If the Time of Sale Prospectus is being used to solicit offers to buy the Securities at a time when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, not misleading, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which the Time of Sale Prospectus conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement then on file, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to any dealer upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Prospectus so that the statements in the Time of Sale Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Time of Sale Prospectus is delivered to a prospective purchaser, be misleading or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will no longer conflict with the Registration Statement, or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with applicable law; *provided* that all such amendments or supplements comply with Section 6(c) hereof;

(f) Filing of Amendments. If, during such period after the first date of the public offering of the Securities as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the Securities Act) is required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriters or dealer, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the Securities Act) is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense (unless such amendment or supplement shall be made more than six months after the date of this Agreement, in which case at the sole expense of the Underwriters), to the Underwriters and to the dealers (whose names and addresses you will furnish to the Company) to which Securities may have been sold by you on behalf of the Underwriters and to any other dealers upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Prospectus so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the Securities Act) is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with applicable law; *provided* that all such amendments or supplements comply with Section 6(c) hereof;

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(g) Blue Sky Qualifications. To endeavor to qualify the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives shall reasonably request and to continue such qualifications, if any, in effect so long as required for the underwriting of the Securities by the Underwriters; *provided* that the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction or subject itself to taxation in a jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise subject;

(h) Earning Statement. To make generally available to the Company's security holders and to you as soon as practicable an earning statement covering a period of at least twelve months beginning with the first fiscal quarter of the Company occurring after the date of this Agreement which shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder;

(i) Fees and Expenses. Whether or not the transactions contemplated in this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, to pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the counsel and accountants for the Company in connection with the registration and delivery of the Securities under the Securities Act and all other fees or expenses in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Company and amendments and supplements to any of the foregoing, including the filing fees payable to the Commission relating to the Securities (within the time required by Rule 456 (b)(1), if applicable), amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers; (ii) the cost of printing or producing this Agreement, the Indenture, any Blue Sky survey and any other documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities; (iii) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Securities for offering and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 8(g) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky or legal investment memorandum; (iv) any reasonable fees charged by securities rating services for rating the Securities; (v) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any agent of the Trustee and the fees and disbursements of counsel for any Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Securities; and (vi) all filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters incurred in connection with the review and qualification of the offering of the Securities by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and all

other costs and expenses incident to the performance of their obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section 6. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section 6, Section 7 and Section 10 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of their counsel, transfer taxes on the transfer of any of the Securities by them, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make;

(j) Regulation M. Not to take any action prohibited by Regulation M under the Exchange Act in connection with the distribution of the Securities contemplated hereby;

(k) Use of Proceeds. To use the proceeds from the sale of the Securities in the manner described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus;

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(l) Delivery of Documents. During the period of one year hereafter, the Company will furnish to the Underwriters, as soon as available, a copy of each of the reports, notices or communications sent to securityholders, if not available on the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system;

(m) Preparation of a Final Term Sheet. To prepare a final term sheet relating to the offering of the Securities (a "**Final Term Sheet**"), containing only information that describes the final terms of the Securities or the offering in a form consented to by the Underwriters, and to file such final term sheet within the period required by Rule 433(d)(5)(ii) under the Securities Act following the date the final terms have been established for the offering of the Securities; and

(n) Restriction on Sale of Securities. The Company also agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period beginning on the date hereof and continuing to and including the Closing Date, offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of any debt securities of the Company or warrants to purchase debt securities of the Company substantially similar to the Securities (other than the sale of the Securities under this Agreement or securities or warrants permitted with the prior written consent of the Representatives identified in Schedule I with the authorization to release this lock-up on behalf of the Underwriters).

7. *Covenants of the Underwriters*. Each Underwriter severally covenants with the Company not to take any action that would result in the Company being required to file with the Commission under Rule 433(d) a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of such Underwriter that otherwise would not be required to be filed by the Company thereunder, but for the action of the Underwriter.

8. *Indemnity and Contribution*.

(a) The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its directors, officers and employees, each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and each affiliate of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities, joint or several, to which such Underwriter, director, officer, employee, controlling person or affiliate may become subject under such Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, any free writing prospectus as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Securities Act, any Company information that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, any "road show" as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Securities Act (a "**road show**"), the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter, director, officer, employee, controlling person or affiliate for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter, director, officer, employee or controlling person in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, damage, liability, action or claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided*, however, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent

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that any such loss, harm, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Prospectus or any free writing prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with Information or information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein, and provided further, that the foregoing indemnity agreement shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter from whom the person asserting any such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense purchased Securities, or any person controlling such Underwriter, if the Company provides a copy of an amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or any free writing prospectus as theretofore provided to such Underwriter by the Company (with notice that such amendment or supplement contains additional or different material information from that previously provided) sufficiently far enough in advance of the time of sale in order to enable such Underwriter to convey such amendment or supplement to the purchaser of the Securities, and such amendment or supplement (x) was not conveyed by or on behalf of such Underwriter to such person at or prior to the entry into the contract of sale of the Securities by such person, and (y) would have cured the defect giving rise to such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense.

(b) Each Underwriter will, severally and not jointly, indemnify and hold harmless the Company and its respective directors, officers and employees and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company or any of its respective directors, officers, employees or controlling persons may become subject, under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liability (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, free writing prospectus, road show or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement, or omission or alleged omission was made in any Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, free writing prospectus or the Prospectus, or any such amendment or supplement, in reliance upon and conformity with written information furnished to the

Company by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein; and each Underwriter will reimburse the Company, or any director, officer, employee or controlling person of the Company, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company, or any such director, officer, employee or controlling person in connection with investigating, or defending any such loss, damage, liability, action or claim as such expenses are incurred, but only with reference to information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through you expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any free writing prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under Sections 8(a) and 8(b) above of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability

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which it may have to any indemnified party except to the extent such omission materially prejudices the indemnifying party. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party), and, after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party under such subsection for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation.

(d) To the extent the indemnification provided for in Sections 8(a) and 8(b) is unavailable to an indemnified party or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein (or actions in respect thereof), then each indemnifying party under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause 8(d)(i) above is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give notice required under Section 8(c) above, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the second hand in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds from the offering of the Securities (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the total discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters bear to the aggregate offering price of the Securities. The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the respective principal amount of Securities they have purchased hereunder, and not joint.

(e) The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just or equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in Section 8(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in Section 8(d) shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total

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price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The remedies provided for in this Section 7 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any indemnified party at law or in equity.

(f) The indemnifying party under this Section 8 shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense by reason of such settlement or final judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this Section 8, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request or disputed in good faith the indemnified party's entitlement to such reimbursement prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement, compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity was or could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such action, suit or proceeding and (ii) does not include any statements as to or any findings of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(g) The indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Section 7 and the representations, warranties and other statements of the Company contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any termination of this Agreement,

(ii) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, any person controlling any Underwriter or any affiliate of any Underwriter or by or on behalf of the Company, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company and (iii) acceptance of and payment for any of the Securities.

9. *Termination.* The Underwriters may terminate this Agreement by notice given by Representatives to the Company, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date there shall have occurred (i) a suspension of trading of the Company's common shares by the Commission or the New York Stock Exchange; (ii) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities in New York declared by either Federal or New York State authorities; (iv) a material disruption in commercial banking or securities

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settlement, payment or clearance services in the United States; or (v) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities or the occurrence of any other calamity or crisis or any material adverse change in financial markets, if the effect of any such event specified in this clause (v) makes it, in the Representatives' judgment, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offer, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

10. *Effectiveness; Defaulting Underwriters.* This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.

If, on the Closing Date, any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase the Securities that it has or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate principal amount of the Securities which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase is not more than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated severally in the proportions that the principal amount of the Securities set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule II bears to the aggregate principal amount of the Securities set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as the Representatives may specify, to purchase the portion of such Underwriters' Securities which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date; *provided* that in no event shall the principal amount of the Securities that any Underwriter has agreed to purchase pursuant to this Agreement be increased pursuant to this Section 10 by an amount in excess of one-ninth of such principal amount of the Securities without the written consent of such Underwriter. If, on the Closing Date any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Securities and the aggregate principal amount of the Securities with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representatives, the Company, for the purchase of such Securities are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter and the Company. In any such case, either the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days, in order that the required changes, if any, in the Registration Statement, in the Time of Sale Prospectus, in the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Any action taken under this paragraph shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

If this Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters, or any of them, because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Company to comply with the terms or to fulfill any of the conditions of this Agreement, or if for any reason the Company shall be unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters or such Underwriters as have so terminated this Agreement with respect to themselves, severally, for all out-of-pocket expenses (including the fees and disbursements of their counsel) reasonably incurred by such Underwriters in connection with this Agreement or the offering contemplated hereunder but the Company shall then be under no further liability to any Underwriter with respect to this Agreement except as provided in Section 6(i) and Section 7 hereof.

11. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement, together with any contemporaneous written agreements and any prior written agreements (to the extent not superseded by this Agreement) that relate to the offering of the Securities, represents the entire agreement between the Company and the Underwriters with respect to the preparation of any preliminary prospectus, the Time of

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Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, the conduct of the offering, and the purchase and sale of the Securities.

12. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument, and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered (by telecopy, electronic delivery or otherwise) to the other parties. Signatures to this Agreement transmitted by facsimile transmission, by electronic mail in "**portable document format**" ("**.pdf**") form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.

13. *Applicable Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

14. *Headings.* The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed a part of this Agreement.

15. *Notices.* All communications hereunder shall be in writing and effective only upon receipt and if to the Underwriters shall be delivered, mailed or sent to the Representatives in care of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Liability Management Group, with a copy to the Legal Department; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NY1-050-12-01, New York, New York 10020, Attention: High Grade Debt Capital Markets Transaction Management/Legal; Barclays Capital Inc., 745 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019, Attention: Syndicate Registration and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., 60 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, Attention: Debt Capital Markets Syndicate; and if to the Company, shall be delivered, mailed or sent to AbbVie Inc., 1 North Waukegan Road, North Chicago, Illinois 60064, Attention: Treasurer.

[Signature pages follow]

Very truly yours,

ABBVIE INC.

By: /s/ Amarendra Duvvur
 Name: Amarendra Duvvur
 Title: Vice President & Treasurer

[Signature page to the Underwriting Agreement]

Accepted as of the date hereof

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
 Barclays Capital Inc.
 Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
 Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
 Incorporated

Acting severally on behalf of themselves and the several
 Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto.

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

By: /s/ Yurij Slyz
 Name: Yurij Slyz
 Title: Executive Director

Barclays Capital Inc.

By: /s/ Pamela Kendall
 Name: Pamela Kendall
 Title: Director

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

By: /s/ John C. McCabe
 Name: John C. McCabe
 Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Scott Flieger
 Name: Scott Flieger
 Title: Managing Director

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
 Incorporated

By: /s/ Douglas Muller
 Name: Douglas Muller
 Title: Managing Director

[Signature page to the Underwriting Agreement]

SCHEDULE I

Representatives:

Representatives to release lock-up under Section 6(n):

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
Barclays Capital Inc.
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

Representatives authorized to appoint counsel under Section 8(c):

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
Barclays Capital Inc.
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

Indenture:

Indenture dated as of November 8, 2012, as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture No. 1 dated November 8, 2012 and the Supplemental Indenture No. 2 dated May 14, 2015, each as between the Company and the Trustee

Trustee:

U.S. Bank National Association

Registration Statement File No.:

333-203677

Time of Sale Prospectus

1. Basic Prospectus dated April 27, 2015 relating to the Shelf Securities
2. the preliminary prospectus supplement dated May 5, 2015 relating to the Securities
3. free writing prospectus dated May 5, 2015, containing a description of certain terms filed by the Company under Rule 433(d) of the Securities Act

Securities to be purchased:

1.800% Notes due 2018
2.500% Notes due 2020
3.200% Notes due 2022
3.600% Notes due 2025
4.500% Notes due 2035
4.700% Notes due 2045

Aggregate Principal Amount:

\$3,000,000,000 of 1.800% Notes due 2018
\$3,750,000,000 of 2.500% Notes due 2020
\$1,000,000,000 of 3.200% Notes due 2022
\$3,750,000,000 of 3.600% Notes due 2025
\$2,500,000,000 of 4.500% Notes due 2035

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\$2,700,000,000 of 4.700% Notes due 2045

Purchase Price:

99.648% of the principal amount of the 1.800% Notes due 2018
99.240% of the principal amount of the 2.500% Notes due 2020
99.403% of the principal amount of the 3.200% Notes due 2022
99.375% of the principal amount of the 3.600% Notes due 2025
98.434% of the principal amount of the 4.500% Notes due 2035
99.077% of the principal amount of the 4.700% Notes due 2045

Maturity:

1.800% Notes due 2018: May 14, 2018
2.500% Notes due 2020: May 14, 2020
3.200% Notes due 2022: November 6, 2022
3.600% Notes due 2025: May 14, 2025
4.500% Notes due 2035: May 14, 2035
4.700% Notes due 2045: May 14, 2045

Interest Rate:

1.800% Notes due 2018: 1.800% per annum, accruing from May 14, 2015
2.500% Notes due 2020: 2.500% per annum, accruing from May 14, 2015
3.200% Notes due 2022: 3.200% per annum, accruing from May 14, 2015
3.600% Notes due 2025: 3.600% per annum, accruing from May 14, 2015
4.500% Notes due 2035: 4.500% per annum, accruing from May 14, 2015

4.700% Notes due 2045: 4.700% per annum, accruing from May 14, 2015

Interest Payment Dates:

1.800% Notes due 2018: May 14 and November 14, commencing November 14, 2015

2.500% Notes due 2020: May 14 and

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November 14, commencing November 14, 2015

3.200% Notes due 2022: May 6 and November 6, commencing November 6, 2015

3.600% Notes due 2025: May 14 and November 14, commencing November 14, 2015

4.500% Notes due 2035: May 14 and November 14, commencing November 14, 2015

4.700% Notes due 2045: May 14 and November 14, commencing November 14, 2015

Closing Date and Time:

May 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Closing Location:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
450 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Address for Notices to Underwriters:

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, NY 10036
Attention: Investment Banking Division
Facsimile: (212) 761-0260

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
50 Rockefeller Plaza,
NY1-050-12-01
New York, New York 10020
Attention: High Grade Debt Capital Markets
Transaction Management/Legal
Facsimile: (212) 901-7881

Barclays Capital Inc.
745 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10019
Attention: Syndicate Registration
Facsimile: (646) 834-8133

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
60 Wall Street
New York, New York 10005
Attention: Debt Capital Markets Syndicate
Facsimile: (212) 797-2202, with a copy to

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General Counsel, (212) 797-4561

Address for Notices to the Company:

AbbVie Inc.
1 North Waukegan Road
North Chicago, Illinois 60064
Attention: Treasurer

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Underwriter	Principal Amount of 2018 Notes to be Purchased	Principal Amount of 2020 Notes to be Purchased	Principal Amount of 2022 Notes to be Purchased	Principal Amount of 2025 Notes to be Purchased	Principal Amount of 2035 Notes to be Purchased	Principal Amount of 2045 Notes to be Purchased
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	\$ 660,000,000	\$ 825,000,000	\$ 220,000,000	\$ 825,000,000	\$ 550,000,000	\$ 594,000,000
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	660,000,000	825,000,000	220,000,000	825,000,000	550,000,000	594,000,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	183,000,000	228,750,000	61,000,000	228,750,000	152,500,000	164,700,000
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	183,000,000	228,750,000	61,000,000	228,750,000	152,500,000	164,700,000
BNP Paribas Securities Corp.	183,000,000	228,750,000	61,000,000	228,750,000	152,500,000	164,700,000
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.	183,000,000	228,750,000	61,000,000	228,750,000	152,500,000	164,700,000
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.	183,000,000	228,750,000	61,000,000	228,750,000	152,500,000	164,700,000
SG Americas Securities, LLC	183,000,000	228,750,000	61,000,000	228,750,000	152,500,000	164,700,000
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	69,000,000	86,250,000	23,000,000	86,250,000	57,500,000	62,100,000
Mizuho Securities USA Inc.	69,000,000	86,250,000	23,000,000	86,250,000	57,500,000	62,100,000
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	69,000,000	86,250,000	23,000,000	86,250,000	57,500,000	62,100,000
Santander Investment Securities Inc.	69,000,000	86,250,000	23,000,000	86,250,000	57,500,000	62,100,000
Standard Chartered Bank	69,000,000	86,250,000	23,000,000	86,250,000	57,500,000	62,100,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	69,000,000	86,250,000	23,000,000	86,250,000	57,500,000	62,100,000
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.	67,200,000	84,000,000	22,400,000	84,000,000	56,000,000	60,480,000
DNB Markets, Inc.	33,600,000	42,000,000	11,200,000	42,000,000	28,000,000	30,240,000
Lloyds Securities Inc.	33,600,000	42,000,000	11,200,000	42,000,000	28,000,000	30,240,000
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	33,600,000	42,000,000	11,200,000	42,000,000	28,000,000	30,240,000
Total	\$ 3,000,000,000	\$ 3,750,000,000	\$ 1,000,000,000	\$ 3,750,000,000	\$ 2,500,000,000	\$ 2,700,000,000