

CF Industries Holdings, Inc.  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-A/A**

(Amendment No. 3)

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**CF INDUSTRIES HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation or organization)

**20-2697511**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**4 Parkway North, Suite 400**  
**Deerfield, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60015**  
(Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of each class**  
**to be so registered**  
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

**Name of each exchange on**  
**which each class is to be registered**  
New York Stock Exchange

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. ☒ X

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. ☐ O

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **Not applicable**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**None**

(Title of class)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

CF Industries Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), registered its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, together with preferred stock purchase rights (the "Rights"), on a registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on August 8, 2005 and amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the SEC on September 3, 2010 and Amendment No. 2 thereto filed with the SEC on March 17, 2015 (such registration statement, as so amended, the "Registration Statement"). The Rights expired on March 31, 2015. This amendment to the Registration Statement (the "Amendment") amends and restates items 1 and 2 of the Registration Statement in their entirety and eliminates reference to the Rights from the facing page of the Registration Statement, as amended by the Amendment.

### Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 500,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 500,000 have been designated Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock. As of July 31, 2015, there were 233,047,785 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding and no shares of the Company's preferred stock outstanding.

The following description briefly summarizes certain information regarding the capital stock of the Company. This information does not purport to be complete and is subject in all respects to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, and the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws. The Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws, copies of which are included as exhibits to this registration statement, are incorporated by reference herein.

#### Common Stock

The outstanding shares of the Company's common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. The holders of the Company's common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, and do not have any right to cumulate votes in the election of directors. The holders of the Company's common stock have no preemptive rights and no rights to convert their common stock into any other securities. There are also no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the Company's common stock.

Subject to the rights and preferences applicable to any shares of the Company's preferred stock outstanding at the time, holders of the Company's common stock are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by the Company's board of directors from funds legally available therefor. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company's affairs, after payment of all of the Company's debts and liabilities and subject to the rights and preferences applicable to any shares of the Company's preferred stock outstanding at the time, the holders of the Company's common stock will be entitled to receive the distribution of the Company's remaining assets.

The Company's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CF. The transfer agent and registrar for the Company's common stock is Computershare.

### **Preferred Stock**

The Company's board of directors has the authority, without further action by the Company's stockholders, to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of the Company's preferred stock in one or more classes or series and (other than in the case of the preferred stock designated as Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, the terms of which are set forth in the Company's certificate of incorporation) to fix for each such class or series the voting powers, if any; the designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights; and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including, without limitation:

- dividend rights and the dividend rate, if any;
- the rights and terms of conversion or exchange, if any;
- the rights and terms of redemption, if any, and the redemption price; and
- rights upon dissolution of, or upon any distribution of the assets of, the Company.

Any or all of the rights of any such class or series of the Company's preferred stock may be greater than the rights of the Company's common stock.

The 500,000 authorized shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock had been reserved for issuance upon the exercise of preferred stock purchase rights under a stockholder rights plan. The preferred stock purchase rights expired on March 31, 2015 without having been exercised.

### **Certain Provisions of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and of Delaware Law**

Provisions of the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws and of Delaware law, which are summarized below, may be deemed to have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, defer or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider in such stockholder's best interest, including those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the Company's common stock.

*Removal of directors; filling vacancies on the board of directors*

The Company's certificate of incorporation provides that the Company's board of directors will consist of not less than three nor more than fifteen members, the exact number of which will be fixed from time to time by the Company's board of directors. Any director, or the

entire board of directors, may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by the holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors.

The Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that any newly created directorships on the Company's board of directors may only be filled by a majority of the board of directors then in office, provided that a quorum is present, and any other vacancy occurring on the board of directors may only be filled by a majority of the board of directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. No decrease in the number of directors constituting the board of directors may have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director.

These director vacancy provisions make it more difficult than it would be in the absence of such provisions for a stockholder to remove incumbent directors and gain control of the Company's board of directors by filling vacancies created by such removal with such stockholder's own nominees.

#### ***Right to call special meetings of stockholders***

Under the DGCL, special meetings of the Company's stockholders may be called by the Company's board of directors or by such person or persons as may be authorized by the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws. The Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that a special meetings of stockholders may be called by the chairman of the Company's board of directors, the Company's president or the Company's board of directors and also provide that, subject to applicable provisions of the Company's bylaws, a special meeting of stockholders will be called by the Company's Secretary upon written request of the holders of record of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of all outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at such meeting, such voting power to be calculated in accordance with the bylaws. The Company's bylaws impose certain procedural requirements on stockholders requesting such a meeting (including the provision of the same information required for stockholder proposals and board nominees at annual meetings under the Company's advance notice bylaw provisions) and impose qualifications designed to prevent duplicative and unnecessary meetings.

#### ***Stockholder action by written consent***

The Company's certificate of incorporation requires all stockholder actions to be taken by a vote of the stockholders at an annual or special meeting and denies stockholders the ability to act by written consent without a meeting.

#### ***Stockholder proposals***

At an annual meeting of stockholders, only business that is properly brought before the meeting will be conducted or considered. To be properly brought before an annual meeting of stockholders, business must be specified in the notice of the meeting (or any supplement to that notice), brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the board of directors (or any duly authorized committee of the board of directors) or properly brought before the meeting by a



stockholder. For business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must:

- be a stockholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice for the meeting and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting; and
- have given timely written notice of the business in proper written form to the Company's Secretary.

To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the Company's principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the last annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after the anniversary date, notice by the stockholder must be received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever first occurs.

To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Company's Secretary must set forth (1) as to each matter such stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting and (2) as to the stockholder giving the notice and any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined below):

- the name and address of such person;
- the class or series and number of shares of the Company's capital stock which are owned beneficially or of record by such person;
- the nominee holder for, and number of, any shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person;
- whether and the extent to which any hedging or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options or borrowed or loaned shares) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to or manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or to increase or decrease the voting power of, such person with respect to any share of the Company's stock;
- to the extent known by the stockholder giving the notice or any Stockholder Associated Person, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the proposal of business on the date of such stockholder's notice;





- a description of all agreements, arrangements or understandings between or among such persons or any other person (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business by such stockholder;
- a description of any material interest of such person in such business;
- a representation that the stockholder giving the notice intends to appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting to bring such business before the meeting;
- notice whether such person intends to solicit proxies in connection with the proposed matter; and
- any other information relating to such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Any information required pursuant to the provisions described in the immediately-preceding paragraph must be supplemented to speak as of the record date for the meeting by the stockholder giving the notice not later than 10 days after such record date. With respect to any stockholder, Stockholder Associated Person means (1) any person acting in concert, directly or indirectly, with such stockholder and (2) any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person.

At a special meeting of stockholders, only such business will be conducted, and only such proposals will be acted upon, as were specified in the notice of that special meeting. Business transacted at any special meeting will be limited to (1) the purpose(s) stated in the valid stockholder request for such special meeting (see Certain Provisions of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and of Delaware Law Right to call special meetings of stockholders ) and (2) any additional matters the Company's board of directors determines to submit to the stockholders at that special meeting.

***Nomination of candidates for election to the Company's board of directors***

Under the Company's bylaws, only persons who are properly nominated will be eligible for election to be members of the Company's board of directors. To be properly nominated, a director candidate must be nominated at an annual meeting of stockholders, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of electing directors, by or at the direction of the Company's board of directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof) or by a stockholder of the Company who:

- is a stockholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice for the meeting and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting; and

- has given timely written notice in proper written form to the Company's Secretary.

To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the Company's principal executive offices:

- in the case of an annual meeting, not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the Company's last annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after the anniversary date of the last annual meeting, notice by the stockholder must be received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever first occurs; and

- in the case of a special meeting of stockholders called for the purpose of electing directors (other than pursuant to a special meeting properly called by holders of record of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of all outstanding shares of the Company's common stock in accordance with the requirements set forth in the bylaws), not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which notice of the date of such meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the special meeting was made, whichever first occurs.

To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Company's Secretary must be accompanied by a written consent of each proposed nominee to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected and must set forth:

- as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election as a director:

the name, age, business address and residence address of such person;

the principal occupation or employment of such person;

the class or series and number of shares of the Company's capital stock that are owned beneficially or of record by such person;

the nominee holder for, and number of, any shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person;

whether and the extent to which any hedging or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options or borrowed or loaned shares) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to or manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or to increase or decrease the voting power of, such person with respect to any share of the Company's stock;

such person's written representation and agreement that such person (i) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given and will not give any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the Company, will act or vote as a director on any issue or question to be decided by the Company's board of directors and (ii) in connection with such person's candidacy for director of the Company, is not and will not become a party to any compensatory, payment or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Company, and has not received and will not receive any such compensation or other payment from any person or entity other than the Company, in each case that has not been disclosed to the Secretary of the Company;

at the request of the Company, such person's completed and signed questionnaires required of directors and officers and such additional information as necessary to permit the Company's board of directors to determine such person's independence under applicable listing standards, SEC rules and any publicly disclosed standards used by the Company's board of directors in determining and disclosing the independence of the Company's directors;

any information required to correct any material inaccuracy in or omission from information provided by such person to the Company or its stockholders;

any other information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

- as to the stockholder giving the notice and any Stockholder Associated Person:

the name and address of such person;

the class or series and number of shares of the Company's capital stock which are owned beneficially or of record by such person;

the nominee holder for, and number of, any shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person;

whether and the extent to which any hedging or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options or borrowed or loaned shares) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to

mitigate loss to or manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or to increase or decrease the voting power of, such person with respect to any share of the Company's stock;

to the extent known by the stockholder giving the notice or any Stockholder Associated Person, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the nominees named in the stockholder's notice for election on the date of such stockholder's notice;

a description of all agreements, arrangements or understandings between or among such persons or any other person (including their names) pursuant to which the nominations are to be made by the stockholder;

a description of any relationship between or among the stockholder giving notice and any Stockholder Associated Person, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee, on the other hand;

a description of any material interest of such person in such nominations, including any anticipated benefit to such person therefrom;

a representation that the stockholder giving the notice intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the persons named in its notice;

notice whether such person intends to solicit proxies in connection with the nominations; and

any other information relating to such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Company may also require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Company or that could be material to a reasonable stockholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such nominee. Any information required pursuant to the provisions described in this paragraph must be supplemented to speak as of the record date for the meeting by the stockholder giving the notice not later than 10 days after such record date.

The Company's bylaws include proxy access provisions pursuant to which eligible stockholders may include their own nominees for director in the Company's proxy materials along with the candidates nominated by the Company's board of directors. The proxy access process under the Company's bylaws will first be available to stockholders in connection with the Company's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. Subject to applicable procedural and other requirements under the Company's bylaws, the proxy access provisions of the Company's bylaws permit any stockholder or group of up to 20 stockholders who have maintained continuous qualifying ownership of 3% or more of the Company's outstanding common stock for at least the previous three years to include up to a specified maximum number of director





nominees (not more than 25% of the directors in office at the time of the nomination) in the Company's proxy materials for the annual meeting of stockholders. Nominating stockholders using the proxy access process are required to make certain representations and agreements regarding, among other things, lack of intent to effect a change of control.

***Amendment of certificate of incorporation and bylaws***

The Company's certificate of incorporation may be amended by the approval of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote thereon.

The Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that the holders of a majority of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote generally at an election of directors have the power to amend or repeal the Company's bylaws.

In addition, the Company's certificate of incorporation grants the Company's board of directors the authority to amend and repeal the Company's bylaws without a stockholder vote in any manner not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Delaware or the Company's certificate of incorporation.

**Delaware Law**

The Company is subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL regulating corporate takeovers. In general, those provisions prohibit a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years following the time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to that time, the board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced; or
- at or after that time, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at a meeting of stockholders by at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

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As defined in Section 203 of the DGCL, business combination generally includes the following:

- mergers or consolidations involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;
- sales, leases, exchanges, mortgages, pledges, transfers and other dispositions of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder;

- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;
- transactions involving the corporation that have the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of the corporation which is owned by the interested stockholder; and
- receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines an interested stockholder as any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling, controlled by, or under common control with any of these entities or persons.

#### **Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

The Company's certificate of incorporation limits or eliminates the personal liability of the Company's directors to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL. The DGCL expressly permits a corporation to provide that its directors will not be liable for monetary damages for a breach of their fiduciary duties as directors, except for liability:

- for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders;
- for any act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- under Section 174 of the DGCL (relating to unlawful stock repurchases, redemptions or other distributions or payment of dividends); or
- for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

These limitations of liability do not generally affect the availability of equitable remedies such as injunctive relief or rescission. The Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws also authorize the Company to indemnify its officers, directors, employees and other agents to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL, and the Company may advance expenses to its directors, officers, employees and other agents in connection

with a legal proceeding, subject to limited exceptions.

As permitted by the DGCL, the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that:

- the Company must indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL and advance expenses to its directors and officers in connection with a legal proceeding, subject to limited exceptions; and

- the Company may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of its current or former directors, officers, employees or agents against any liability asserted against them and incurred by them in any such capacity, or arising out of their status as such.

The Company has entered into separate indemnification agreements with each of its directors and officers that require the Company to indemnify them to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. These indemnification agreements also require the Company to advance any expenses incurred by its directors and officers as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

The limited liability and indemnification provisions in the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws and in the indemnification agreements the Company has entered into with its directors and officers may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against the Company's directors for breach of their fiduciary duties and may reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against the Company's directors and officers, even though a derivative action, if successful, might otherwise benefit the Company and its stockholders. A stockholder's investment in the Company may be adversely affected to the extent the Company pays the costs of settlement or damage awards against its directors and officers under these indemnification provisions.

## Item 2. Exhibits.

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| 4.1            | Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to CF Industries Holdings, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2014, File No. 333-195936)                                  |
| 4.2            | Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws of CF Industries Holdings, Inc., effective October 14, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to CF Industries Holdings, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 16, 2015, File No. 001-32597) |
| 4.3            | Specimen common stock certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to CF Industries Holdings, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 2015, File No. 001-32597)  |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: October 16, 2015

CF INDUSTRIES HOLDINGS, INC.

By: */s/ Douglas C. Barnard*  
Douglas C. Barnard  
Senior Vice President, General  
Counsel, and Secretary

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