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The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to these securities has become effective upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We are not using this prospectus supplement or the attached prospectus to offer or sell these securities or to solicit offers to buy these securities in any place where the offer is not permitted.

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED MAY 17, 2011**

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT  
(To prospectus dated August 4, 2010)**

**\$  
TOTAL CAPITAL CANADA LTD.  
  
(A wholly-owned subsidiary of TOTAL S.A.)  
consisting of  
Floating Rate Guaranteed Notes Due  
Guaranteed on an unsecured, unsubordinated basis by  
  
TOTAL S.A.**

The floating rate notes due May , (the notes ) will bear interest at an interest rate for each interest period equal to 3-month U.S. dollar LIBOR plus basis points, as described in this prospectus supplement. Total Capital Canada Ltd. will pay interest on the notes on February , May , August and November of each year, beginning on August , 2011. Interest on the notes will accrue from May , 2011. The notes will mature on May , . The notes will be issued only in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

Payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes is guaranteed by TOTAL S.A.

We may redeem the notes at any time at 100% of the principal amount upon the occurrence of certain tax events described in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus.

*See Risk Factors beginning on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement, on page 4 of the attached prospectus and on page 4 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus, to read about factors you should consider before investing in the notes.*

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

The underwriters propose to offer the notes from time to time for sale in negotiated transactions, or otherwise, at varying prices to be determined at the time of each sale. The underwriters have agreed to purchase the notes from us at % of their principal amount (\$ of proceeds, before expenses, to Total Capital Canada Ltd.), plus accrued interest, if any, from , 2011, subject to the terms and conditions in the underwriting agreement between the underwriters and us.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ) and its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ( Euroclear ) and Clearstream Banking, Luxembourg ( Clearstream ), against payment in New York, New York on or about May , 2011.

**Citi**

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**J.P. Morgan**

**Prospectus Supplement dated May , 2011.**

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*In this prospectus, unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms we, our and us refer to both TOTAL S.A. and Total Capital Canada Ltd., TOTAL refers to TOTAL S.A., the Total Group refers to TOTAL and its subsidiaries, and Total Canada refers to Total Capital Canada Ltd.*

**INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION FILED WITH THE SEC**

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, referred to herein as the SEC, allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus the information in documents filed with the SEC, which means that:

incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus;

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

information filed with the SEC in the future will automatically update and supersede this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus.

The information that we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus.

We incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus the documents described in *Where You Can Find More Information About Us* in the attached prospectus which we filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, referred to herein as the Exchange Act, except to the extent amended or superseded by subsequent filings. We also incorporate by reference any future filings that we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement but before the end of the notes offering and that, in the case of any future filings on Form 6-K, are identified in such filing as being incorporated into this prospectus supplement or the attached prospectus.

The documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus and, in particular, those set forth below contain important information about TOTAL and its financial condition. We incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus the following documents:

TOTAL's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on March 28, 2011;

TOTAL's Report on Form 6-K, furnished to the SEC on May 4, 2011; and

TOTAL's Report on Form 6-K, furnished to the SEC on May 17, 2011.

You should read *Where You Can Find More Information About Us* in the attached prospectus for information on how to obtain the documents incorporated by reference or other information relating to TOTAL.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

No person has been authorized to provide you with information that is different from what is contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus, and, if given or made, such information must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the notes to which it relates or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such notes by any person in any circumstances

in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus supplement or that the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to its date.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus and the offering and sale of the notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus come are required by us and the underwriters to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

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To the extent that the offer of the notes is made in any EEA Member State that has implemented Directive 2003/71/EC (together with any applicable implementing measures in any Member State, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive (Directive 2010/73/EU) to the extent implemented in the relevant Member State, the Prospectus Directive ) before the date of publication of an approved prospectus in relation to such notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Member State in accordance with the Prospectus Directive (or, where appropriate, published in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and notified to the competent authority in that Member State in accordance with the Prospectus Directive), the offer (including any offer pursuant to this document) is only addressed to qualified investors in that Member State within the meaning of the Prospectus Directive or has been or will be made otherwise in circumstances that do not require us or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to the Prospectus Directive.

In the United Kingdom, this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus is only being distributed to and is only directed at (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the Order ) or (ii) high net worth companies, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons ). The notes are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such notes will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

TOTAL s headquarters are located at 2, place Jean Millier, La Défense 6, 92400 Courbevoie, France.

Total Canada s headquarters are located at 2900, 240<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 4H4, Canada.

In this prospectus, references to United States dollars , U.S. dollars , dollars , US\$ and \$ are to the currency of the United States and references to euros and are to the single European currency adopted by certain participating member countries of the European Union.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Investing in the securities offered using this prospectus involves risk. You should consider carefully the risks described below, together with the risks described in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and any risk factors included in the attached prospectus, before you decide to buy our notes. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition and results of operations could suffer, and the trading price and liquidity of the securities offered using this prospectus could decline, in which case you may lose all or part of your investment.*

**Risks related to the offering and owning the notes**

*Since TOTAL is a holding company and currently conducts its operations through subsidiaries, your right to receive payments on the notes and the guarantee is subordinated to the other liabilities of TOTAL's subsidiaries.*

TOTAL is organized as a holding company, and substantially all of its operations are carried on through subsidiaries. TOTAL's principal source of income is the dividends and distributions it receives from its subsidiaries. On an unconsolidated basis, TOTAL's obligations consisted of 37,735 million of debt as of March 31, 2011. TOTAL's ability to meet its financial obligations is dependent upon the availability of cash flows from its domestic and foreign subsidiaries and affiliated companies through dividends, intercompany advances, management fees and other payments. TOTAL's subsidiaries are not guarantors on the notes. Moreover, these subsidiaries and affiliated companies are not required and may not be able to pay dividends to TOTAL. Claims of the creditors of TOTAL's subsidiaries have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over the claims of creditors of TOTAL. Consequently, holders of Total Canada's notes that are guaranteed by TOTAL are in fact structurally subordinated, on TOTAL's insolvency, to the prior claims of the creditors of TOTAL's subsidiaries.

In addition, some of TOTAL's subsidiaries are subject to laws restricting the amount of dividends they may pay. For example, these laws may prohibit dividend payments when net assets would fall below subscribed share capital, when the subsidiary lacks available profits or when the subsidiary fails to meet certain capital and reserve requirements. For example, French law prohibits those subsidiaries incorporated in France from paying dividends unless these payments are made out of distributable profits. These profits consist of accumulated, realized profits, which have not been previously utilized, less accumulated, realized losses, which have not been previously written off. Other statutory and general law obligations may also affect the ability of directors of TOTAL's subsidiaries to declare dividends and the ability of our subsidiaries to make payments to us on account of intercompany loans.

*Since the notes are unsecured, your right to receive payments may be adversely affected.*

The notes will be unsecured. The notes are not subordinated to any of our other debt obligations, and therefore they will rank equally with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness (save for certain mandatory exceptions provided by French and Canadian law). There is no limitation on TOTAL's or Total Canada's ability to issue secured debt. As of March 31, 2011, TOTAL had approximately 274 million of consolidated secured indebtedness outstanding and Total Canada had no secured indebtedness outstanding. If Total Canada, as issuer of the notes, defaults on the notes or TOTAL, as guarantor, defaults on the guarantee, or after bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, then, to the extent the relevant obligor has granted security over its assets, the assets that secure that entity's debts will be used to satisfy the obligations under that secured debt before the obligor can make payment on the notes or the guarantee. There may only be limited assets available to make payments on the notes or the guarantee in the event of an acceleration of the notes. If there is not enough collateral to satisfy the obligations of the secured debt, then the remaining amounts on the secured debt would share equally with all unsubordinated unsecured indebtedness (save for certain mandatory exceptions provided by French and Canadian law).



*At any point in time there may or may not be an active trading market for our notes.*

At any point in time there may or may not be an active trading market for our notes. We have not and do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange or automated quotation system. In addition, underwriters, broker-dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the notes may make a market in the notes as permitted by applicable laws and regulations but will have no obligation to do so, and any such market-making activities with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. If any of the notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price. Among the factors that could cause the notes to trade at a discount are: an increase in prevailing interest rates; a decline in our credit worthiness; the time remaining to the maturity; a weakness in the market for similar securities; and declining general economic conditions.

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(Unaudited)

The following table sets out the unaudited consolidated capitalization and long-term indebtedness, as well as short-term indebtedness, of the Group as of March 31, 2011, prepared on the basis of IFRS.

| <b>(In millions of euros)</b>  | <b>At March 31, 2011</b> |                       |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b>Actual</b>            | <b>As adjusted(1)</b> |
| <b>Current financial debt, including current portion of non-current financial debt</b> |                          |                       |
| Current portion of non-current financial debt  | 5,367                    | 5,367                 |
| Current financial debt   | 6,307                    | 6,307                 |
| Current portion of financial instruments for interest rate swaps liabilities           | 100                      | 100                   |
| Other current financial instruments liabilities  | 217                      | 217                   |
| <b>Total current financial debt</b>  | <b>11,991</b>            | <b>11,991</b>         |
| <b>Non-current financial debt</b>  | <b>20,215</b>            |                       |
| <b>Minority interests</b>  | <b>898</b>               | <b>898</b>            |
| <b>Shareholders equity</b>   |                          |                       |
| Common shares  | 5,878                    | 5,878                 |
| Paid-in surplus and retained earnings  | 64,677                   | 64,677                |
| Currency translation adjustment  | (4,517)                  | (4,517)               |
| Treasury shares  | (3,503)                  | (3,503)               |
| <b>Total shareholders equity</b>   | <b>62,535</b>            | <b>62,535</b>         |
| <b>Total capitalization and non-current indebtedness</b>                               | <b>83,648</b>            |                       |

(1) As adjusted to reflect the issuance of debt securities offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement translated from U.S. dollars into euro using the May 3, 2011 European Central Bank reference exchange rate of 1=\$ for a total amount of .

As of March 31, 2011, TOTAL had an authorized share capital of 3,439,302,131 ordinary shares with a par value of 2.50 per share, and an issued share capital of 2,351,139,024 ordinary shares (including 112,486,903 treasury shares from shareholders equity).

As of March 31, 2011, approximately 274 million of TOTAL s non-current financial debt was secured and approximately 19,941 million was unsecured, and all of TOTAL s current financial debt of 6,307 million was unsecured. As of March 31, 2011, TOTAL had no outstanding guarantees from third parties relating to its consolidated indebtedness. For more information about TOTAL s commitments and contingencies, see Note 23 of the Notes to TOTAL s audited consolidated financial statements in its Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on March 28, 2011.

Except as disclosed herein, there have been no material changes in the consolidated capitalization, indebtedness and contingent liabilities of TOTAL since March 31, 2011.

The annual shareholders meeting of TOTAL S.A., held on May 13, 2011, approved the distribution of a cash dividend for 2010 of 2.28 per share. Taking into account the interim dividend of 1.14 per share paid on November 17, 2010, the remaining balance of 1.14 per share, representing approximately 2.7 billion, will be paid on May 26, 2011.

On April 28, 2011, the board of directors of TOTAL S.A. approved an interim dividend of 0.57 per share, representing approximately 1.4 billion, to be paid on September 22, 2011.

<sup>1</sup> The ex-dividend date for the remainder of the 2010 dividend will be May 23, 2011; for the ADR (NYSE: TOT) the ex-dividend date is May 18, 2011.

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**DESCRIPTION OF NOTES**

This section outlines the specific financial and legal terms of the notes that are more generally described under Description of Debt Securities and Guarantee beginning on page 7 of the prospectus that is attached to this prospectus supplement. If anything described in this section is inconsistent with the terms described under Description of Debt Securities and Guarantee in the attached prospectus, the terms described below shall prevail.

The term notes shall mean the notes of each series originally issued on the original issuance date taken together with any additional notes of the same series subsequently issued.

*Issuer:* Total Capital Canada Ltd.

*Guarantor:* TOTAL S.A.

*Title:* Floating Rate Guaranteed Notes due May , .

*Total initial principal amount being issued:* \$ .

*Public Offering Price:* %.

*Issuance date:* May , 2011.

*Maturity date:* The notes will mature on May , .

*Interest rate:* The interest rate for the first interest period will be the 3-month U.S. dollar London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), as determined on May , 2011, plus a margin of %. Thereafter, the interest rate for any interest period will be U.S. dollar LIBOR, as determined on the applicable interest determination date (as defined below), plus a margin of %. The interest rate will be reset quarterly on each interest reset date (as defined below).

*LIBOR:* With respect to any interest determination date, LIBOR will be the rate for deposits in U.S. dollars having a maturity of three months commencing on the interest reset date that appears on the designated LIBOR page as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on that interest determination date. If no rate appears, LIBOR, in respect of that interest determination date, will be determined as follows: the calculation agent (as defined below) will request the principal London offices of each of four major reference banks in the London interbank market (which may include the calculation agent, the paying agents or their affiliates), as selected by the calculation agent (after consultation with the Issuer), to provide the calculation agent with its offered quotation for deposits in U.S. dollars for the period of three months, commencing on the interest reset date, to prime banks in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on that interest determination date and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in U.S. dollars in that market at that time. If at least two quotations are provided, then LIBOR on that interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of those quotations (rounded if necessary to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards). If fewer than two quotations are provided, then LIBOR on the interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates quoted at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the interest determination date by three major banks in The City of New York (which may include the calculation agent, the paying agents or their affiliates) selected by the calculation agent (after

consultation with the Issuer) for loans in U.S. dollars to leading European banks, having a three-month maturity and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in U.S. dollars in that market at that time; provided, however, that if the banks selected by the calculation agent are not providing quotations in the manner described by this sentence, LIBOR determined as of that interest determination date will be LIBOR in effect on that interest determination date. The designated LIBOR page is the Reuters screen LIBOR01 , or any successor service for the purpose of displaying the London interbank rates of major banks for U.S. dollars. The Reuters screen LIBOR01 is the display designated as the Reuters screen LIBOR01 , or such other page as may replace the Reuters screen LIBOR01 on that service or such other service or services as may be denominated by the British Bankers Association for the purpose of displaying London interbank offered rates for U.S. dollar deposits. All calculations made by the calculation agent for the purposes of calculating the interest rate on the notes shall

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be conclusive and binding on the holders of the notes, the Issuer, the Guarantor and the trustee, absent manifest error.

*Day count:* For each interest period, interest will be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed and a 360-day year.

*Day count convention:* With respect to each of the notes, if any interest reset date or interest payment date (other than the maturity date) would otherwise be a day that is not a floating rate business day, the relevant date will be postponed to the next day that is a floating rate business day, provided, however, that if that date would fall in the next succeeding calendar month, such date will be the immediately preceding floating rate business day. If any such interest payment date (other than the maturity date) is postponed or brought forward as described above, the interest amount will be adjusted accordingly. If the maturity date falls on a day that is not a floating rate business day, payment of principal and interest on the notes will be made on the next day that is a floating rate business day, and no interest will accrue for the period from and after the maturity date. A floating rate business day for these purposes is any day that is a New York business day and a London business day.

*Date interest starts accruing:* May , 2011.

*New York business day:* Any weekday on which banking or trust institutions in the City of New York are not authorized generally or obligated by law, regulation or executive order to close.

*London business day:* Any weekday on which banking or trust institutions in London are not authorized generally or obligated by law, regulation or executive order to close.

*Interest payment dates:* Each February , May , August and November , subject to adjustment in accordance with the day count convention specified above.

*First interest payment date:* August , 2011.

*Interest reset date:* The interest reset date for each interest period other than the first interest period will be the first day of such interest period, subject to adjustment in accordance with the day count convention specified above.

*Interest period:* The period beginning on, and including, an interest payment date and ending on, but not including, the following interest payment date; provided that the first interest period will begin on May , 2011, and will end on, but not include, the first interest payment date.

*Interest determination date:* The interest determination date relating to a particular interest reset date will be the second London business day preceding such interest reset date.

*Calculation agent:* The Bank of New York Mellon.

*Regular record dates for interest:* Each February , May , August and November .

*Guarantee:* Payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes is guaranteed by TOTAL. For more information about the guarantee, you should read Description of Debt Securities and Guarantee beginning on page 7 of the attached prospectus.

*Ranking:* The notes and the guarantees will constitute unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of Total Canada and TOTAL S.A., respectively, and will rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding.

*Name of depositary:* The Depository Trust Company, commonly referred to as DTC .

*Form of notes:* The notes will be issued as one or more global securities. You should read Description of Debt Securities and Guarantee Legal Ownership Global Securities beginning on page 9 of the attached prospectus for more information about global securities. The notes will be issued in the form of global securities deposited with DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co, as the nominee of DTC. Beneficial interests in the notes may be held through DTC, Clearstream or Euroclear. For more information

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about global securities held through DTC, Clearstream or Euroclear, you should read Clearance and Settlement beginning on page 18 of the prospectus.

*Redemption:* The notes are not redeemable, except as described under Description of Debt Securities and Guarantee Optional Tax Redemption beginning on page 16 of the attached prospectus; the provisions for optional tax redemption described therein will apply to changes in tax treatment occurring after the issuance date; at maturity, the notes will be repaid at par.

*Additional Amounts:* We will make payments on the notes without withholding any taxes unless otherwise required to do so by law. If the Republic of France, Canada or any tax authority in these jurisdictions requires Total Canada or TOTAL to withhold or deduct amounts from payment on a note or any amounts to be paid under the guarantee in respect of the notes or as additional amounts for or on account of taxes or any other governmental charges, or any other jurisdiction requires such withholding or deduction as a result of a merger or similar event, Total Canada or TOTAL may be required to pay you an additional amount so that the net amount you receive will be the amount specified in the note to which you are entitled as more fully described in the attached prospectus.

*Sinking fund:* There is no sinking fund.

*Trustee:* Total Canada will issue the notes under an indenture with The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, entered into on January 28, 2011, which is referred to on page 7 of the attached prospectus.

*Net proceeds:* The net proceeds will be \$ (before expenses).

*Listing:* We do not plan to have the notes listed on any securities exchange.

*Risk factors:* You should read carefully all of the information in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus, which includes information incorporated by reference. In particular, you should evaluate the specific factors under Risk Factors beginning on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement, on page 4 of the attached prospectus and on page 4 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 for risks involved with an investment in the notes.

*Further issues:* We may issue notes of the same series as the notes offered hereby without the consent of holders of such notes. Any additional notes so issued will have the same terms as the existing notes in all respects (except for the first interest payment on the new notes, if any), so that such additional notes will be consolidated and form a single series with the existing notes.

*Governing law and jurisdiction:* The indenture and the notes are governed by New York law. Any legal proceeding arising out of or based upon the indenture and the notes may be instituted in any state or federal court in the Borough of Manhattan in New York City, New York.

*Timing and delivery:* We currently expect delivery of the notes to occur on or about May , 2011, which will be the fifth business day following the initial date of trading of the notes (such settlement cycle being referred to as T+5 ). Under applicable rules and regulations, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on the initial trading date of the notes and the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+5, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of notes who wish to trade notes on the initial date of trading of the notes or the next succeeding business day should consult their own advisor.



CUSIP/ISIN: / .

### USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions but before expenses of the offering) from the sale of the notes will be approximately \$ . We intend to use the proceeds from the sale of the notes for general corporate purposes.

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TOTAL publishes its consolidated financial statements in euros. As used in this prospectus supplement, the term **Noon Buying Rate** refers to the rate of exchange for euros, expressed in U.S. dollars per euro, as announced by The Federal Reserve Bank of New York for customs purposes as the rate in The City of New York for cable transfers payable in foreign currencies. Effective January 1, 2009, The Federal Reserve Bank discontinued the daily publication of Noon Buying Rates.

The following tables set out the average dollar/euro exchange rate for the years indicated, based on the Noon Buying Rate expressed in dollars per 1.00. Such rates are not used by TOTAL in preparation of its consolidated financial statements. No representation is made that the euro could have been converted into dollars at the rates shown or at any other rates for such periods or at such dates.

**DOLLAR/EURO EXCHANGE RATES**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Average Rate<br/>(a)</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 2006        | 1.26                        |
| 2007        | 1.37                        |
| 2008        | 1.47                        |
| 2009        | 1.40                        |
| 2010        | 1.33                        |

*(a) The average of the Noon Buying Rate expressed in dollars/euro on the last business day of each full month during the relevant year.*

The table below shows the high and low dollar/euro exchange rates for the six months listed below based on the Noon Buying Rate expressed in dollars per euro.

**DOLLAR/EURO EXCHANGE RATES**

| <b>Period</b>           | <b>High</b> | <b>Low</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
| November 2010           | 1.42        | 1.30       |
| December 2010           | 1.34        | 1.31       |
| January 2011            | 1.37        | 1.29       |
| February 2011           | 1.38        | 1.35       |
| March 2011              | 1.42        | 1.38       |
| April 2011              | 1.48        | 1.42       |
| May 2011 (up to May 13) | 1.49        | 1.41       |

The European Central Bank reference exchange rate on May 13, 2011 for the dollar against the euro was \$1.43/ .



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Subject to the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement with Total Canada and TOTAL, dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to each underwriter, the principal amount of notes set forth opposite the name of each underwriter:

| <b>Underwriters</b>           | <b>Principal Amount of<br/>the Notes</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc. | \$                                       |
| J.P. Morgan Securities LLC    | \$                                       |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$</b>                                |

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not plan to have the notes listed on any securities exchange or included in any quotation system and there may be little or no secondary market for the notes. Total Canada and TOTAL have been advised by the underwriters that they intend to make a market in the notes but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes.

Delivery of the notes will be made against payment on May , 2011. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades of securities in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, referred to as T+3, unless the parties to a trade agree otherwise. Accordingly, by virtue of the fact that the initial delivery of the notes will not be made on a T+3 basis, investors who wish to trade the notes before a final settlement will be required to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. See Description of Notes Timing and Delivery.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and their affiliates have provided from time to time, and expect to provide in the future, investment and commercial banking and financial advisory services (including entering into swap arrangements) to TOTAL and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the issuer. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

The underwriters propose to offer the notes from time to time for sale in negotiated transactions, or otherwise, at varying prices to be determined at the time of each sale. The underwriters have agreed to purchase the notes from us

at % of their principal amount (\$ of proceeds, before expenses, to Total Capital Canada Ltd.), plus accrued interest, if any, from , 2011, subject to the terms and conditions in the underwriting agreement between the underwriters and us.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes while the offering is in progress. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased shares sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

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These activities by the underwriters may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the notes. As a result, the price of the notes may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Total Canada and TOTAL have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

## **European Economic Area**

Each underwriter has represented, warranted and agreed that:

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date), it has not made and will not make an offer of notes to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of notes to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time:

to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive; or

to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 Prospectus Directive Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriters for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive

provided, that no such offer of notes shall require us or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 Prospectus Directive Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression 2010 Prospectus Directive Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

This European Economic Area selling restriction is in addition to the other selling restrictions set out below.

## **France**

Each underwriter has represented, warranted and agreed that:

(a) no prospectus (including any amendment, supplement or replacement thereto) or any other offering material in connection with the offering of the notes has been submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* or of the competent authority of another State that is a contracting party to the Agreement on the European

Economic Area and notified to the *Autorité des marchés financiers*;

(b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, the notes to the public in France, and has not released, issued, distributed or caused to be released, issued or distributed to the public in France or used in connection with any offer for subscription or sale of the notes, the Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and shall be made in France only (i) to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) and/or a restricted circle of investors (*cercle restreint d investisseurs*), in each case investing for their own account and as provided in Articles L. 411-2, D. 411-1 to D. 411-4, D. 734-1, D. 744-1, D. 754-1 and D. 764-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, or

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(ii) to investment services providers authorized to engage in portfolio management on behalf of third parties, or (iii) in a transaction that, in accordance with Article L.411-2-I-1°-or-2° -or 3° of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and Article 211-2 of the General Regulations (*Règlement Général*) of the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*, does not constitute an offer of securities to the public (*offre au public de titres financiers*); and

(c) the notes may be resold only in compliance with Articles L. 411-1, L. 411-2, L. 412-1 and L. 621-8 to L. 621-8-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

**United Kingdom**

Each underwriter has represented, warranted and agreed that:

(a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the FSMA )) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Offered Securities in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Company or the Guarantor; and

(b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

**Canada**

Each underwriter has represented, warranted and agreed not to offer, sell, solicit an offer to purchase or take any other action in furtherance of a trade in the notes in Canada or any province or territory thereof unless such offer, sale, solicitation or other action is made pursuant to an exemption from the requirements to file a prospectus with the relevant Canadian securities regulators and only by a dealer properly registered under applicable provincial or territorial securities laws or, alternatively, pursuant to an exemption from the dealer registration requirement in the relevant province or territory of Canada in which such offer, sale, solicitation or other action is made or taken.



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**PROSPECTUS**

**TOTAL S.A.**

**TOTAL CAPITAL**  
**(A wholly-owned subsidiary of TOTAL S.A.)**

**FULLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED**  
**by**  
**TOTAL S.A.**

**TOTAL CAPITAL CANADA LTD.**  
**(A wholly-owned subsidiary of TOTAL S.A.)**

**FULLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED**  
**by**  
**TOTAL S.A.**  
**(GUARANTEED) DEBT SECURITIES**

TOTAL S.A., Total Capital or Total Capital Canada Ltd. may use this prospectus from time to time to offer debt securities. Debt securities offered by Total Capital and/or Total Capital Canada Ltd. using this prospectus will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by TOTAL S.A., and are referred to as guaranteed debt securities in this prospectus.

You should read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement carefully before you invest. We may sell these securities to or through underwriters, and also to other purchasers or through agents. The names of the underwriters will be set forth in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

**Investing in these securities involves certain risks. See **Risk Factors** beginning on page 4.**

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

Prospectus dated August 4, 2010.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time TOTAL S.A., Total Capital or Total Capital Canada Ltd. sells securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of those securities and their offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information About Us .

In this prospectus, the terms we , our and us refer to TOTAL S.A. or, in connection with an offering by Total Capital, both TOTAL S.A. and Total Capital or, in connection with an offering by Total Capital Canada Ltd., both TOTAL S.A. and Total Capital Canada Ltd., TOTAL refers to TOTAL S.A., the Total Group refers to TOTAL and its subsidiaries, Total Capital refers to Total Capital and Total Canada refers to Total Capital Canada Ltd. Any debt securities of Total Capital or Total Canada which are offered using this prospectus will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by TOTAL, and are referred to as guaranteed debt securities.

### ENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL LIABILITIES

TOTAL and Total Capital are *sociétés anonymes* incorporated under the laws of France. Total Canada is a corporation incorporated under the laws of Alberta, Canada. Many of our directors and officers, and some of the experts named in this document, reside outside the United States, principally in France and Canada. In addition, although we have assets in the United States, a large portion of our assets and the assets of our directors and officers is located outside of the United States. As a result, although we have appointed Corporation Service Company, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 210, New York, NY 10036 as agent for service of process under the registration statement to which this prospectus relates, U.S. investors may find it difficult in a lawsuit based on the civil liability provisions of the

U.S. federal securities laws:

to effect service within the United States upon us or our directors and officers located outside the United States;

to enforce in U.S. courts or outside the United States judgments obtained against us or those persons in the U.S. courts;

to enforce in U.S. courts judgments obtained against us or those persons in courts in jurisdictions outside the United States; and

to enforce against us or those persons in France, Canada or in other jurisdictions outside the United States, whether in original actions or in actions for the enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, civil liabilities based solely upon the U.S. federal securities laws.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Investing in the securities offered using this prospectus involves risk. You should consider carefully the risks described below, together with the risks described in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and any risk factors included in the prospectus supplement, before you decide to buy our securities. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition and results of operations could suffer, and the trading price and liquidity of the securities offered using this prospectus could decline, in which case you may lose all or part of your investment.*

**Risks Relating to TOTAL's Business**

You should read "Risk Factors" in TOTAL's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, for information on risks relating to TOTAL's business.

**Risks related to the offering and owning the debt securities**

*Since TOTAL is a holding company and currently conducts its operations through subsidiaries, your right to receive payments on the debt securities and the guarantee is subordinated to the other liabilities of TOTAL's subsidiaries.*

TOTAL is organized as a holding company, and substantially all of its operations are carried on through subsidiaries. TOTAL's principal source of income is the dividends and distributions it receives from its subsidiaries. On an unconsolidated basis, TOTAL's obligations consisted of 35,458 M of debt as of June 30, 2010. TOTAL's ability to meet its financial obligations is dependent upon the availability of cash flows from its domestic and foreign subsidiaries and affiliated companies through dividends, intercompany advances, management fees and other payments. TOTAL's subsidiaries are not guarantors on the debt securities we may offer, with any of TOTAL, Total Capital or Total Canada as issuer. Moreover, these subsidiaries and affiliated companies are not required and may not be able to pay dividends to TOTAL. Claims of the creditors of TOTAL's subsidiaries have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over the claims of creditors of TOTAL. Consequently, holders of TOTAL's debt securities, Total Capital's debt securities or Total Canada's debt securities that are guaranteed by TOTAL are in fact structurally subordinated, on TOTAL's insolvency, to the prior claims of the creditors of TOTAL's subsidiaries.

In addition, some of TOTAL's subsidiaries are subject to laws restricting the amount of dividends they may pay. For example, these laws may prohibit dividend payments when net assets would fall below subscribed share capital, when the subsidiary lacks available profits or when the subsidiary fails to meet certain capital and reserve requirements. For example, French law prohibits those subsidiaries incorporated in France from paying dividends unless these payments are made out of distributable profits. These profits consist of accumulated, realized profits, which have not been previously utilized, less accumulated, realized losses, which have not been previously written off. Other statutory and general law obligations may also affect the ability of directors of TOTAL's subsidiaries to declare dividends and the ability of our subsidiaries to make payments to us on account of intercompany loans.

*Since the debt securities are unsecured, your right to receive payments may be adversely affected.*

The debt securities that we are offering will be unsecured. The debt securities are not subordinated to any of our other debt obligations, and therefore they will rank equally with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness (save for certain mandatory exceptions provided by French and Canadian law). As of June 30, 2010, TOTAL had approximately 310 M of consolidated secured indebtedness outstanding, and Total Capital and Total Canada had no secured indebtedness outstanding. If any of TOTAL, Total Capital or Total Canada, as issuer of the debt securities,

defaults on the debt securities (or the guarantee in the case of TOTAL if it is relevant), or after bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, then, to the extent the relevant obligor has granted security over its assets, the assets that secure that entity's debts will be used to satisfy the obligations under that secured debt before the obligor can make payment on the debt securities or the guarantee. There may only be limited assets available to make payments on the debt securities or the guarantee in the event of an acceleration of the debt securities. If there is not enough collateral to satisfy the obligations of the secured debt, then the remaining amounts on the secured debt would share equally with all unsubordinated unsecured indebtedness (save for certain mandatory exceptions provided by French and Canadian law).

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Some of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although we have based these forward-looking statements on our expectations and projections about future events, it is possible that actual results may differ materially from our expectations. In many cases, we include a discussion of the factors that are most likely to cause forward-looking statements to differ from actual results together with the forward-looking statements themselves.

Information regarding important factors that could cause actual results to differ, perhaps materially, from those in our forward looking statements is contained under Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for 2009, which is incorporated in this prospectus by reference (and will be contained in any of our annual reports for a subsequent year that are so incorporated). See Where You Can Find More Information About Us below for information about how to obtain a copy of this annual report.

In light of the factors set forth in the applicable Annual Report on Form 20-F and the other factors described in this prospectus, the forward-looking events might not occur at all or may occur differently than as described. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or future events or for any other reason.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT US**

TOTAL files annual reports and other reports and information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document TOTAL files at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. In addition, TOTAL's SEC filings are available to the public at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

TOTAL's American depositary shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The principal trading market for TOTAL's shares is Euronext Paris. TOTAL's shares are also listed on Euronext Brussels and the London Stock Exchange. You can consult reports and other information about TOTAL that it files pursuant to the rules of the New York Stock Exchange at such exchange.

TOTAL has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document of TOTAL, the reference is only a summary and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's Internet site.

The SEC allows TOTAL to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information in documents filed with the SEC. This means that TOTAL can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Each document incorporated by reference is current only as of the date of such document, and the incorporation by reference of such documents shall not create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date thereof or that the information contained therein is current as of any time subsequent to its date. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus and should be read with the same care. When TOTAL updates the information contained in documents that have been incorporated by reference by making future filings with the SEC, the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus is considered to be automatically

updated and superseded. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information contained in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later.

TOTAL incorporates by reference the documents listed below and any documents TOTAL files with the SEC in the future under Section 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) until the offerings made under this prospectus are completed:

the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on April 1, 2010; and

the Report on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC on August 3, 2010.



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Furthermore, TOTAL incorporates by reference any reports on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC by TOTAL pursuant to the Exchange Act that indicate on their cover page that they are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, both after the date of the initial registration statement, and after the date of this prospectus and before the date that any offering of the securities by means of this prospectus is terminated.

The Annual Report on Form 20-F of TOTAL for the year ended December 31, 2009 contains a summary description of TOTAL's business and audited consolidated financial statements with an auditors' report by TOTAL's independent registered public accounting firms. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), which we refer to herein as "IFRS".

You may request a copy of these filings, other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing, at no cost, by writing to or telephoning TOTAL at the following address:

TOTAL S.A.  
2, place Jean Millier  
La Défense 6  
92078 Paris La Défense Cedex  
France  
(011) 331 4744 4546

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

**TOTAL S.A.**

TOTAL was incorporated on March 28, 1924 and has a duration until March 22, 2099, unless earlier dissolved or extended to a later date. TOTAL engages in all aspects of the petroleum industry, including upstream operations (oil and gas exploration, development and production, LNG) and downstream operations (refining, marketing and the trading and shipping of crude oil and petroleum products). TOTAL also produces base chemicals (petrochemicals and fertilizers) and specialty chemicals for the industrial and consumer markets. TOTAL began its upstream operations in the Middle East in 1924. Since that time, the Company has grown and expanded its operations worldwide. Most notably, in early 1999 TOTAL acquired control of PetroFina S.A. ( Petrofina or Fina ) and in early 2000, TOTAL acquired control of Elf Aquitaine S.A. ( Elf Aquitaine or Elf ). TOTAL currently owns 100% of Elf Aquitaine shares and, since early 2002, 100% of PetroFina shares. The Total Group operated under the name TotalFina from June 1999 to March 2000, and then under the name TotalFinaElf. Since May 2003, the Total Group has been operating once again under the name TOTAL.

**TOTAL CAPITAL**

Total Capital is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of TOTAL. It was incorporated as a *société anonyme* under the laws of France on December 15, 1999 under the name of DAJA 22, renamed TotalFinaElf Capital on July 17, 2000 and renamed Total Capital in May 2003. Total Capital is a financing vehicle for the Total Group and issues debt securities and commercial paper on behalf of the Total Group. Total Capital lends substantially all proceeds of its borrowings to the Total Group. TOTAL will fully and unconditionally guarantee the guaranteed debt securities issued

by Total Capital as to payment of principal, premium, if any, interest and any other amounts due.

**TOTAL CANADA**

Total Canada is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TOTAL. Total Canada was incorporated on April 9, 2007 under the Business Corporations Act (Alberta). Total Canada is a financing vehicle for the Total Group and issues debt securities and commercial paper. Total Canada lends substantially all proceeds of its borrowings to the Total Group. TOTAL will fully and unconditionally guarantee the guaranteed debt securities issued by Total Canada as to payment of principal, premium, if any, interest and any other amounts due.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in an accompanying prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of securities will be used for general corporate purposes. These purposes include working capital for TOTAL or other companies in the Total Group and the repayment of existing borrowings of TOTAL and its subsidiaries.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES AND GUARANTEE**

**General**

TOTAL may issue debt securities and Total Capital or Total Canada may issue guaranteed debt securities using this prospectus. As required by U.S. federal law for all bonds and notes of companies that are publicly offered, the debt securities that TOTAL may issue are governed by a contract between TOTAL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, called an indenture. In the same manner, the guaranteed debt securities that each of Total Capital or Total Canada may issue are governed by another, separate indenture, in each case among the respective issuer, TOTAL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee.

The trustee under the indentures has two main roles:

first, it can enforce your rights against us if we default. There are some limitations on the extent to which the trustee acts on your behalf, described under [Default and Related Matters](#) [Events of Default](#) [Remedies If an Event of Default Occurs](#) below; and

second, the trustee performs administrative duties for us, such as sending you interest payments, transferring your debt securities to a new buyer if you sell your debt securities and sending you notices.

Under the indenture for the guaranteed debt securities that may be issued by Total Capital or Total Canada, TOTAL acts as the guarantor. For the guaranteed debt securities that Total Capital or Total Canada may issue using this prospectus, TOTAL will fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the guaranteed debt securities, including certain additional amounts which may be payable under the debt securities and the guarantee, as described under [Special Situations](#) [Payment of Additional Amounts](#) . TOTAL will guarantee the payment of such amounts when such amounts become due and payable, whether at the stated maturity of the guaranteed debt securities, by declaration or acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise.

In other respects, the guaranteed debt securities are subject to the same material provisions as the other debt securities described below.

Each indenture and its associated documents contain the full legal text governing the matters described in this section. The indentures, the debt securities and the guarantee are governed by New York law. We and the trustee have agreed to, and each holder of a debt security by its acceptance thereof agrees to, waive the right to trial by jury with respect to any legal proceeding directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to the indentures or the debt securities. A form of each indenture is an exhibit to our registration statement. See [Where You Can Find More Information About Us](#) for information on how to obtain a copy.

The trustee will not be liable for special, indirect or consequential damages and will not be liable for any failure of its obligations caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

This section summarizes the material provisions of the indentures, the debt securities and, for the case of guaranteed debt securities, the guarantee. However, because it is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the indentures, the debt securities or the guarantee. This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to all the provisions of the indentures, including some of the terms used in the indentures. We describe the meaning for only the more important terms. We also include references in parentheses to some sections of the indentures. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the indentures in this prospectus or in the prospectus supplement, those sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference herein or in the prospectus supplement. This summary also is subject to and qualified by reference to the description of the particular terms of your series described in the prospectus supplement.

TOTAL, Total Capital and Total Canada may issue as many distinct series of debt securities under their respective indentures as we wish. This section summarizes all material terms of the debt securities that are common to all series, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series. References to we and us in this section refer to either TOTAL, or in connection with an offering of guaranteed debt securities, both TOTAL and Total Capital or TOTAL and Total Canada unless otherwise indicated.

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We may issue the debt securities as original issue discount securities, which are debt securities that are offered and sold at a substantial discount to their stated principal amount. (*Section 101*) Special U.S. federal income tax, accounting and other considerations may apply to original issue discount securities. These considerations are discussed below under *Tax Considerations United States Federal Income Taxation* . The debt securities may also be issued as indexed securities or securities denominated in foreign currencies or currency units, as described in more detail in the prospectus supplement relating to any such debt securities.

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we may issue debt securities of the same series as an outstanding series of debt securities without the consent of holders of securities in the outstanding series. Any additional debt securities so issued will have the same terms as the existing debt securities of the same series in all respects (except for the first interest payment on the new series, if any), so that such additional debt securities will be consolidated and form a single series with the existing debt securities of the same series.

In addition, the specific financial, legal and other terms particular to a series of debt securities are described in the prospectus supplement and the purchase agreement relating to the series. Those terms may vary from the terms described here. Accordingly, this summary also is subject to and qualified by reference to the description of the terms of the series described in the prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to a series of debt securities will describe the following terms of the series:

the title of the series of debt securities;

any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the series of debt securities;

any stock exchange, if any, on which we list the series of debt securities;

the date or dates on which we will pay the principal of the series of debt securities;

the rate or rates, which may be fixed or variable, per annum at which the series of debt securities will bear interest, if any, and the date or dates from which that interest, if any, will accrue;

the dates on which interest, if any, on the series of debt securities will be payable and the regular record dates for the interest payment dates;

any mandatory or optional sinking funds or analogous provisions or provisions for redemption at the option of the holder;

the date, if any, after which and the price or prices at which the series of debt securities may, in accordance with any optional or mandatory redemption provisions that are not described in this prospectus, be redeemed and the other detailed terms and provisions of those optional or mandatory redemption provisions, if any;

the denominations in which the series of debt securities will be issuable if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000;

the currency of payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the series of debt securities if other than the currency of the United States of America and the manner of determining the equivalent amount in the currency of the United States of America, if applicable;

any index used to determine the amount of payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the series of debt securities;

whether we will be required to pay additional amounts for withholding taxes or other governmental charges and, if applicable, a related right to an optional tax redemption for such a series;

whether the series of debt securities will be issuable in whole or in part in the form of a global security as described under Legal Ownership Global Securities , and the depositary or its nominee with respect to the series of debt securities, and any special circumstances under which the global security may be registered for transfer or exchange in the name of a person other than the depositary or its nominee; and

any other special features of the series of debt securities.

The debt securities will be issued only in fully registered form without interest coupons.

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**Legal Ownership**

***Street Name and Other Indirect Holders***

We generally will not recognize investors who hold securities in accounts at banks or brokers as legal holders of securities. When we refer to the holders of securities, we mean only the actual legal and (if applicable) record holder of those securities. Holding securities in accounts at banks or brokers is called holding in street name. If you hold securities in street name, we will recognize only the bank or broker or the financial institution the bank or broker uses to hold its securities. These intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions pass along principal, interest and other payments on the securities, either because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. If you hold securities in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

how it handles securities payments and notices;

whether it imposes fees or charges;

how it would handle voting if it were ever required to vote;

whether and how you can instruct it to send you securities registered in your own name so you can be a direct holder as described below; and

how it would pursue rights under the securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests.

***Direct Holders***

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of the trustee and those of any third parties employed by us or the trustee, under the securities run only to persons who are registered as holders of securities. As noted above, we do not have obligations to you if you hold in street name or other indirect means, either because you choose to hold securities in that manner or because the securities are issued in the form of global securities as described below. For example, once we make payment to the registered holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment even if that holder is legally required to pass the payment along to you as a street name customer but does not do so.

***Global Securities***

*What is a Global Security?* A global security is a special type of indirectly held security, as described above under *Street Name and Other Indirect Holders* . If we choose to issue securities in the form of global securities, the ultimate beneficial owners can only be indirect holders.

We require that the securities included in the global security not be transferred to the name of any other direct holder unless the special circumstances described below occur. The financial institution that acts as the sole direct holder of the global security is called the depositary. Any person wishing to own a security must do so indirectly by virtue of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depositary. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering of a series of securities will indicate whether the series will be issued only in the form of global securities.

*Special Investor Considerations for Global Securities.* As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depositary, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. We do not recognize this type of investor as a holder of securities and instead deal only with the depositary that holds the global security.

If you are an investor in securities that are issued only in the form of global securities, you should be aware that:

You cannot get securities registered in your own name.

You cannot receive physical certificates for your interest in the securities.



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You will be a street name holder and must look to your own bank or broker for payments on the securities and protection of your legal rights relating to the securities, as explained earlier under **Street Name and Other Indirect Holders** .

You may not be able to sell interests in the securities to some insurance companies and other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in the form of physical certificates.

The depository's policies will govern payments, transfers, exchange and other matters relating to your interest in the global security. We and the trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depository's actions or for its records of ownership interests in the global security. We and the trustee also do not supervise the depository in any way.

*Special Situations When the Global Security Will Be Terminated.* In a few special situations described below, the global security will terminate and interests in it will be exchanged for physical certificates representing securities. After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own bank or brokers to find out how to have their interests in securities transferred to their own name so that they will be direct holders. The rights of street name investors and direct holders in the securities have been previously described in the subsections entitled **Street Name and Other Indirect Holders** and **Direct Holders** .

The special situations for termination of a global security are:

When the depository notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depository.

When an event of default on the securities has occurred and has not been cured. Defaults on debt securities are discussed below under **Description of Debt Securities and Guarantee** **Default and Related Matters** **Events of Default** .

When the issuer or guarantor notifies the trustee that the global security is exchangeable for physical certificates.

The prospectus supplement may also list additional situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of securities covered by the prospectus supplement. When a global security terminates, the depository, and not we or the trustee, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions that will be the initial direct holders.

***In the remainder of this description of debt securities you means direct holders and not street name or other indirect holders of securities. Indirect holders should read the previous subsection entitled **Street Name and Other Indirect Holders** .***

## **Overview of Remainder of This Description**

The remainder of this description summarizes:

***Additional mechanics*** relevant to the debt securities under normal circumstances, such as how you transfer ownership and where we make payments.

Your rights under several *special situations*, such as if we merge with another company or if we want to change a term of the debt securities.

Your rights to receive *payment of additional amounts* due to changes in French tax withholding or deduction requirements.

Your rights if we *default* or experience other financial difficulties.

Our relationship with the *trustee*.

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### **Additional Mechanics**

#### ***Exchange and Transfer***

The debt securities will be issued:

only in fully registered form;

without interest coupons; and

unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, in denominations that are even multiples of \$1,000.

You may have your debt securities broken into more debt securities of smaller denominations or combined into fewer debt securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed. (*Section 305*) This is called an exchange.

You may exchange or transfer registered debt securities at the office of the trustee. The trustee acts as our agent for registering debt securities in the names of holders and transferring registered debt securities. We may change this appointment to another entity or perform the service ourselves. The entity performing the role of maintaining the list of registered holders is called the security registrar. It will also register transfers of the registered debt securities. (*Section 305*)

You will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange debt securities, but you may be required to pay for any tax or other governmental charge associated with the exchange or transfer. The transfer or exchange of a registered debt security will only be made if the security registrar is satisfied with your proof of ownership.

If we have designated additional transfer agents, they are named in the prospectus supplement. We may cancel the designation of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts. (*Section 1002*)

If the debt securities are redeemable and we redeem less than all of the debt securities of a particular series, we may block the transfer or exchange of debt securities during a specified period of time in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. The period begins 15 days before the day we mail the notice of redemption and ends on the day of that mailing. We may also refuse to register transfers or exchanges of debt securities selected for redemption. However, we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any security being partially redeemed. (*Section 305*)

#### ***Payment and Paying Agents***

We will pay interest to you if you are a direct holder listed in the trustee's records at the close of business on a particular day in advance of each due date for interest, even if you no longer own the security on the interest due date. That particular day, usually about two weeks in advance of the interest due date, is called the regular record date and is stated in the prospectus supplement. (*Section 307*)

We will pay interest, principal and any other money due on the registered debt securities at the corporate trust office of the trustee in New York City. That office is currently located at The Bank of New York Mellon, 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286. You must make arrangements to have your payments picked up at or wired from that office. We may also choose to pay interest by mailing checks. Interest on global securities will be paid to the holder

thereof by wire transfer.

Holders buying and selling debt securities must work out between them how to compensate for the fact that we will pay all the interest for an interest period to the one who is the registered holder on the regular record date. The most common manner is to adjust the sales price of the debt securities to pro rate interest fairly between buyer and seller. This pro rated interest amount is called accrued interest.

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***Street name and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments.***

We may also arrange for additional payment offices, and may cancel or change these offices, including our use of the trustee's corporate trust office. These offices are called paying agents. We may also choose to act as our own paying agent. We must notify you through the trustee of changes in the paying agents for any particular series of debt securities. (*Section 1002*)

## ***Notices***

We and the trustee will send notices only to direct holders, using their addresses as listed in the trustee's records. (*Section 106*)

Regardless of who acts as paying agent, all money that we pay to a paying agent that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after the amount is due to direct holders will be repaid to us. After that two-year period, you may look only to us for payment and not to the trustee, any other paying agent or anyone else. (*Section 1006*)

## **Special Situations**

### ***Mergers and Similar Events***

We are generally permitted to consolidate or merge with another company or firm. We are also permitted to sell or lease substantially all of our assets to another corporation or other entity or to buy or lease substantially all of the assets of another corporation or other entity. In addition, we are permitted to transfer:

the obligations of Total Capital and/or Total Canada to TOTAL or any majority-owned subsidiary of TOTAL; and

the obligations of TOTAL, as issuer of debt securities, to any majority-owned subsidiary of TOTAL, so long as the obligations of that subsidiary are guaranteed by TOTAL on the same terms as TOTAL's guarantee of Total Capital's and Total Canada's debt securities.

Solely in the case of a transfer of Total Capital's or Total Canada's obligations to TOTAL, the relevant guarantee of TOTAL will cease to exist without further action on our part.

No vote by holders of debt securities approving any of these actions is required, unless as part of the transaction we make changes to the applicable indenture requiring your approval, as described below under **Modification and Waiver**. We may take these actions as part of a transaction involving outside third parties or as part of an internal corporate reorganization. We may take these actions even if they result in:

a lower credit rating being assigned to the debt securities; or

additional amounts becoming payable in respect of withholding tax.

Except as provided below, we have no obligation under the indentures to seek to avoid these results, or any other legal or financial effects that are disadvantageous to you, in connection with a merger, consolidation or sale or lease of assets that is permitted under the indentures. However, we may not take any of these actions unless all the following conditions are met:

Where TOTAL, Total Capital or Total Canada merges out of existence or sells or leases substantially all of its assets, or transfers its obligations to a substitute obligor, the other entity must be duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the relevant jurisdiction.

The merger, sale or lease of assets or other transaction, or the transfer of obligations to a substitute obligor, must not cause a default on the debt securities, and we must not already be in default. For purposes of this no-default test, a default would include an event of default that has occurred and not been cured, as described below under **Default and Related Matters** **Events of Default** **What is An Event of Default?** A default for this purpose would also include any event that would be an event of default if the requirements for giving us default notice or our default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded.

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If any of TOTAL, Total Capital or Total Canada merges out of existence or sells or leases substantially all of its assets, or transfers its obligations to a substitute obligor, the other entity must assume its obligations under the applicable indenture, debt securities and guarantee, including TOTAL's, Total Capital's and Total Canada's obligations to pay additional amounts described below under "Payment of Additional Amounts". In the event the jurisdiction of incorporation of the successor or substitute obligor is not the Republic of France with respect to TOTAL and Total Capital or Canada with respect to Total Canada, such successor or substitute obligor shall also agree to be bound to the obligations described below under "Payment of Additional Amounts" and "Optional Tax Redemption" but shall substitute the successor's or substitute obligor's jurisdiction of incorporation for the Republic of France or Canada, as the case may be.

In the case of debt securities issued by Total Canada, the above conditions shall not apply to any consolidation, amalgamation or merger under the laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof in which Total Canada is the successor corporation and continues to be liable by operation of law for the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on all the debt securities then outstanding and for all other obligations of Total Canada under the indenture and under such debt securities.

In addition, in the case of debt securities issued by Total Canada, Total Canada may, notwithstanding anything contained in the indenture, enter into any transaction with any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of TOTAL without complying with the conditions set forth above in a transaction or series of transactions in which Total Canada retains all of its obligations under and in respect of all outstanding debt securities (a "Permitted Reorganization") provided that, as of the date of the Permitted Reorganization:

(a) substantially all of the unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness for borrowed money of Total Canada which ranked *pari passu* with the then outstanding debt securities immediately prior to the proposed Permitted Reorganization will rank no better than *pari passu* with the then outstanding debt securities after the Permitted Reorganization; or

(b) at least two of Total Canada's then current credit rating agencies (or if only one credit rating agency maintains ratings in respect of the debt securities at such time, that one credit rating agency) have affirmed that the rating assigned by them to the debt securities shall not be downgraded as a result of the Permitted Reorganization.

It is possible that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service may deem a merger or other similar transaction to cause an exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes of debt securities for new securities by the holders of the debt securities. This could result in the recognition of taxable gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes and possible other adverse tax consequences.

***Modification and Waiver***

There are three types of changes we can make to the indentures and the debt securities.

*Changes Requiring Your Approval.* First, there are changes that cannot be made to your debt securities without your specific approval, for example, by calling a meeting of holders and seeking a 100% quorum and unanimous consent, or, more likely, by obtaining written consents from each holder. We must obtain your specified approval in order to:

change the stated maturity of the principal or interest on a debt security;

reduce any amounts due on a debt security;

reduce the amount of principal payable upon acceleration of the maturity of a debt security following a default;

change the place or currency of payment on a debt security;

impair your right to sue for payment;

reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to modify or amend the applicable indenture;



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reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to waive compliance with various provisions of the applicable indenture or to waive various defaults;

modify any other aspect of the provisions dealing with modification and waiver of the applicable indenture; and

in the case of guaranteed debt securities, change in any manner adverse to the interests of holders the obligations of TOTAL to pay any principal, premium or interest under the guarantee. (*Section 902*)

*Changes Requiring a Majority Vote.* The second type of change to the indentures and the debt securities is the kind that requires a vote in favor by holders of debt securities owning a majority of the principal amount of the particular series affected. Most changes fall into this category, except for clarifying changes and other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the debt securities in any material respect. (*Section 901*) The same vote would be required for us to obtain a waiver of all or part of the covenants described below, or a waiver of a past default. However, we cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or any other aspect of the indentures or the debt securities described previously under *Changes Requiring Your Approval* unless we obtain your individual consent, for example, by calling a meeting of holders and seeking a 100% quorum and unanimous consent, or, more likely, by obtaining written consents from each holder, to the waiver. (*Section 513*)

*Changes Not Requiring Approval.* The third type of change does not require any vote by holders of debt securities. This type is limited to clarifications and other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the debt securities in any material respect. (*Section 901*)

*Further Details Concerning Voting.* When taking a vote, we will use the following rules to decide how much principal amount to attribute to a security:

For original issue discount securities, we will use the principal amount that would be due and payable on the voting date if the maturity of the debt securities were accelerated to that date because of a default.

For debt securities whose principal amount is not known (for example, because it is based on an index), we will use a special rule for that security described in the prospectus supplement.

For debt securities denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units, we will use the U.S. dollar equivalent as of the date of original issuance.

Debt securities will not be considered outstanding, and therefore not eligible to vote, if we have deposited or set aside in trust for you money for their payment or redemption. Debt securities will also not be eligible to vote if they have been fully defeased as described later under *Covenants Defeasance and Discharge*. (*Section 101*)

We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding debt securities that are entitled to vote or take other action under the applicable indenture (or failing us in certain circumstances, the trustee). If we set a record date for a vote or other action to be taken by holders of a particular series, that vote or action may be taken only by persons who are holders of outstanding debt securities of that series on the record date and must be taken within 90 days following the record date or another period that we may specify (or as the trustee may specify, if it set the record date). We may shorten or lengthen (but not beyond 90 days) this period from time to time. (*Sections 501, 502, 512, 513 and 902*)

***Street name and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how approval may be granted or denied if we seek to change the indentures or the debt securities or request a waiver.***

***Redemption and Repayment***

Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, your debt security will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund that is, we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay your debt securities. In addition, we will not be entitled to redeem your debt security before its stated maturity, other than as described below under **Optional Tax Redemption**, unless the prospectus supplement specifies a redemption commencement date or other specific conditions upon which we may redeem the debt securities. You will not be entitled to require us to buy your debt security from you, before its stated maturity, unless the related prospectus supplement specifies one or more repayment dates.

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In the event that we exercise an option to redeem any debt security, we will give written notice of the principal amount of the debt security to be redeemed to the trustee at least 45 days before the applicable redemption date and to the holder not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days before the applicable redemption date. We will give the notice in the manner described above under **Additional Mechanics** **Notices** .

If a debt security represented by a global security is subject to repayment at the holder's option, the depository or its nominee, as the holder, will be the only person that can exercise the right to repayment. Any indirect holders who own beneficial interests in the global security and wish to exercise a repayment right must give proper and timely instructions to their banks or brokers through which they hold their interests, requesting that they notify the depository to exercise the repayment right on their behalf. Different firms have different deadlines for accepting instructions from their customers, and you should take care to act promptly enough to ensure that your request is given effect by the depository before the applicable deadline for exercise.

***Street name and other indirect holders should contact their banks or brokers for information about how to exercise a repayment right in a timely manner.***

We or our affiliates may purchase debt securities from investors who are willing to sell from time to time, either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Debt securities that we or they purchase may, in our discretion, be held, resold or canceled.

***Payment of Additional Amounts***

We will make payments on the debt securities without withholding any taxes unless otherwise required to do so by law or by the interpretation or administration thereof. If the Republic of France or, in the case of debt securities issued by Total Canada, Canada, or any tax authority in these jurisdictions requires TOTAL, Total Capital or Total Canada to withhold or deduct amounts from payment on a debt security or any amounts to be paid under the guarantee in respect of guaranteed debt securities or as additional amounts for or on account of taxes or any other governmental charges, or any other jurisdiction requires such withholding or deduction as a result of a merger or similar event, TOTAL, Total Capital or Total Canada, as the case may be, may be required to pay you an additional amount so that the net amount you receive will be the amount specified in the debt security to which you are entitled.

Total Capital, Total Canada or TOTAL, as the case may be, will not have to pay additional amounts under any of the following circumstances:

The holder of the debt securities (or a third party holding on behalf of the holder) is subject to such tax or governmental charge by reason of having some present or former connection to the Republic of France or, in the case of debt securities issued by Total Canada, Canada, or the other jurisdiction requiring such withholding or deduction, other than the mere holding of the debt security.

In the case of debt securities issued by Total Canada, the holder of the debt securities (or the beneficial owner thereof) does not deal at arm's length with Total Canada or with TOTAL, within the meaning of the applicable tax legislation, at the time the amount is paid or payable.

The tax or governmental charge is imposed due to the presentation of a debt security, if presentation is required, for payment on a date more than 30 days after the security became due or after the payment was provided for, whichever occurs later.

The tax or governmental charge is on account of an estate, inheritance, gift, sale, transfer, personal property or similar tax or other governmental charge.

The tax or governmental charge is for a tax or governmental charge that is payable in a manner that does not involve withholding or deduction.

The tax or governmental charge is imposed or withheld because the holder or beneficial owner failed:

to provide information about the nationality, residence or identity of the holder or beneficial owner; or

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to make a declaration or satisfy any information requirements that the statutes, treaties, regulations or administrative practices of the taxing jurisdiction require as a precondition to exemption from all or part of such tax or governmental charge.