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**FORM S-3**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**ILLINOIS**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**36-2848943**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered | Amount To Be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit (1) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount Of Registration Fee |
|--|-------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock No Par Value                          | 152,850                 | \$ 6.055                                     | \$ 925,507                                | \$ 93.20                   |

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c), and based upon the average of the high and low reported prices of \$6.09 and \$6.02 for the Registrant's common stock as quoted on the NASDAQ Capital Market on August 22, 2016, such date being the date within five business days prior to the date of filing of this Registration Statement.

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

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders named in this prospectus (“Selling Stockholders”) may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and the Selling Stockholders named in this prospectus are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED AUGUST 29, 2016**

**Preliminary Prospectus**

**CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION**

**Up to 152,850 Shares of Common Stock, no par value**

This prospectus relates to the possible resale from time to time of up to 152,850 shares of issued and outstanding common stock of CTI Industries Corporation, no par value, by the Selling Stockholders named in this prospectus. The Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares offered by this prospectus. Both before and after this resale, there will be 3,524,354 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding.

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement, which will describe the method and the terms of the offering. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before you purchase the securities.

We have agreed to bear all the expenses incurred in connection with the registration of these shares. The Selling Stockholders will pay or assume brokerage commissions and similar charges incurred for their sale of our common stock.

The Selling Stockholders identified in this prospectus, or their respective pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors-in-interest, may offer the shares from time to time through public or private transactions at prevailing market prices, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices. See “Plan of Distribution” beginning on page 11.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “CTIB.” On August 26, 2016, the average price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$6.255 per share. As of that date, the aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock held by our non-affiliates was approximately \$11,352,144. We have not offered any securities pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3 during the prior 12-calendar month period that ends on, and includes, the date of this prospectus.

**Investing in the securities involves a high degree of risk. Before buying our securities, you should carefully consider the risks described under the caption “Risk Factors” beginning on page 6 of this prospectus, in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and in the applicable prospectus supplement.**

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

**The date of this prospectus is August 29, 2016**

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## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

In this prospectus, the terms “CTI,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to CTI Industries Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate only as of the respective dates of such information, and you should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus. It is important for you to read and consider all information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the additional information under the caption “Where You Can Find More Information.”

Unless otherwise indicated, information in this prospectus concerning economic conditions, our industry, our markets and our competitive position is based on a variety of sources, including information from independent industry analysts and third-party publications as well as our own estimates and research.



## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provision for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We are including this statement for the purpose of invoking those safe harbor provisions. Forward-looking statements often include the words “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “forecasts,” “intends,” “plans,” “targets,” “potentially,” “projects,” “outlook” or similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “would” and “could.” These forward-looking statements may include, among other things:

- Statements and assumptions relating to financial performance;
- Statements relating to the anticipated effects on results of operations or financial condition from recent or future developments or events;
- Statements relating to our business and growth strategies; and
- Any other statements, projections or assumptions that are not historical facts.

Actual future results may differ materially from our forward-looking statements, and we qualify all forward-looking statements by various risks and uncertainties we face, some of which are beyond our control, as well as assumptions underlying the statements, including, among others, the following factors:

- The strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which we conduct operations;
- Market volatility;
- Legislative and regulatory changes, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) and impending regulations, securities and tax laws and regulations;
  - The effects of, and changes in, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Federal Reserve”);

- Inflation, interest rate, and monetary fluctuations;
- Our ability to control operating costs and manufacturing expenses;
- Our ability to retain key members of our senior management team;
- The costs of potential litigation, including settlement and judgments;
- The increased competitive pressures from competing companies;

The timely development of and acceptance of new products and the perceived overall value of these products and services by businesses and consumers, including the features, pricing and quality compared to our competitors' products;

- Technological changes;
- Electronic, cyber and physical security breaches;
- Changes in consumer and business spending;

- Adverse changes in securities markets;
  
- The inability of key third-party providers to perform their obligations to us;
  - Changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the financial institution regulatory agencies, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board or the Financial Accounting Standards Board;
  
- War or terrorist activities;
  
- Other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory and technological factors affecting our operations, pricing, products and other risks described elsewhere herein or in the documents incorporated by reference herein and in our other filings with the SEC; and
  
- Our success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing.

Some of these and other factors are discussed in the “Risk Factors” section and elsewhere in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein. The development of any or all of these factors could have an adverse impact on our financial position and results of operations.

Any forward-looking statements are based upon management’s beliefs and assumptions at the time they are made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those contained in such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless otherwise required to do so by law or regulation. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking statements discussed in this prospectus or in the documents incorporated by reference herein might not occur, and you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This summary highlights certain information about us, this offering and selected information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding whether to invest in our common stock. For a more complete understanding of our company and this offering, we encourage you to read and consider carefully the more detailed information in this prospectus, including the information referred to under the heading “Risk Factors” in this prospectus beginning on page 6, the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the information in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering.*

### Our Company

We are a leading developer, manufacturer and supplier of innovative flexible film products. We have designed and developed and produce, market and sell three principal lines of products:

- **Novelty Products**, principally balloons, including foil balloons, latex balloons and other inflatable toy items, as well as Candy Blossoms (small containers of arranged candy items, often including a small inflated balloon);
- **Flexible Containers and Film and Sealing Devices** for home and consumer use to vacuum seal, store and preserve food and personal items; and
- **Flexible Films** for food and other packaging and commercial applications.

We leverage our technology to design and develop proprietary products which we market and sell and which we develop for our customers. We have been engaged in the business of developing and producing flexible film products for over 37 years and have acquired significant technology and know-how in that time. We own or have license rights under, or have applied for, a number of patents and trademarks covering our business and products, including our balloon products, flexible containers and sealing devices.

We market and sell our foil and latex balloon products and related novelty items throughout the United States and in a number of other countries in North America, Latin America and Europe. We supply products directly to thousands of retail stores and chains and through distributors. Our balloons and novelty products are sold to consumers through a wide variety of retail outlets, including general merchandise, discount and drugstore chains, grocery chains, card and gift shops and party goods stores, as well as through florists and vendors.

Most of our foil balloons contain printed characters, designs and social expression messages, such as “Happy Birthday” and “Get Well” and other messages. For a number of our balloon designs, we obtain licenses for well-known characters and print those characters and messages on our balloons.

We produce flexible containers and rolls of film for use in flexible containers in a variety of applications, including (i) zippered pouches with valves for vacuum sealing of food and household products and (ii) pouches and rolls of film for use with vacuum sealing machines to vacuum seal, store and protect food and household items. We market and sell flexible containers and rolls of film for consumer storage uses through retail chains and outlets throughout the United States, and we provide flexible containers to others for resale. We also market and sell vacuum sealing machines for use with pouches and rolls for the vacuum storage of food and household products.

### **Business Strategies**

Our principal business strategies include:

*Focusing on our Core Assets and Expertise.* Based on our developing, producing and selling of film products for 37 years, we can develop, manufacture, market and sell innovative products of high quality within our areas of knowledge and expertise. We plan to focus our efforts on our areas of expertise – film novelty products, consumer storage pouches and sealing devices, specialty film products, laminated films and printed films – to develop new products, to market and sell our products and to increase our revenues.

*Maintain a Focus on Margin Levels and Cost Controls in Order to Establish and Maintain Profitability.* We consistently monitor and evaluate our cost of goods sold and our selling, general and administrative expenses in order to establish and maintain profitability.

*Develop New Products, Product Improvements and Technologies.* We work to develop new products, to improve existing products and to develop new technologies within our core product areas in order to enhance our competitive position and increase our sales. We seek to leverage our technology to develop new and proprietary products.

*Develop New Channels of Distribution.* In order to increase sales, we look to develop new channels of distribution and new sales relationships both for existing and for new products.

*Enhance our Productive Capacity.* We invest in new plant and equipment when appropriate to expand the range and volume of products we produce.

#### **Our Principal Offices and Website**

CTI is an Illinois corporation. Our principal offices are located at 22160 N. Pepper Road, Lake Barrington, Illinois 60010 and our telephone number at that address is (847) 382-1000. Our website address is [www.ctiindustries.com](http://www.ctiindustries.com). **Information contained on our website is not part of this prospectus and is not incorporated in this prospectus by reference.**

## **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock involves a number of risks. Before deciding to invest in our common stock, you should carefully consider the risks described below and discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2016 and June 30, 2016, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, together with the other information in this prospectus, the information and documents incorporated by reference herein, and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flow could be adversely affected. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment. The risks described below and in the documents referenced above are not the only ones that we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business.

## **RISKS RELATED TO THIS OFFERING**

### **Stockholders may experience future dilution as a result of future equity offerings.**

In order to raise additional capital, we may in the future offer additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock at prices that may be lower than the price paid by investors in this offering. We cannot assure you that we will be able to sell shares or other securities in any other offerings at a price per share that is equal to or greater than the price per share paid by investors in this offering, and investors purchasing shares or other securities in the future could have rights superior to existing stockholders, including investors who purchase shares of common stock in this offering. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our common stock or securities convertible into common stock in future transactions may be higher or lower than the price per share by investors in this offering.

### **Our common stock may be affected by limited trading volume and may fluctuate significantly, which may affect stockholders' ability to sell shares of our common stock.**

There has been a limited public market for our common stock and a more active trading market for our common stock may not develop. An absence of an active trading market could adversely affect our stockholders' ability to sell our common stock in short time periods, or possibly at all. Our common stock has experienced, and is likely to experience in the future, significant price and volume fluctuations, which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock without regard to our operating performance. In addition, we believe that factors such as quarterly fluctuations in our financial results and changes in the overall economy or the condition of the financial markets could cause the

price of our common stock to fluctuate substantially. These factors may negatively impact stockholders' ability to sell shares of our common stock.

**Our common stock may be affected by sales of short sellers, which may affect stockholders' ability to sell shares of our common stock.**

As stated above, our common stock has experienced, and is likely to experience in the future, significant price and volume fluctuations. These fluctuations could cause short sellers to enter the market from time to time. The market for our stock may not be stable or appreciate over time and which may negatively impact stockholders' ability to sell shares of our common stock.

**We may from time to time write off obsolete inventories resulting in higher expenses and consequently greater net losses.**

As we sometimes produce product adorned with characters on a promotional schedule, over production of a certain character set could result in write-downs of our inventories. A change in ingredients or labeling requirements could also result in the obsolescence of certain inventory. Write-downs of this type could make it more difficult for us to achieve profitability.



**Compliance with changing corporate governance regulations and public disclosures may result in additional risks and exposures.**

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and new regulations from the SEC, have created uncertainty for public companies such as ours. These laws, regulations, and standards are subject to varying interpretations in many cases and, as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices. As a result, our efforts to comply with evolving laws, regulations, and standards have resulted in, and are likely to continue to result in, increased expenses and significant management time and attention.

**If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our proprietary information and know-how, the value of our technology and products could be adversely affected.**

In addition to patented technology, we rely on trade secrets, proprietary know-how and technological advances, which we seek to protect through agreements with our collaborators, employees and consultants. These persons and entities could breach our agreements, for which we may not have adequate remedies. In addition, others could become aware of our trade secrets or proprietary know-how through independent discovery or otherwise. If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our proprietary information and know-how, competitors may be able to use this information to develop products that compete with our products, which could adversely impact our business.

## **USES OF PROCEEDS**

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares offered pursuant to this prospectus. The Selling Stockholders will receive all of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus. For information about the Selling Stockholders, see “Selling Stockholders.”

The Selling Stockholders will pay any commissions and expenses incurred by them in disposing of the shares. We will bear all other costs, fees and expenses incurred in effecting the registration and filing fees and fees and expenses of our counsel and accountants.

## SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Registration Rights Agreement and Securities Purchase Agreement pursuant to which the common stock registered herein was privately sold to the Selling Stockholders, with such agreements being incorporated by reference to this prospectus as Exhibits to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed as of August 22, 2016 (see “*Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference*” below for more information), CTI has agreed to register 152,850 shares of common stock (the “Registrable Securities”) under the Securities Act. Accordingly, we filed this S-3, and will file any prospectus supplements required by the Securities Act, with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Selling Stockholders identified in this section. In addition, we agreed in the Registration Rights Agreement to use our best efforts to keep the registration statement effective until the earlier of (i) such time as all the Registrable Securities have been publicly sold, (ii) the date that all Registrable Securities become eligible to be sold pursuant to Rule 144, or (iii) July 29, 2017.

Subject to the restrictions described in this prospectus, the following Selling Stockholders may offer the Registrable Securities for resale from time to time. See “*Plan of Distribution*” below for more information.

### Selling Stockholders Table

The table below presents information as of August 29, 2016 regarding the Selling Stockholders and the Registrable Securities, which the Selling Stockholders (and their donees, pledgees, assignees, transferees and other successors in interest) may offer and sell from time to time under this registration statement and any prospectus supplement. More specifically, the following table sets forth as to the Selling Stockholders:

The number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each Selling Stockholder prior to the offering for resale of any of the shares of our common stock being registered;

The number of shares of our common stock that may be offered for resale for the Selling Stockholders’ account under this registration statement; and

The number and percent of shares of our common stock to be held by the Selling Stockholders after the offering of the resale securities, assuming all of the resale shares of common stock are sold by the Selling Stockholders and that the Selling Stockholders do not acquire any other shares of our common stock prior to their assumed sale of the Registrable Securities.

None of the Selling Stockholders has held a position as an officer or director of the company, nor has any Selling Stockholder had any material relationship with us or any of our affiliates, with the exception of The Merrick Company, LLC and Schwan Leasing, LLC. The Merrick Company, LLC is an Illinois LLC wholly owned and managed solely by Stephen M. Merrick, President of CTI. Schwan Leasing, LLC is an Illinois LLC wholly owned and managed solely by John H. Schwan, Chief Executive Officer of CTI. Stephen Merrick and John Schwan have made all required filings in connection with this acquisition of Registrable Securities, including filings made pursuant to the Sections 13 and 16 of the Exchange Act.

The following table was prepared based on information supplied to us by the Selling Stockholders, as well as certain information known to us as of the date of this registration statement. In the case of The Merrick Company, LLC and Schwan Leasing, LLC, this table includes derivative securities exercisable within 60 days, as calculated in the Definitive Proxy Statement filed by CTI on April 29, 2016 and attached to this prospectus as an Exhibit. Except as indicated below, the share amounts under the columns “*Shares Beneficially Owned Before the Offering*” and “*Maximum Number of Shares Offered*” consist of the Registrable Securities, and the share amounts under the columns “*Shares Beneficially Owned After the Offering*” assume all of the offered shares are sold pursuant to this registration statement. The table does not include any warrants held by the Selling Stockholders as a result of the Securities Purchase Agreement. See “*Plan of Distribution*” for more information on the warrants.

| Name of Selling Security Holder <sup>(1)</sup>                      | Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering** |         | Maximum Number of Shares Being Offered Pursuant to this Prospectus | Shares Beneficially Owned After Offering** |         |
|---|---|---------|--|--|---------|
|   | Number  | Percent |  |  |         |
| The Armand E. Brachman Revocable Trust                              | 33,334  | *       | 33,334   | 0  | *       |
| NFS/NMTC FBO Michael Flood IRA/Keogh                                | 3,000   | *       | 3,000  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Jennifer Berg IRA/Keogh                                | 2,000   | *       | 2,000  | 0  | *       |
| The Joseph C. Berg Revocable Trust                                  | 2,000   | *       | 2,000  | 0  | *       |
| Jon Eickstead   | 5,000 (2)                                     | *       | 2,500  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Jon Eickstead IRA/Keogh                                | 2,500   | *       | 2,500  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Kevin Berg IRA/Keogh                                   | 2,000   | *       | 2,000  | 0  | *       |
| Michael Salmen  | 8,000 (3)                                     | *       | 4,000  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Michael Salmen IRA/Koegh                               | 4,000   | *       | 4,000  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Mitchell Berg Roth IRA/Keogh                           | 5,000   | *       | 5,000  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Patrick Noble IRA/Keogh                                | 1,850   | *       | 1,850  | 0  | *       |
| Stephen R. Dahl   | 2,000   | *       | 2,000  | 0  | *       |
| Steve R. Kellogg  | 4,000   | *       | 4,000  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO T. Jay Salmen Roth IRA/Keogh                           | 7,000   | *       | 7,000  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Theodore Harlan IRA/Keogh                              | 3,000   | *       | 3,000  | 0  | *       |
| NFS/FMTC FBO Theresa Eickstead IRA/Keogh                            | 1,000   | *       | 1,000  | 0  | *       |
| Michael W. Noble and Michelle W. Noble (as tenants-by-the-entirety) | 7,000   | *       | 7,000  | 0  | *       |
| The Merrick Company, LLC <sup>(4)</sup>                             | 826,800                                       | 23.46 % | 33,333   | 793,467 (6)                                | 22.51 % |
| Schwan Leasing, LLC <sup>(5)</sup>                                  | 822,716                                       | 23.34 % | 33,333   | 789,383 (6)                                | 22.4 %  |

\* Less than 1%

\*\* Beneficial ownership assumes the exercise of all derivative securities exercisable within 60 days of this registration statement held by the Selling Stockholder. For clarity, this does not include any warrants offered pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

- (1) Information concerning other Selling Stockholders will be set forth in one or more prospectus supplement from time to time, if required.
- (2) Due to Mr. Eickstead's status as beneficiary of the Jon Eickstead IRA, shares beneficially owned prior to, and after, this offering include shares held by the Jon Eickstead IRA.
- (3) Due to Mr. Salmen's status as beneficiary of the Michael Salmen IRA, shares beneficially owned prior to, and after, this offering include shares held by the Michael Salmen IRA.

Stephen M. Merrick has voting and investment control over these securities. Shares listed include all shares

- (4) beneficially owned by Stephen M. Merrick, including derivative securities exercisable within 60 days of this registration statement.

John H. Schwan has voting and investment control over these securities. Shares listed include all shares

- (5) beneficially owned by John H. Schwan, including derivative securities exercisable within 60 days of this registration statement.

- (6) This number is based on the information in the Definitive Proxy Statement filed by CTI on April 29, 2016.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering the shares of common stock previously issued to the Selling Stockholders to permit the resale of these shares of common stock by the holders of the shares of common stock from time to time after the date of this prospectus. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale by the Selling Stockholders of the shares of common stock. We will bear all fees and expenses incident to our obligation to register the shares of common stock.

The Selling Stockholders may sell all or a portion of the shares of common stock beneficially owned by them and offered hereby from time to time directly or through one or more underwriters, broker-dealers or agents. The Selling Stockholders also hold up to seventy-six thousand four hundred twenty-five (76,425) warrants as part of the private placement of the common stock being registered herein, exercisable between six (6) months and three (3) years from the date of issuance at a price of \$7.00. These warrants are not covered by this registration statement and are not yet registered. If the shares of common stock are sold through underwriters or broker-dealers, the Selling Stockholders will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agent's commissions. The shares of common stock may be sold in one or more transactions at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices. These sales may be effected in transactions, which may involve crosses or block transactions. The Selling Stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

- on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the securities may be listed or quoted at the time of sale;

- in the over-the-counter market;

- in transactions otherwise than on these exchanges or systems or in the over-the-counter market;

- through the writing of options, whether such options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise;

- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;

- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

privately negotiated transactions;

settlement of short sales entered into after the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part;

broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;

a combination of any such methods of sale; and

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The Selling Stockholders may also sell shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus.



## **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

### **General**

CTI's authorized capital consists of Five Million (5,000,000) shares of common stock, no par value per share, and Two Million (2,000,000) shares of preferred stock, no par value per share. In this offering, Selling Stockholders plan to sell up to One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty (152,850) shares of common stock, no par value per share. As of August 22, 2016, there were 3,524,354 shares of common stock, and zero (0) shares of preferred stock, issued and outstanding. Set forth below is a description of certain provisions relating to CTI's capital stock.

### **Common Stock**

Holders of common stock share equally, on a per share basis, in all dividends declared by the Company and participate equally in the proceeds of dissolution of the Company, on a per share basis. The common stock does not possess cumulative voting rights or preemptive rights.

### **Preferred Stock**

The preferred stock, which is commonly known as "blank check preferred", may be issued by the Board with rights, designations, preferences and other terms, as may be determined by the Board in its sole discretion at the time of issuance.

### **Limitation of Liability: Indemnification**

Our Restated Articles of Incorporation includes an indemnification section under which we have agreed to indemnify directors and officers of CTI from and against certain claims arising from or related to future acts or omissions as a director or officer of CTI. For example, the Company shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Company) by the reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other

enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Furthermore, the Company shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense of and in a manner he reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter he reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Company, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable or guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Company unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the board of directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer, to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Company as authorized in the by-laws. Such expenses incurred by other employees or agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the board of directors deems appropriate.

Any indemnification under the above (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Company only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the paragraphs above. Such determination shall be made by a majority of disinterested directors, by a committee designated by disinterested directors, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or by the stockholders.

The indemnification provided above shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any by-laws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

The Company shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions set forth above.

### **Transfer Agent**

The transfer agent for CTI common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, Brooklyn, New York.

### **Authorized And Unissued Stock**

The authorized but unissued shares of our common stock are available for future issuance without our stockholders' approval. These additional shares may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including, but not limited to,

future public or direct offerings to raise additional capital, corporate acquisitions and employee incentive plans. The issuance of such shares may also be used to deter a potential takeover of CTI that may otherwise be beneficial to stockholders by diluting the shares held by a potential suitor or issuing shares to a stockholder that will vote in accordance with the desires of the Board. A takeover may be beneficial to stockholders because, among other reasons, a potential suitor may offer stockholders a premium for their shares of stock compared to the then-existing market price. In August, 2014, 700,000 shares of our common stock were registered through a shelf offering under an S-3 registration statement. No shares have been sold under that offering. The existence of authorized but unissued and unreserved shares of preferred stock may enable the Board to issue shares to persons friendly to current management which would render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our Company by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our Company's management.

## **LEGAL OPINION**

The validity of the issuance of securities to be sold hereunder will be passed upon for us by Vanasco Genelly & Miller, Chicago, Illinois.

## **EXPERTS**

Our consolidated financial statements appearing in our Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2015 (including the schedules appearing therein), have been audited by Plante & Moran, PLLC, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information contained in documents that we file with the SEC into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents, and the information in those documents is considered part of this prospectus. As a result, the information in this prospectus is not complete and you should read the information incorporated by reference for more detail.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below (other than information contained in such filings that is deemed “furnished” in Current Reports on Form 8-K filed under Item 2.02 or 7.01 of such form), as well as any documents that we file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (1) after the initial filing date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and (2) after the date of this prospectus until the termination of this offering:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, including Exhibits thereto, filed on March 30, 2016;

- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, including Exhibits thereto, filed as of May 13, 2016;

- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, including Exhibits thereto, filed as of August 22, 2016;

- Definitive Proxy Statement filed on Form 14A on April 29, 2016;

- Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on March 23, 2016, May 12, 2016, May 13, 2016, August 4, 2016, August 11, 2016 and August 22, 2016; and

- All of our filings under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of filing our initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the current registration statement.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus but not delivered with this prospectus. You may request a copy of this information at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

CTI Industries Corporation

22160 N. Pepper Road

Lake Barrington, Illinois 60010

Attention: Stephen M. Merrick, President

(847) 382-1000

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed modified, superseded or replaced for purpose of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies, supersedes or replaces such statement.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CTI

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Exchange Act. Our web address is [www.ctiindustries.com](http://www.ctiindustries.com).

You may request and obtain a copy of these filings, at no cost to you, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

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This prospectus is part of the registration statement and does not contain all the information included in the registration statement and all its exhibits, certificates and schedules. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to any contract or other document of ours, the reference may not be complete and you should refer to the exhibits that are part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or document.

You may read and copy our registration statement and all its exhibits and schedules which we have filed with the SEC, at the Public Reference Room at 100 F. Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. This material, as well as copies of all other documents filed with the SEC, may be obtained from the Public Reference Room of the SEC, 100 F. Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 upon payment of the fee prescribed by the SEC. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or emailing the SEC at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements, information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC, including us. The address of this website is [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).



**CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION**

**152,850 Shares of Common Stock**

**PROSPECTUS**

**August 29, 2016**

**ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION**

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses payable by the registrant in connection with the sale of the securities being registered. All amounts are estimates except the registration fee:

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| SEC registration fee            | \$93.20         |
| Legal fees and expenses         | \$20,000.00     |
| Accounting fees and expenses    | \$5,000.00      |
| Miscellaneous fees and expenses | \$              |
| <br>Total                       | <br>\$25,093.20 |

**ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

As permitted by the Illinois Business Corporation Act (“BCA”), CTI has included in its Restated Articles of Incorporation a provision to eliminate the personal liability for monetary damages for breach or alleged breach of their fiduciary duties as directors, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director’s duty of loyalty to CTI or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) in respect to certain unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases, as provided in Section 5/8.75 of the BCA or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The effect of this provision is to eliminate the rights of CTI and its stockholders (through stockholders’ derivative suits on behalf of CTI) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of the fiduciary duty of care as a director except in the situation in (1) through (iv) above. This provision does not limit nor eliminate the rights of CTI or any stockholder to seek non-monetary relief such as an injunction or rescission in the event of a breach of the director’s duty of care. These provisions will not alter the liability of directors under federal securities laws.

The Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of CTI provide that CTI is required and permitted to indemnify its officers and directors, employees and agents under certain circumstances. In addition, if permitted by law, CTI is required to advance expenses to its officers and directors as incurred in connection with proceedings against them in their capacity as a director or officer for which they may be indemnified upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification. At present CTI is not aware of any pending or threatened litigation or proceeding involving a director, officer, employee or agent of CTI in which indemnification would be required or permitted.

**ITEM 16. EXHIBITS**

The following exhibits are submitted herewith:

- 3.1 Restated Articles of Incorporation of CTI Industries Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A contained in Registrant's Schedule 14A Definitive Proxy Statement for solicitation of written consent of stockholders, as filed with Commission on June 5, 2015)\*
- 3.2 By-laws of CTI Industries Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 contained in Registrant's Form SB-2 Registration Statement (File No. 333-31969) effective November 5, 1997)\*
- 5.1 Legal Opinion of Vanasco Genelly & Miller\*
- 23.1 Consent of Vanasco Genelly & Miller (part of Exhibit 5.1)\*
- 23.2 Consent of Plante & Moran, PLLC
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney of Officers and Directors\*

\* Previously filed.

## ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the (ii) most recent post-effective amendment hereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement;

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective (2) amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C (§230.430C of this chapter), each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A (§230.430A), shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned

registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (§230.424 of this chapter);

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act the Registrant caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized on September 28, 2016

CTI INDUSTRIES  
CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stephen M. Merrick  
Stephen M. Merrick, President

In accordance with the Exchange Act, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant in the capacities and on the dated indicated.

| <b>Signatures</b>                                | <b>Title</b>   |
|--|--|
| /s/ John H. Schwan<br>John H. Schwan             | Chief Executive Officer and Director   |
| /s/ Stephen M. Merrick<br>Stephen M. Merrick     | President, Secretary and Director  |
| /s/ Timothy S. Patterson<br>Timothy S. Patterson | Chief Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer and Senior Vice President of Finance |
| /s/ Stanley M. Brown<br>Stanley M. Brown         | Director   |
| /s/ Bret Tayne<br>Bret Tayne                     | Director   |
| /s/ John I. Collins<br>John I. Collins           | Director   |
| /s/ John M. Klimek<br>John M. Klimek             | Director   |

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