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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated November 14, 2017)

Shares



VERU INC.

Common Stock

We are offering _____ shares of our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "VERU." On September 25, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$1.79 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before investing in our common stock, you should read "[Risk Factors](#)" beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement, page 4 of the accompanying prospectus, as well as those risks described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

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

	<u>Per Share</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions ⁽¹⁾		
Proceeds, before expenses, to us		

(1) We have agreed to reimburse the underwriters for certain expenses. See "Underwriting."

Delivery of the shares of common stock is expected to be made on or about _____, 2018. We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to _____ additional shares of our common stock for a period of 30 days.

Sole Book-Running Manager

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Lead Manager

Oppenheimer & Co.

The date of this prospectus supplement is _____, 2018.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document contains two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, which describes the specific terms of this offering of common stock. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, including documents incorporated by reference therein, provides more general information that may not relate to this offering. These documents contain information that you should consider when making your investment decision. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in the accompanying prospectus. To the extent that any statement in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent or conflicts with any statement made in the accompanying prospectus or in any document incorporated by reference that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) before the date of this prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement, and the statements made in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to modify or supersede those made in the accompanying prospectus or incorporated document. If any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date, the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including all documents incorporated herein or therein by reference, together with any additional information described in “Where You Can Find Additional Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference,” before investing in our common stock.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in any free writing prospectuses that we may provide to you in connection with this offering. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus we may provide to you do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on its cover page or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold at a later date.

When used in this prospectus supplement, the terms “we,” “our,” “us,” the “Company,” and “Veru,” means Veru Inc. and its subsidiaries. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference contain references to our trademarks, service marks and trade names as well as third-party trademarks that are the property of their respective owners. We do not intend to use or display third-party trademarks and trade names to imply any relationship with, or endorsement or sponsorship of us by, any other companies. Solely for convenience, the trademarks, service marks and trade names referred to in this prospectus may be listed without the ® and ™ symbols, but such references should not be construed as any indicator that their respective owners will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, their right thereto.

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein also contain estimates, projections and other information concerning our industry, our business and the markets for certain diseases, including data regarding the estimated size of those markets, and the incidence and prevalence of certain medical conditions. Information that is based on estimates, forecasts, projections, market research or similar methodologies is inherently subject to uncertainties and actual events or circumstances may differ materially from events and circumstances reflected in this information. Unless otherwise expressly stated, we obtained this industry, business, market and other data from reports, research surveys, studies and similar data prepared by market research firms and other third parties, industry, medical and general publications, government data and similar sources. Although we believe these sources are reliable, we do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information and we have not independently verified this information.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain statements which are intended to be, and are hereby identified as, “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements about future financial and operating results, plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, costs and expenses, outcome of contingencies, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, cost savings, objectives of management, business strategies, clinical trial timing and plans, the achievement of clinical and commercial milestones, the advancement of our technologies and our products and drug candidates, and other statements that are not historical facts. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words or phrases such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “opportunity,” “plan,” “predict,” “potential,” “estimate,” “should,” “will,” “would” or the negative of those terms or other words of similar meaning. These statements are based upon our current plans and strategies, and reflect our current assessment of the risks and uncertainties related to our business, and are made as of the date of this prospectus supplement. These statements are inherently subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties. You should read these statements carefully because they discuss our future expectations or state other “forward-looking” information. There may be events in the future that we are not able to accurately predict or control and our actual results may differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those currently anticipated include the following:

- potential delays in the timing of and results from clinical trials and studies and the risk that such results will not support marketing approval and commercialization;
- potential delays in the timing of any submission to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) and in regulatory approval of products under development;
- risks related to our ability to secure adequate capital on acceptable terms when needed to fund product development and our operations;
- risks related to the development of our product portfolio, including clinical trials, regulatory approvals and time and cost to bring to market;
- product demand and market acceptance;
- some of our products are in early stages of development and we may fail to successfully commercialize such products;
- risks related to intellectual property, including the uncertainty of obtaining intellectual property protections and in enforcing them, the possibility of infringing a third party’s intellectual property, and licensing risks;
- competition from existing and new competitors including the potential for reduced sales, pressure on pricing and increased spending on marketing;
- risks relating to compliance and regulatory matters, including costs and delays resulting from extensive government regulation and reimbursement and coverage under healthcare insurance and regulation;
- risks inherent in doing business on an international level;
- the disruption of production at our manufacturing facilities due to raw material shortages, labor shortages and/or physical damage to our facilities;
- our reliance on major customers and risks related to delays in payment of accounts receivable by major customers;
- our growth strategy;
- our continued ability to attract and retain highly skilled and qualified personnel;

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- the costs and other effects of litigation, governmental investigations, legal and administrative cases and proceedings, settlements and investigations;
- government contracting risks;
- a governmental tender award, including our recent South Africa tender award, indicates acceptance of the bidder's price rather than an order or guarantee of the purchase of any minimum number of units, and as a result government ministries or other public sector customers may order and purchase fewer units than the full maximum tender amount;
- our recent South Africa tender award could be subject in the future to reallocation for potential local manufacturing initiatives, which could reduce the size of the award to us;
- our ability to identify, successfully negotiate and complete suitable acquisitions or other strategic initiatives; and
- our ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses, technologies or products.

All forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement should be considered in the context of the risks and other factors described above and in the sections captioned "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and in our periodic filings incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017. We undertake no obligation to make any revisions to the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement or to update them to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date hereof except as required by applicable law.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information about us, this offering and selected information contained elsewhere in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement. This summary is not complete and does not contain all the information that you should consider before deciding whether to invest in our common stock. You should read carefully the more detailed information included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing in our common stock. You should pay special attention to the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017, which is incorporated by reference herein, when determining whether an investment in shares of our common stock is appropriate for you.

Our Company

We are an oncology and urology biopharmaceutical company developing novel medicines for prostate cancer and prostate cancer supportive care as well as near term specialty pharmaceuticals to address significant unmet needs in urology.

Our prostate cancer pipeline consists of VERU-944 (zuclomiphene citrate, which is also known as cis-clomiphene) and VERU-111 (bisindole). We are evaluating zuclomiphene citrate, an estrogen receptor agonist, in a Phase 2 trial to treat hot flashes, a common side effect caused by hormone treatment for men with advanced prostate cancer.

VERU-111 is an oral, next-generation, first-in-class agent that targets the alpha and beta subunits used by cells to form cellular microtubules essential for cell division. We are developing VERU-111 as a treatment for metastatic prostate cancer patients whose disease is resistant to both castration therapy and therapy with androgen-blocking agents (abiraterone or enzalutamide). We expect to enter Phase 1/2 development of VERU-111 for this indication in late 2018. We are also evaluating VERU-111 for a variety of other malignancies. In June 2018, as part of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting, we reported preclinical results showing the activity of VERU-111 against novel androgen blocking agent-resistant human prostate cancer, and we also reported preclinical data showing VERU-111's anti-tumor activity against paclitaxel sensitive and resistant triple negative breast, ovarian and pancreatic cancers.

In addition to our oncology drug programs, we are advancing four new drug formulations in our specialty pharmaceutical pipeline addressing unmet medical needs in urology. We are evaluating two different formulations of tamsulosin, the active ingredient in FLOMAX®, which we have developed to avoid the "food effect" inherent in currently marketed formulations of this drug. Tamsulosin taken after a meal has different bioavailability and peak concentration characteristics as compared to when it is taken under fasting conditions, and as a result, patients are directed to take the drug 30 to 60 minutes after a meal to avoid declines in blood pressure that could result in dizziness or fainting. We are developing our Tamsulosin DRS (Delayed Release Sachet) granules and XR (Extended Release) capsules to avoid this food effect, allowing for potentially safer administration and improved patient compliance. In addition, both Tamsulosin DRS and Tamsulosin XR have granule formulations, as opposed to being a pill or a tablet, which may make it easier for the population of men who have difficulty swallowing pills and tablets (dysphagia) to take their medicine, increasing patient compliance. We expect to submit a new drug application ("NDA") to the FDA for both Tamsulosin DRS and Tamsulosin XR in 2019. Separately, we are developing Tadalafil (CIALIS®) / Finasteride (PROSCAR®) combination tablets for inhibition of both phosphodiesterase type 5 (PDE5) and 5-alpha-reductase to shrink an enlarged prostate, to treat symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH or enlarged prostate) and to treat erectile dysfunction, with an NDA submission expected in 2019. We believe co-administration of Tadalafil and Finasteride may increase both patient compliance and patient convenience. We are also developing a delayed-release granule (DRG) formulation of Solifenacin, a selective M3 muscarinic receptor antagonist and the active ingredient in the leading drug for overactive bladder,

VESicare®, for patients who have difficulty with swallowing tablets. We expect to submit an NDA to the FDA for Solifenacin DRG in 2019.

In addition to these products under development, we market and sell the PREBOOST® wipe in the men's health market and the FC2 Female Condom® ("FC2") for women. PREBOOST is a medicated individual wipe used for desensitizing male genitalia for the prevention of premature ejaculation. We co-promote the PREBOOST wipe with Timm Medical Technologies, Inc. We market and sell FC2 in the U.S. market by prescription and other sales channels and through our Female Health Company Division in the global public health sector. Our Female Health Company Division markets to entities, including ministries of health, government health agencies, U.N. agencies, nonprofit organizations and commercial partners, that work to support and improve the lives, health and well-being of women around the world. FC2 is the only currently available female-controlled product approved for marketing by the FDA and cleared by the World Health Organization for purchase by U.N. agencies that provides dual protection against unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

In October 2016, we completed our acquisition (the "APP Acquisition") of Aspen Park Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("APP"). The completion of the APP Acquisition transitioned us from a single product company selling only FC2 to a biopharmaceutical company focused on oncology and urology with multiple drug products under clinical development.

Our Strategy

Our strategy is to develop a portfolio of novel prostate cancer drugs as well as urology focused specialty pharmaceuticals while continuing to sell our commercial products. We intend to execute this strategy by leveraging the 505(b)(2) FDA regulatory pathway for our nearer-term urology products in order to create revenue to support the development of longer-term novel prostate cancer and prostate cancer supportive care pharmaceuticals. The key elements of our strategy are as follows:

- **Develop and launch high value novel products for prostate cancer and prostate cancer supportive care.** We are developing two drugs, zuclophene citrate and VERU-111, each of which addresses large potential markets relating to prostate cancer. We began a Phase 2 trial in the third quarter of 2018 using zuclophene citrate for the treatment of hot flashes caused by hormone cancer therapy for men with advanced prostate cancer, with results expected in mid-2019. Androgen deprivation therapy-induced hot flashes affect approximately 600,000 men in the U.S., representing a potential market of \$600 million annually. We also expect to start a Phase 1/2 open label clinical trial of VERU-111 in treatment-resistant metastatic prostate cancer patients in late 2018, with clinical data results expected in the first half of 2019. The potential U.S. market for therapies in advanced prostate cancer is over \$5 billion.
- **Advance near-term specialty pharmaceutical urology drugs that require only bioequivalence studies by taking advantage of information obtained in previous safety and efficacy studies conducted by other parties.** We are advancing four new urology drug formulations in our specialty pharmaceutical pipeline, consisting of Tamsulosin DRS granules, Tamsulosin XR capsules, Tadalafil/Finasteride combination tablets and Solifenacin DRG. Each of these drugs leverage the 505(b)(2) FDA regulatory pathway to provide the potential for nearer-term revenue as compared to our oncology product candidates.
- **Grow our commercial products business.** For FC2, we are focused on growing revenues in the U.S. market through prescription sales and by leveraging our relationships with external sales groups, distributors and telemedicine providers, while continuing to pursue revenues in the public sector outside of the U.S. through tenders in key markets, including our recent tender award in South Africa. We are also focused on growing sales of PREBOOST® in the U.S. through our partner Timm Medical Technologies, Inc.

- **Capitalize on expertise and reputation of our management team and scientific advisors.** Our management team has significant expertise and experience in urology and oncology as well as drug development, marketing and sales which will facilitate effective management of our preclinical studies and clinical trials and product commercialization. In addition, we intend to capitalize on the strong reputations of the members of our management and board of directors with academic institutions, hospitals, physicians, pharmacists and distributors to expand our customer base and to introduce new products.

Recent Developments

On August 27, 2018, we announced that through six of our distributors in the Republic of South Africa, we had received a tender award to supply 75% of a tender covering up to 120 million female condoms over three years, which includes an award to us of up to 29.8 million units of the 40 million total units for the first year.

Corporate Information

Veru is a Wisconsin corporation that is the successor to The Wisconsin Pharmacal Company, Inc. (“Wisconsin Pharmacal”), a company which manufactured and marketed disparate specialty chemical and branded consumer products. Wisconsin Pharmacal was originally incorporated in 1971. In 1996, we completed a series of actions which resulted in our acquisition of worldwide rights to our first-generation female condom, the divestiture of Wisconsin Pharmacal’s other businesses and the change of our name to “The Female Health Company.” On October 31, 2016, we completed the APP Acquisition, which transitioned us from a single product company selling FC2 to a biopharmaceutical company with multiple drug products under development for urology and oncology. On July 31, 2017, we changed our corporate name from “The Female Health Company” to “Veru Inc.” reflecting our focus on biopharmaceutical products for urology and oncology.

Our principal executive offices are located at 4400 Biscayne Blvd. Suite 888, Miami, Florida 33137, and our telephone number is (305) 509-6897. We maintain our corporate website at www.verupharma.com. Our website and the information contained on that site, or connected to that site, are not incorporated into and are not a part of this prospectus supplement.

	The Offering
Common stock offered by us	shares
Option to purchase additional shares	We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to _____ additional shares of our common stock. The underwriters can exercise this option at any time within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement. See “Underwriting.”
Common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering	_____ shares (or _____ shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full).
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes, which may include research and development, clinical trial and marketing expenditures. See “Use of Proceeds.”
Risk factors	Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before investing in our common stock, you should read the section entitled “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and on page 4 of the accompanying prospectus, as well as those risks described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our other filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.
Nasdaq Capital Market symbol	VERU
<p>Except as otherwise indicated, information in this prospectus supplement relating to the number of shares of common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering is based on 54,744,416 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2018, and excludes, as of that date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5,754,312 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options and stock appreciation rights, having a weighted average exercise price of \$1.56 per share, of which 514,167 shares were vested;• a total of 998,188 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2017 Equity Incentive Plan and our 2018 Equity Incentive Plan;• a total of 3,335,379 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants, having a weighted average exercise price of \$2.02 per share; and• 190,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon vesting of outstanding restricted stock units. <p>Except as otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus supplement does not give effect to any issuance, exercise or settlement of stock-based awards under our equity incentive plans subsequent to June 30, 2018.</p> <p>Except as otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus supplement assumes no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares and assumes no exercise of the outstanding stock options, stock appreciation rights or warrants described above.</p>	

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below and in the filings incorporated by reference before deciding whether to invest in our common stock. The risks described below and those described in our filings incorporated by reference are not the only ones we face. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements made throughout this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference as a result of different factors, including the risks we face described below and those described in the filings incorporated by reference.

Risks Related to our Financial Position and Need for Capital

We incurred a net loss during fiscal 2017 and the nine months ended June 30, 2018, and we expect to continue to incur losses for the foreseeable future.

We incurred a net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$8.6 million during the year ended September 30, 2017 and a net loss of \$7.9 million during the nine months ended June 30, 2018. Pharmaceutical product development is a speculative undertaking, involves a substantial degree of risk and is a capital-intensive business. We expect to incur significant expenses until we are able to obtain regulatory approval and subsequently sell one or more of our drug candidates under development in significant quantities, which may not happen. We expect to devote most of our financial resources to research and development, including our non-clinical development activities and clinical trials. Our drug candidates will require the completion of regulatory review, significant marketing efforts and substantial investment before they can provide us with any revenue. We are uncertain when or if we will be able to achieve or sustain profitability. If we achieve profitability in the future, we may not be able to sustain profitability in subsequent periods. Failure to become and remain profitable would impair our ability to sustain operations and adversely affect the price of our common stock and our ability to raise capital.

Additional financing will be needed to support our development activities and we may be unable to raise such funds when needed and on acceptable terms.

We expect to incur significant expenditures over the next several years to support our preclinical and clinical development activities, particularly with respect to clinical trials for certain of our drug candidates and to commence the commercialization of our drug candidates. This will require us to obtain additional financing for our business as revenues from our current commercial operations will not independently fund our drug development programs. We may also need to obtain additional financing to complete the development of any additional drug candidates we might acquire or to pay other operating expenses.

Additional financing may not be available on terms acceptable to us. If we are unable to obtain needed financing on acceptable terms, we may not be able to implement our business plan, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. If we raise additional funds through the sale of equity, convertible debt or other equity-linked securities, our stockholders' ownership will be diluted. We may issue securities that have rights, preferences and privileges senior to our common stock.

Our future capital requirements will depend upon a number of factors, including:

- the size, complexity, results, costs and timing of our development programs and clinical trials;
- our ability to successfully commercialize our drug candidates, if approved;
- our ability to obtain sufficient supply of the compounds necessary for our drug candidates at a reasonable cost;

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- the time and cost involved in obtaining regulatory approvals;
- the terms and timing of existing and any potential future collaborations, licensing or other arrangements we may establish;
- cash requirements of any future acquisitions or the development of other drug candidates;
- our receipt of funds from other potential sources, including cash flow from licenses and sales, and payments on outstanding receivables;
- the costs involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, maintaining, defending and enforcing patent claims;
- the costs involved in manufacturing and commercializing our drug candidates;
- amount of sales or other revenues from drug candidates that we may commercialize, if any, including the selling prices for such drug candidates and the availability of adequate third-party coverage and reimbursement;
- regulatory changes;
- changes to federal, state or local health care or prescription drug programs; and
- competing technological and market developments.

These factors could result in variations from currently projected operating and liquidity requirements.

If we fail to obtain additional capital, we may need to reduce the scope of our development programs or we could be forced to share our rights to technologies with third parties on terms that may not be favorable to us.

We need large amounts of capital to support our development and commercialization efforts for our drug candidates. If we are unable to secure sufficient capital to fund our operations, we will not be able to continue these efforts and we might have to enter into strategic collaborations that could require us to share commercial rights to one or more of our drug candidates with third parties in ways that we currently do not intend or on terms that may not be favorable to us. We anticipate requiring additional capital to fund our development activities under our current business plan in fiscal 2019. We may also need to raise additional funds if we choose to expand more rapidly than we presently anticipate or we encounter any unforeseen events that affect our current business plan. Adequate additional funding may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are unable to raise capital when needed or on attractive terms and not enter into strategic collaborations, we would be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our research and development programs or future commercialization efforts.

Additional Risk Related to Our Business

The FDA recently issued a final order reclassifying female condoms as Class II medical devices, which may result in increased competition for FC2 in the U.S. market.

On September 21, 2018, the FDA issued a final order to reclassify female condoms from Class III medical devices to Class II medical devices, to rename them “single-use internal condoms” and to establish special controls for them as Class II medical devices, including premarket notification requirements. While FC2 is the only currently available female condom approved for marketing by the FDA in the U.S., this reclassification by the FDA may reduce the barriers for other types of female condoms to enter the U.S. market. If other female condoms enter the U.S. market, we may face increased competition in the U.S., which may put downward pressure on pricing for FC2 and adversely affect sales of FC2 in the U.S.

Risks Related to this Offering and Our Common Stock

Our management will have broad discretion over the use of the net proceeds to us from this offering and may apply it to uses that do not improve our operating results or the value of our securities.

Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering, and investors will be relying solely on the judgment of our management regarding the application of these proceeds. Although we expect to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes, which may include research and development, clinical trial and marketing expenditures, we have not allocated these net proceeds for specific purposes. Investors will not have the opportunity, as part of their investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. Our use of the proceeds may not improve our operating results or increase the value of the shares being offered hereby.

If you purchase shares of our common stock in this offering, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of your shares.

Since the price per share of our common stock being offered is substantially higher than the net tangible book value per share of our common stock, you will suffer immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock you purchase in this offering. After giving effect to the sale of _____ shares of our common stock in this offering at a price of \$ _____ per share, and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us in this offering, our as adjusted net tangible book value as of June 30, 2018 would have been approximately \$ _____ million, or \$ _____ per share. This represents an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$ _____ per share to new investors purchasing common stock in this offering. For a more detailed discussion of the foregoing, see the section entitled “Dilution.”

Future offerings of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock may cause you to experience further dilution and may cause our share price to decline.

As a development stage company, we will need additional capital to fund the development and commercialization of our product candidates. We may raise additional capital in the future through the sale of additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, which may be sold, convertible or exchangeable at a price per share that is less than the price per share paid by investors in this offering and may cause you to experience further dilution. In addition, the issuance of additional shares of common stock (including pursuant to exercises of outstanding warrants or the issuance, exercise or settlement of stock-based awards under our equity incentive plans) or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, or the perception that such issuances may occur, may materially and adversely affect the price of our common stock.

Ownership in our common stock is highly concentrated and your ability to influence corporate matters may be limited as a result.

As of September 14, 2018, our executive officers and directors collectively beneficially owned approximately 32.5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, including approximately 14.6% beneficially owned by Mitchell S. Steiner, M.D., our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and approximately 14.5% beneficially owned by Harry Fisch, M.D., our Chief Corporate Officer and a director. These shareholders may have the ability to exert significant influence over the outcome of shareholder votes, including votes concerning director elections, amendments to our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and other significant corporate transactions. In addition, this concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control, impeding a merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us, or discouraging a potential acquiror from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of our business, even if such a transaction would benefit other stockholders. The interests of such stockholders may not always coincide with your interests or the interests of other stockholders and they may act in a manner that advances their best interests and not necessarily those of other stockholders.

A substantial number of shares may be sold in the market following this offering, which may depress the market price for our common stock.

Sales of a significant number of shares of our common stock, or the expectation that such sales may occur, could significantly reduce the market price of our common stock. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate. We have also registered the offer and sale of all shares of common stock that we may issue under our equity compensation plans, including upon the exercise of stock options, and shares of common stock we may issue under a common stock purchase agreement with Aspire Capital Fund, LLC, including 2,021,467 shares of common stock that we have issued thereunder through the date of this prospectus supplement. These shares can be freely sold in the public market upon issuance.

As of June 30, 2018, 54,744,416 shares of our common stock were outstanding. In connection with this offering, subject to certain exceptions, we and all of our directors and officers have agreed not to offer, sell or agree to sell, directly or indirectly, any shares of common stock without the consent of Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. for a period of 90 days after the date of this prospectus supplement. When the applicable lock-up periods expire, subject to the applicable securities laws, we and our directors and executive officers will be able to sell shares in the public market.

Additionally, sales of our common stock by our officers or directors, even when done during an open trading window under our policies with respect to insider sales may adversely impact the trading price of our common stock. Although we do not expect that the relatively small volume of such sales will itself significantly impact the trading price of our common stock, the market could react negatively to the announcement of such sales, which could in turn affect the trading price of our common stock.

There are provisions in our charter documents, Wisconsin law and our credit agreement that might prevent or delay a change in control of Veru.

We are subject to a number of provisions in our charter documents and Wisconsin law that may discourage, delay, or prevent a merger or acquisition that a shareholder may consider favorable. These provisions include the following:

- the authority provided to our Board of Directors in our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to issue preferred stock without further action by our shareholders;
- the provision under Wisconsin law that permits shareholders to act by written consent only if such consent is unanimous;
- the provision under Wisconsin law that requires for a corporation such as us, that was formed before January 1, 1973, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of our voting stock to approve an amendment to our articles of incorporation, a merger submitted to a vote of our shareholders, or a sale of substantially all of our assets;
- advance notice procedures for nominations of candidates for election as directors and for shareholder proposals to be considered at shareholders' meetings;
- the Wisconsin control share acquisition statute and Wisconsin's "fair price" and "business combination" provisions which limit the ability of an acquiring person to engage in certain transactions or to exercise the full voting power of acquired shares under certain circumstances; and
- our credit agreement with SWK Funding LLC requires a mandatory prepayment upon a change of control of Veru or a sale of our FC2 business.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from the sale of the shares of our common stock in this offering will be approximately \$ million, or approximately \$ million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes, which may include research and development, clinical trial and marketing expenditures.

The amounts and timing of our use of the net proceeds from this offering will depend on numerous factors, including our development and commercialization efforts, as well as the amount of cash used in our operations. We therefore cannot estimate with certainty the amount of net proceeds to be used for the purposes described above. We may find it necessary or advisable to use the net proceeds for other purposes, and our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds. Pending application of the net proceeds to us described above, we intend to invest some or all of the net proceeds from this offering in U.S. government securities, demand deposits or money market funds.

PRICE RANGE OF OUR COMMON STOCK

Our common stock trades on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “VERU.” The following table sets forth the range of high and low closing sales price of our common stock, as quoted on the Nasdaq Capital Market, for the periods indicated:

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
2018 Fiscal Year		
Fourth Quarter (through September 25, 2018)	\$2.27	\$1.78
Third Quarter	\$2.29	\$1.64
Second Quarter	\$2.17	\$1.19
First Quarter	\$2.27	\$0.98
2017 Fiscal Year		
Fourth Quarter	\$2.84	\$1.04
Third Quarter	\$1.27	\$0.92
Second Quarter	\$1.13	\$0.92
First Quarter	\$1.20	\$0.82
2016 Fiscal Year		
Fourth Quarter	\$1.47	\$1.17
Third Quarter	\$1.90	\$1.25
Second Quarter	\$2.65	\$1.20
First Quarter	\$2.01	\$1.38

On September 25, 2018, the closing price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$1.79 per share. As of September 14, 2018, there were approximately 242 holders of record of our common stock. This does not include the number of persons whose stock is in nominee or “street name” accounts through brokers.

DIVIDEND POLICY

We have not paid cash dividends on our common stock since May 2014. We intend to retain any available cash for use in operations and, therefore, do not anticipate paying cash dividends for the foreseeable future. In addition, our credit agreement with SWK Funding LLC restricts dividends and share repurchases. Any future

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determination to pay dividends on our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon, among other factors, our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements, business prospects and other factors our board of directors may deem relevant, and subject to the restrictions contained in our credit agreement with SWK Funding LLC or any other future financing instruments.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of June 30, 2018 on:

- an actual basis; and
- an as adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance and sale by us of _____ shares of our common stock in this offering at the public offering price of \$ _____ per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

You should read the information set forth in the table below in conjunction with our financial statements, including the related notes thereto, together with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

	As of June 30, 2018	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(unaudited)	
	(in thousands, except share data)	
Cash	<u>\$ 5,577</u>	\$
Debt, including short-term portion	<u>\$ 10,703</u>	\$
Stockholders’ equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 77,000,000 shares authorized, 56,928,120 shares issued and 54,744,416 outstanding, actual; shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted	\$ 569	\$
Additional paid-in capital	93,971	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(581)	
Accumulated deficit	(50,282)	
Treasury stock, at cost	<u>(7,807)</u>	
Total stockholders’ equity	<u>35,870</u>	
Total capitalization	<u>\$ 46,573</u>	\$

The number of shares of common stock indicated as issued and outstanding above is based on 54,744,416 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2018, and excludes as of that date:

- 5,754,312 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options and stock appreciation rights, having a weighted average exercise price of \$1.56 per share, of which 514,167 shares were vested;
- a total of 998,188 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2017 Equity Incentive Plan and our 2018 Equity Incentive Plan;
- a total of 3,335,379 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants, having a weighted average exercise price of \$2.02 per share; and
- 190,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon vesting of outstanding restricted stock units.

DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share of our common stock in this offering and our as adjusted net tangible book value per share immediately after this offering. As of June 30, 2018, our net tangible book value (deficit) was approximately \$(4,118,000), or approximately \$(0.08) per share, based on 54,744,416 shares of our common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2018. Our net tangible book value per share represents the amount as of such date of our total tangible assets, which we calculate as total assets less intangible assets, reduced by the amount of our total liabilities, divided by the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of such date.

After giving effect to the issuance and sale of _____ shares of our common stock in this offering at the public offering price of \$ _____ per share, and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our as adjusted net tangible book value as of June 30, 2018 would have been approximately \$ _____, or \$ _____ per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value (deficit) of \$ _____ per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$ _____ per share to investors participating in this offering.

The following table illustrates this dilution to new investors participating in this offering on a per share basis:

Public offering price per share	\$ _____
Net tangible book value (deficit) per share as of June 30, 2018	\$(0.08)
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to new investors participating in this offering	\$ _____
As adjusted net tangible book value per share as of June 30, 2018, after giving effect to this offering	\$ _____
Dilution per share to new investors participating in this offering	\$ _____

If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase _____ additional shares of our common stock in full, our as adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering would increase to \$ _____ per share, representing an immediate dilution in net tangible book value per share of \$ _____ to new investors participating in this offering.

The number of shares of common stock indicated as issued and outstanding above is based on 54,744,416 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2018, and excludes as of that date:

- 5,754,312 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options and stock appreciation rights, having a weighted average exercise price of \$1.56 per share, of which 514,167 shares were vested;
- a total of 998,188 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2017 Equity Incentive Plan and our 2018 Equity Incentive Plan;
- a total of 3,335,379 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants having a weighted average exercise price of \$2.02 per share; and
- 190,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon vesting of outstanding restricted stock units.

To the extent that outstanding options, stock appreciation rights or warrants are exercised, new options or other equity grants are issued under our equity incentive plans or we otherwise issue additional equity securities in the future, there will be further dilution to investors participating in this offering.

UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, dated September , 2018, between us and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., 499 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, as the representative of the underwriters named below (the “Representative”) and the sole book-running manager of this offering, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the shares of common stock shown opposite its name below:

<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>
Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.	
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.	
Total	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent such as the receipt by the underwriters of officers’ certificates and legal opinions and approval of certain legal matters by their counsel. The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters will purchase all of the shares of common stock if any of them are purchased, other than the shares of our common stock that are subject to the option referred to below. We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters and certain of their controlling persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the shares of common stock subject to their acceptance of the shares of common stock from us and subject to prior sale. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

Option to Purchase Additional Shares

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase, from time to time, in whole or in part, up to an aggregate of shares from us at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, less underwriting discounts and commissions. If the underwriters exercise this option, each underwriter will be obligated, subject to certain conditions, to purchase a number of additional shares approximately proportionate to that underwriter’s initial purchase commitment, as indicated in the table above.

Commission and Expenses

The underwriters have advised us that they propose to offer the shares of common stock to the public initially at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers, which may include the underwriters, at that price less a concession not in excess of \$ per share of common stock. After the initial offering, the Representative may change the offering price and other selling terms.

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The following table shows the public offering price, the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay the underwriters and the proceeds, before expenses, to us in connection with this offering. Such amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares.

	Per Share		Total	
	Without Option to Purchase Additional Shares	With Option to Purchase Additional Shares	Without Option to Purchase Additional Shares	With Option to Purchase Additional Shares
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$	\$	\$

We estimate expenses payable by us in connection with this offering, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions referred to above, will be approximately \$. We have also agreed to reimburse the underwriters up to \$30,000 for certain of their counsels' fees and expenses, which reimbursed fees and expenses are deemed underwriting compensation for this offering by FINRA.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on Nasdaq Capital Market under the trading symbol "VERU."

No Sales of Similar Securities

We, our officers and our directors have agreed, subject to certain specified exceptions, not to directly or indirectly, for a period of 90 days from the date of the underwriting agreement, without the prior written consent of Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.:

- sell, offer to sell, contract to sell or lend, effect any short sale or establish or increase a "put equivalent position" (as defined in Rule 16a-1(h) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), or liquidate or decrease any "call equivalent position" (as defined in Rule 16a-1(b) under the Exchange Act), pledge, hypothecate or grant any security interest in, or in any other way transfer or dispose of, any common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for common stock currently or thereafter owned either of record or beneficially,
- enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of any common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for common stock, whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of common stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, or
- publicly announce an intention to do any of the foregoing.

In addition, we and each such person have agreed that, without the prior written consent of Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., we or such other person will not, during such 90-day period, make any demand for, or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any shares of common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock.

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. may, in its sole discretion and at any time or from time to time before the termination of the 90-day period release all or any portion of the securities subject to the lock-up agreements described above. There are no existing agreements between the underwriters and any of our shareholders who will execute a lock-up agreement providing consent to the sale of shares prior to the expiration of the lock-up period.

Market Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions

The underwriters may make a market in the common stock as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. However, the underwriters are not obligated to do so, and the underwriters may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice in their sole discretion. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the common stock, that you will be able to sell any of the common stock held by you at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell will be favorable.

The underwriters have advised us that they, pursuant to Regulation M under the Exchange Act, and certain persons participating in the offering may engage in short sale transactions, stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions or the imposition of penalty bids in connection with this offering. These activities may have the effect of stabilizing or maintaining the market price of the common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Establishing short sales positions may involve either “covered” short sales or “naked” short sales.

“Covered” short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares of our common stock in this offering. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares of our common stock or purchasing shares of our common stock in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option to purchase additional shares.

“Naked” short sales are sales in excess of the option to purchase additional shares of our common stock. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering.

A stabilizing bid is a bid for the purchase of shares of common stock on behalf of the underwriters for the purpose of fixing or maintaining the price of the common stock. A syndicate covering transaction is the bid for or the purchase of shares of common stock on behalf of the underwriters to reduce a short position incurred by the underwriters in connection with the offering. Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters’ purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. A penalty bid is an arrangement permitting the underwriters to reclaim the selling concession otherwise accruing to a syndicate member in connection with the offering if the common stock originally sold by such syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction and therefore have not been effectively placed by such syndicate member.

Neither we, nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. The underwriters are not obligated to engage in these activities and, if commenced, may end any of these activities at any time.

Passive Market Making

The underwriters may also engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on the Nasdaq in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M during a period before the commencement of offers or sales of shares of our common stock in this offering and extending through the completion of distribution. A passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid of that security.

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However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, that bid must then be lowered when specified purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may cause the price of our common stock to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of those transactions. The underwriters are not required to engage in passive market making and, if commenced, may end passive market making activities at any time.

Electronic Distribution

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available by e-mail or on the web sites or through online services maintained by one or more of the underwriters or their affiliates. The underwriters may agree with us to allocate a specific number of shares of common stock for sale to online brokerage account holders. Any such allocation for online distributions will be made by the underwriters on the same basis as other allocations. Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on the underwriters' web sites and any information contained in any other web site maintained by any of the underwriters is not part of this prospectus supplement, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or the underwriters and should not be relied upon by investors.

Other Activities and Relationships

The underwriters and certain of their affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in a wide range of activities for their own accounts and the accounts of customers, which may include, among other things, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, merchant banking, equity and fixed income sales, trading and research, derivatives, foreign exchange, futures, asset management, custody, clearance and securities lending. The underwriters and certain of their affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking and financial advisory services for us and our affiliates, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their businesses, the underwriters and their affiliates may, directly or indirectly, hold long or short positions, trade and otherwise conduct such activities in or with respect to debt or equity securities and/or bank debt, and/or derivative products. Such investment and securities activities may involve our securities and instruments. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations 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 or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Stamp Taxes

If you purchase shares of common stock offered in this prospectus supplement, you may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges under the laws and practices of the country of purchase, in addition to the offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.

NOTICE TO INVESTORS

Canada

This prospectus supplement constitutes an "exempt offering document" as defined in, and for the purposes of, applicable Canadian securities laws. No prospectus has been filed with any securities commission or similar regulatory authority in Canada in connection with the offer and sale of the common stock. No securities commission or similar regulatory authority in Canada has reviewed or in any way passed upon this prospectus supplement or on the merits of the common stock and any representation to the contrary is an offence.

Canadian investors are advised that this prospectus supplement has been prepared in reliance on section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 *Underwriting Conflicts* ("NI 33-105"). Pursuant to section 3A.3

of NI 33-105, this prospectus supplement is exempt from the requirement that the Company and the underwriter(s) provide investors with certain conflicts of interest disclosure pertaining to “connected issuer” and/or “related issuer” relationships that may exist between the Company and the underwriter(s) as would otherwise be required pursuant to subsection 2.1(1) of NI 33-105.

Resale Restrictions

The offer and sale of the common stock in Canada is being made on a private placement basis only and is exempt from the requirement that the Company prepares and files a prospectus under applicable Canadian securities laws. Any resale of the common stock acquired by a Canadian investor in this offering must be made in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, which may vary depending on the relevant jurisdiction, and which may require resales to be made in accordance with Canadian prospectus requirements, pursuant to a statutory exemption from the prospectus requirements, in a transaction exempt from the prospectus requirements or otherwise under a discretionary exemption from the prospectus requirements granted by the applicable local Canadian securities regulatory authority. These resale restrictions may under certain circumstances apply to resales of the common stock outside of Canada.

Representations of Purchasers

Each Canadian investor who purchases the common stock will be deemed to have represented to the Company and the underwriter(s) that the investor (i) is purchasing the common stock as principal, or is deemed to be purchasing as principal in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, for investment only and not with a view to resale or redistribution; (ii) is an “accredited investor” as such term is defined in section 1.1 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* (“NI 45-106”) or, in Ontario, as such term is defined in section 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario); and (iii) is a “permitted client” as such term is defined in section 1.1 of National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*.

Taxation and Eligibility for Investment

Any discussion of taxation and related matters contained in this prospectus supplement does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a Canadian investor when deciding to purchase the common stock and, in particular, does not address any Canadian tax considerations. No representation or warranty is hereby made as to the tax consequences to a resident, or deemed resident, of Canada of an investment in the common stock or with respect to the eligibility of the common stock for investment by such investor under relevant Canadian federal and provincial legislation and regulations.

Rights of Action for Damages or Rescission

Securities legislation in certain of the Canadian jurisdictions provides certain purchasers of securities pursuant to an offering memorandum (such as this prospectus supplement), including where the distribution involves an “eligible foreign security” as such term is defined in Ontario Securities Commission Rule 45-501 *Ontario Prospectus and Registration Exemptions* and in Multilateral Instrument 45-107 *Listing Representation and Statutory Rights of Action Disclosure Exemptions*, as applicable, with a remedy for damages or rescission, or both, in addition to any other rights they may have at law, where the offering memorandum, or other offering document that constitutes an offering memorandum, and any amendment thereto, contains a “misrepresentation” as defined under applicable Canadian securities laws. These remedies, or notice with respect to these remedies, must be exercised or delivered, as the case may be, by the purchaser within the time limits prescribed under, and are subject to limitations and defences under, applicable Canadian securities legislation. In addition, these remedies are in addition to and without derogation from any other right or remedy available at law to the investor.

Language of Documents

Upon receipt of this document, each Canadian investor hereby confirms that it has expressly requested that all documents evidencing or relating in any way to the sale of the securities described herein (including for greater certainty any purchase confirmation or any notice) be drawn up in the English language only. *Par la réception de ce document, chaque investisseur Canadien confirme par les présentes qu'il a expressément exigé que tous les documents faisant foi ou se rapportant de quelque manière que ce soit à la vente des valeurs mobilières décrites aux présentes (incluant, pour plus de certitude, toute confirmation d'achat ou tout avis) soient rédigés en anglais seulement.*

Australia

This prospectus is not a disclosure document for the purposes of Australia's Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia ("Corporations Act"), has not been lodged with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and is only directed to the categories of exempt persons set out below. Accordingly, if you receive this prospectus in Australia:

You confirm and warrant that you are either:

- a "sophisticated investor" under section 708(8)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act;
- a "sophisticated investor" under section 708(8)(c) or (d) of the Corporations Act and that you have provided an accountant's certificate to the company which complies with the requirements of section 708(8)(c)(i) or (ii) of the Corporations Act and related regulations before the offer has been made; or
- a "professional investor" within the meaning of section 708(11)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act.

To the extent that you are unable to confirm or warrant that you are an exempt sophisticated investor or professional investor under the Corporations Act any offer made to you under this prospectus is void and incapable of acceptance.

You warrant and agree that you will not offer any of the shares issued to you pursuant to this prospectus for resale in Australia within 12 months of those securities being issued unless any such resale offer is exempt from the requirement to issue a disclosure document under section 708 of the Corporations Act.

European Economic Area

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, each referred to herein as a Relevant Member State, with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State, referred to herein as the Relevant Implementation Date, no offer of any securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus has been or will be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than any offer where a prospectus has been or will be published in relation to such securities that has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the relevant competent authority in that Relevant Member State in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, an offer of such securities may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- to any legal entity which is a "qualified investor" as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD 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 representatives of the underwriters for any such offer; or
- in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

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provided that no such offer of securities shall require us or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “offer to the public” in relation to any securities 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 securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the securities, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and the expression “Prospectus Directive” means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD 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 PD Amending Directive” means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Hong Kong

No securities have been offered or sold, and no securities may be offered or sold, in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent; or to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong. No document, invitation or advertisement relating to the securities has been issued or may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance.

This prospectus has not been registered with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong. Accordingly, this prospectus may not be issued, circulated or distributed in Hong Kong, and the securities may not be offered for subscription to members of the public in Hong Kong. Each person acquiring the securities will be required, and is deemed by the acquisition of the securities, to confirm that he is aware of the restriction on offers of the securities described in this prospectus and the relevant offering documents and that he is not acquiring, and has not been offered any securities in circumstances that contravene any such restrictions.

Japan

The offering has not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948 of Japan, as amended) (“FIEL”), and the Initial Purchaser will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means, unless otherwise provided herein, any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

Singapore

This prospectus has not been and will not be lodged or registered with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or the invitation for subscription or purchase of the securities may not be issued, circulated or distributed, nor may the securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to the public or any member of the public in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor

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under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the “SFA”), (ii) to a relevant person as defined under Section 275(2), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the securities are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- a corporation (which is not an accredited investor as defined under Section 4A of the SFA) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor,

shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries’ rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights and interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than \$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets, and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA;
- where no consideration is given for the transfer; or
- where the transfer is by operation of law.

Switzerland

The securities may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (“SIX”) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This prospectus has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the securities or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company or the securities have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this prospectus will not be filed with, and the offer of securities will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA, and the offer of securities has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (“CISA”). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of securities.

Israel

This document does not constitute a prospectus under the Israeli Securities Law, 5728-1968 (the “Securities Law”), and has not been filed with or approved by the Israel Securities Authority. In the State of Israel, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer of the shares is directed only at, investors listed in the first addendum (the “Addendum”), to the Israeli Securities Law, consisting primarily of joint investment in trust funds, provident funds, insurance companies, banks, portfolio managers, investment

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advisors, members of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, underwriters, venture capital funds, entities with equity in excess of NIS 50 million and “qualified individuals,” each as defined in the Addendum (as it may be amended from time to time), collectively referred to as qualified investors (in each case purchasing for their own account or, where permitted under the Addendum, for the accounts of their clients who are investors listed in the Addendum). Qualified investors will be required to submit written confirmation that they fall within the scope of the Addendum, are aware of the meaning of same and agree to it.

United Kingdom

This prospectus is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) that are also (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended, referred to herein as the “Order,” and/or (ii) high net worth entities falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated or caused to be communicated. Each such person is referred to herein as a “Relevant Person.”

This prospectus and its contents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other persons in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a Relevant Person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

Any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”)) may only be communicated or caused to be communicated in connection with the issue or sale of the securities in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply. All applicable provisions of the FSMA must be complied with in respect of anything done by any person in relation to the securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

MIFID II Product Governance

Any distributor subject to Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended (“MiFID II”) that is offering, selling or recommending the shares of common stock is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares of common stock and determining its own distribution channels for the purposes of the MiFID II product governance rules under Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 (“Delegated Directive”). Neither the Company nor the underwriters make any representations or warranties as to a distributor’s compliance with the Delegated Directive.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus supplement will be passed upon for us by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Covington & Burling LLP, New York, New York is acting as counsel to the underwriters in connection with this offering.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Veru Inc. as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 and for each of the years in the three year period ended September 30, 2017 incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference from the Veru Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017 have been audited by RSM US LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report thereon incorporated herein by reference, and have been incorporated in this prospectus supplement in reliance upon such report and upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Aspen Park Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, and for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of Liggett & Webb P.A., independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of the registration statement on Form S-3 that was declared effective by the SEC on November 14, 2017, and do not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to any of our contracts, agreements or other documents, the reference may not be complete and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement or the exhibits to the reports or other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a copy of such contract, agreement or other document. Because we are currently subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file 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 operation of the Public Reference Room.

Information about us and our SEC filings are also available at our website at www.verupharma.com. Our website and the information contained on that site, or connected to that site, are not incorporated into and are not a part of this prospectus supplement.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information from other documents that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file with the SEC in the future and incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings (other than Current Reports on Form 8-K furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items) with the SEC under Sections 13(a),

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13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of any offering of securities made by this prospectus supplement:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, filed on January 2, 2018, as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed on January 5, 2018;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2017, filed on February 14, 2018, for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018, filed on May 11, 2018, and for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2018, filed on August 14, 2018;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2017, January 10, 2018, March 6, 2018, March 26, 2018, April 20, 2018, May 4, 2018 and June 1, 2018; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed on September 28, 1990, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating the description.

These documents may also be accessed on our website at www.verupharma.com. Our website and the information contained on that site, or connected to that site, are not incorporated into and are not a part of this prospectus supplement.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus supplement is delivered, upon written or oral request, at no cost to the requester, a copy of any and all of the information that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

Requests for such documents should be directed to:

Veru Inc.
4400 Biscayne Boulevard
Suite 888
Miami, Florida 33137-3212
Attention: Secretary
(305) 509-6897

Prospectus



\$50,000,000

Veru Inc.

Common Stock

Debt Securities

Preferred Stock

Warrants

Purchase Contracts

Rights

Units

From time to time, we may offer to sell up to an aggregate of \$50,000,000 of any combination of the following securities:

- shares of our common stock;
- debt securities;
- shares of our preferred stock;
- warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, debt securities or shares of our preferred stock;
- purchase contracts;
- rights to purchase shares of our common stock; and
- units consisting of any of the foregoing.

This prospectus provides a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide specific terms of the securities offered in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless accompanied by the applicable prospectus supplement.

The securities may be sold directly by us to investors, through dealers or agents, designated from time to time, to or through underwriters, or through a combination of these methods. For additional information on the methods of sale, you should refer to the section entitled "Plan of Distribution." If any underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities with respect to which this prospectus is being delivered, the names of such underwriters and any applicable discounts or commissions and over-allotment options will be set forth in a prospectus supplement. The price to the public of such securities and the net proceeds we expect to receive from such sale will also be set forth in a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "VERU." On October 24, 2017 the closing price of our common stock was \$1.84 per share.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See "[Risk Factors](#)" on page 4 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission 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 November 14, 2017

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer to sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$50,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities under this shelf registration, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. To the extent that any statement that we make in a prospectus supplement is inconsistent with statements made in this prospectus, the statements made in this prospectus will be deemed modified or superseded by those made in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, including all documents incorporated herein or therein by reference, together with additional information described under “Where You Can Find More Information About Us” and “Incorporation by Reference.”

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus we may provide to you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that which is contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus we may provide to you. This prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus we may provide to you do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

When used in this prospectus, the terms “we,” “our,” “us,” and “Veru” means Veru Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context indicates another meaning, the term “common stock” means shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and the term “preferred stock” means shares of our Class A preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which may include, depending on the context, shares of a series of Class preferred stock that may be issued under this prospectus.

ABOUT VERU INC.

Our Company

Veru is a biopharmaceutical company focused on urology and oncology. Veru utilizes the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's 505(b)(2) regulatory approval pathway to develop and commercialize drug candidates. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's 505(b)(2) regulatory approval pathway is designed to allow for potentially expedited regulatory approval based on a previously established safety and efficacy profile of the product. Veru is developing products under the 505(b)(1) pathway as well, which is the traditional new drug application (NDA) pathway. Veru is currently developing prescription products for benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH or enlarged prostate), hot flashes associated with cancer treatment, male infertility and novel oral chemotherapy (alpha and beta tubulin inhibitor) for a variety of malignancies, including metastatic prostate, breast and ovarian cancers. In addition, Veru sells the FC2 Female Condom® (now available by prescription in the U.S.) and PREBOOST® medicated individual wipe, which is a male genital desensitizing drug product that helps in the prevention of premature ejaculation.

Veru's division, The Female Health Company, manages the Global Public Health Division, which is focused on the global public health sector FC2 business. This division markets our Female Condom (FC2) to entities, including ministries of health, government health agencies, U.N. agencies, nonprofit organizations and commercial partners, that work to support and improve the lives, health and well-being of women around the world.

Corporate Information

Veru is a Wisconsin corporation that is the successor to The Wisconsin Pharmacal Company, Inc. (Wisconsin Pharmacal), a company which manufactured and marketed disparate specialty chemical and branded consumer products. Wisconsin Pharmacal was originally incorporated in 1971. In 1996, we completed a series of actions which resulted in our acquisition of worldwide rights to our first generation female condom, the divestiture of Wisconsin Pharmacal's other businesses and the change of our name to "The Female Health Company." On October 31, 2016, we completed our acquisition of Aspen Park Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (APP). The completion of the APP acquisition transitioned us from a single product company selling the FC2 Female Condom to a biopharmaceutical company with multiple drug products under development. On July 31, 2017, we changed our corporate name from "The Female Health Company" to "Veru Inc." reflecting our focus on biopharmaceutical products for urology and oncology.

Our principal executive offices are located at 4400 Biscayne Blvd. Suite 888, Miami, Florida 33137, and our telephone number is (305)509-6897. We maintain our corporate website at www.veruhealthcare.com. Information on our website is not part of this prospectus.

Recent Developments regarding Legal Proceeding

In connection with our acquisition of APP, two purported derivative and class action lawsuits were filed against Veru in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, which were captioned *Glotzer v. The Female Health Company, et al.*, Case No. 2016-CH-13815, and *Schartz v. Parrish, et al.*, Case No. 2016-CH-14488. On January 9, 2017 these two lawsuits were consolidated. On March 31, 2017, the plaintiffs filed a consolidated complaint. The consolidated complaint named as defendants Veru, the members of our board of directors prior to the closing of the APP acquisition and the members of our board of directors after the closing of the APP acquisition. The consolidated complaint alleges that our directors breached their fiduciary duties, or aided and abetted such breaches, and consummated the APP acquisition in violation of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law and NASDAQ voting requirements. The consolidated complaint also alleges that Mitchell S. Steiner, a director and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Veru and a co-founder of APP, and Harry Fisch, a director of Veru and a co-founder of APP, were unjustly enriched in receiving shares of our common stock and

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Series 4 Preferred Stock in the APP acquisition. Based on these allegations, the consolidated complaint seeks equitable relief, including rescission of the APP acquisition, money damages, disgorgement of the shares of our common stock and Series 4 preferred stock issued to Dr. Steiner and Dr. Fisch, and costs and expenses of the litigation, including attorneys' fees. On May 5, 2017, the defendants filed a motion to dismiss the consolidated complaint. On August 15, 2017, the court entered an order dismissing without prejudice the claims that the post-acquisition directors aided and abetted the alleged breaches of fiduciary duties by the pre-acquisition directors and that Dr. Steiner and Dr. Fisch were unjustly enriched. The court did not dismiss the claims that the pre-acquisition directors breached their fiduciary duties and the claims that Veru consummated the APP acquisition in violation of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law and NASDAQ voting requirements, and the action is continuing as to those claims. Veru believes that this action is without merit and is vigorously defending itself.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before purchasing any of our securities offered by this prospectus or a prospectus supplement, you should carefully consider the risks described in Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and under the caption “Risk Factors” or any similar caption in other documents that we have filed or subsequently file with the SEC that are incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as described below under “Where You Can Find More Information About Us” and “Incorporation by Reference,” and in any prospectus supplement.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, an accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents that are incorporated by reference may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements about future financial and operating results, plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, costs and expenses, outcome of contingencies, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, cost savings, objectives of management, business strategies, clinical trial timing and plans, the achievement of clinical and commercial milestones, the advancement of our technologies and our products and product candidates, and other statements that are not historical facts. You can identify forward-looking statements by words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “planned,” “potential,” “should,” “will,” “would” or the negative of those terms or other words of similar meaning. Such forward-looking statements are inherently subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss our future expectations or state other “forward-looking” information. We believe that it is important to communicate our future expectations to our investors. However, there may be events in the future that we are not able to accurately predict or control and our actual results may differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements. Before you invest in the securities, you should be aware that the occurrence of the events described in Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and elsewhere in this prospectus, an accompanying prospectus supplement and in the information incorporated by reference, could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. The forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or an accompanying prospectus supplement relate only to circumstances as of the date on which the statements are made.

All subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. We do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as may be required under applicable U.S. securities law. If we do update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that we will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in an accompanying prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of securities under this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include additions to working capital, financing research and development expenditures, financing drug development activities, and financing acquisitions. We will set forth in the particular prospectus supplement our intended use for the net proceeds we receive from the sale of our securities under such prospectus supplement. Pending the uses described above, we plan to invest the net proceeds of this offering in short- and medium-term, interest-bearing obligations, investment-grade instruments, certificates of deposit or direct or guaranteed obligations of the U.S. government.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a summary description of the terms of our common stock and preferred stock. It may not contain all the information that is important to you. For additional information, you should look at our amended and restated articles of incorporation, as amended, and our amended and restated by-laws, copies of which are on file with the SEC as exhibits to periodic reports previously filed by us. See "Where You Can Find More Information About Us" and "Incorporation by Reference."

General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 77,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 5,000,000 shares of Class A preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 15,000 shares of Class B preferred stock, par value \$0.50 per share. As of October 24, 2017, there were 53,208,489 shares of our common stock outstanding and no shares of our preferred stock outstanding.

The outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and non-assessable, and any shares of common stock or preferred stock issued in an offering pursuant to this prospectus, any shares of common stock or preferred stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants issued in an offering pursuant to this prospectus and any shares of common stock issued in connection with the obligations of a holder of rights to purchase our common stock issued in any offering pursuant to this prospectus, when issued in accordance with their terms, will be fully paid and non-assessable.

Common Stock

Each prospectus supplement for the offer of shares of our common stock will set forth the number of shares offered, the public offering price, information regarding our dividend history and common stock prices as reflected on the NASDAQ Capital Market or other exchange on which the common stock is then listed, including a recently reported last sale price of our common stock.

Dividend Rights.

Subject to limitations under Wisconsin law and the rights of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of our common stock are entitled to ratably receive dividends or other distributions when and if declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose.

Voting Rights.

Each outstanding share of our common stock is entitled to one vote per share held of record on all matters to be voted upon by shareholders, including the election of our directors and other corporate matters. At a meeting of shareholders at which a quorum is present, for all matters other than the election of directors, a matter is approved if the votes cast favoring the matter exceed the votes cast opposing the matter unless the matter is one upon which a different vote is required by our amended and restated articles of incorporation, as amended, our amended and restated by-laws or the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the shares entitled to vote in the election at a meeting at which a quorum is present. There is no cumulative voting with respect to the election of directors or any other matter. Under the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law, the affirmative vote of shareholders holding at least two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote is generally required to approve (i) a merger to which we are a party, (ii) the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of our assets, (iii) an amendment to our amended and restated articles of amendment, as amended, which requires a shareholder vote, and (iv) our dissolution.

Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up.

If we liquidate, dissolve or wind up, subject to the rights of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, the holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets legally available for distribution to our shareholders after the payment of all of our debts and other liabilities.

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Rights and Preferences.

Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, conversion or subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to shares of our common stock.

Transfer Agent and Registrar.

Computershare serves as the registrar and transfer agent for our common stock.

Stock Exchange Listing.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the trading symbol "VERU".

Preferred Stock

We are authorized to issue 5,000,000 shares of Class A preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. In July 2017, all of our then outstanding shares of preferred stock were converted, on a 40-for-1 basis, into 21.9 million shares of our common stock. As of October 24, 2017, there were no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

Our board of directors has the authority, without further action by our shareholders, to issue Class A preferred stock in one or more series and to fix from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series and the designation of such series, and to fix the relative rights and preferences of the shares of any such series, but only with respect to:

- the rate of dividend;
- the price at and the terms and conditions on which shares may be redeemed;
- the amount payable upon shares in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation;
- sinking fund provisions for the redemption or purchase of shares; and
- the terms and conditions on which shares may be converted into shares of any other class or series.

Except as to the matters expressly set forth in the bullet points above, all series of preferred stock, whenever designated and issued, must have the same preferences, limitations and relative rights and will rank equally, share ratably and be identical in all respects as to all matters.

Unless otherwise provided by Wisconsin law, each holder of preferred stock will have one vote per share and will vote with the holders of common stock together as a single class.

Once designated by our board of directors, each series of preferred stock will have specific financial and other terms that will be described in a prospectus supplement. The description of the preferred stock that is set forth in any prospectus supplement is not complete without reference to the documents that govern the preferred stock. These include our amended and restated articles of incorporation and any articles of amendment stating the terms of a series of preferred stock that our board of directors may adopt.

Our board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with rights that could adversely affect the rights of the holders of our common stock. The purpose of authorizing our board of directors to issue preferred stock and determine its rights and preferences is to eliminate delays associated with a shareholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of Veru and may adversely affect the market price of our common stock and the voting and other rights of the holders of our common stock. It is not possible to state the actual effect of the issuance of any shares of preferred stock on the rights of holders of our common stock until our board of directors determines the specific rights attached to that preferred stock.

Limitation on Directors' Liability

The Wisconsin Business Corporation Law provides that our directors will not be personally liable to us or our shareholders for damages, settlements, fees, fines, penalties or other monetary liabilities arising from a breach of, or failure to perform, any duty resulting solely from his or her status as a director, unless the person asserting liability proves that the breach or failure to perform constitutes any of the following:

- a willful failure to deal fairly with us or our shareholders in connection with a matter in which the director had a material conflict of interest;
- a violation of criminal law unless the director had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful;
- a transaction from which the director derived an improper personal profit; or
- willful misconduct.

This provision of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative or other shareholder litigation against our directors, and may discourage or deter shareholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their duty of care, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited us and our shareholders.

Wisconsin Anti-Takeover Provisions

Under Section 180.1150 of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law, unless the board of directors otherwise specifies, the voting power of shares of a "resident domestic corporation," such as us, which are held by any person holding in excess of 20% of the voting power of our stock will be limited to 10% of the full voting power of the shares. This statutory voting restriction does not apply to shares acquired directly from us, acquired in a transaction incident to which our shareholders vote to restore the full voting power of the shares and under other circumstances more fully described in Section 180.1150.

Sections 180.1141 through 180.1144 of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law provide that a "resident domestic corporation," such as us, may not engage in a "business combination" with a person beneficially owning 10% or more of the voting power of our outstanding stock (an "interested stockholder") for three years after the date the interested shareholder acquired his 10% or greater interest, unless the business combination or the acquisition of the 10% or greater interest was approved before the stock acquisition date by our Board of Directors. After the three-year period, a business combination that was not so approved can be completed only if it is approved by a majority of the outstanding voting shares not held by the interested shareholder or is made at a specified price intended to provide a fair price for the shares held by noninterested shareholders.

Sections 180.1130 through 180.1132 of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law provide that a "resident domestic corporation," such as us, may not engage in a "business combination" with a person beneficially owning 10% or more of the voting power of our outstanding stock (a "significant stockholder") unless the business combination either satisfies certain fair price criteria or the business combination is approved by at least 80% of the voting power of our stock and at least two-thirds of the voting power of our stock not beneficially owned by the significant stockholder.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Shareholder Nominations and Proposals

Our amended and restated by-laws establish advance notice procedures with respect to shareholder proposals to be brought before a shareholder meeting and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following summary describes generally the terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer from time to time in one or more series. When we offer to sell a particular series of debt securities, we will describe the specific terms of the series in a prospectus supplement. The following description of debt securities will apply to the debt securities offered by this prospectus unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement for a particular series of debt securities may specify different or additional terms.

We may issue “senior,” “senior subordinated,” or “subordinated” debt securities. “Senior securities” will be direct obligations of ours and will rank equally and ratably in right of payment with other indebtedness of ours that is not subordinated. “Senior subordinated securities” will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of senior indebtedness, as defined in the applicable prospectus supplement, and may rank equally and ratably with any other senior subordinated indebtedness. “Subordinated securities” will be subordinated in right of payment to senior subordinated securities.

We need not issue all debt securities of one series at the same time. Unless we provide otherwise, we may reopen a series, without the consent of the holders of such series, for issuances of additional securities of that series.

We will issue the senior debt securities and senior subordinated debt securities under a senior indenture, which we will enter into with a trustee to be named in the senior indenture, and we will issue the subordinated debt securities under a subordinated indenture, which we will enter into with a trustee to be named in the subordinated indenture. We use the term “indenture” or “indentures” to refer to both the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture. Each indenture will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or the Trust Indenture Act, and we may supplement the indenture from time to time. Any trustee under any indenture may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities, and we may appoint a successor trustee to act with respect to that series. We have filed a form of indenture as an exhibit to this registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part. The terms of the senior indenture and subordinated indenture will be substantially similar, except that the subordinated indenture will include provisions pertaining to the subordination of the subordinated debt securities and senior subordinated debt securities to the senior debt securities and any other of our senior securities. The following statements relating to the debt securities and the indenture are summaries only, are subject to change, and are qualified in their entirety to the detailed provisions of the indenture, any supplemental indenture, and the discussion contained in any prospectus supplements.

General

The debt securities will be our direct obligations. We may issue debt securities from time to time and in one or more series as our board of directors may establish by resolution or as we may establish in one or more supplemental indentures. The particular terms of each series of debt securities will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to the series. We may issue debt securities with terms different from those of debt securities that we previously issued.

We may issue debt securities from time to time and in one or more series with the same or various maturities, at par, at a premium, or at a discount. We will set forth in a prospectus supplement, relating to any series of debt securities being offered, the initial offering price, and the following terms of the debt securities:

- the title of the debt securities;
- the series designation and whether they are senior securities, senior subordinated securities, or subordinated securities;

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- the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities and any limit on the aggregate amount of the series of debt securities;
- the price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount) at which we will issue the debt securities and, if other than the principal amount of the debt securities, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities payable upon the maturity of the debt securities;
- the date or dates on which we will pay the principal on the debt securities;
- the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum or the method used to determine the rate or rates (including any commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index, or financial index) at which the debt securities will bear interest, the date or dates from which interest will accrue, the date or dates on which interest will commence and be payable, and any regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;
- the place or places where principal, interest, and any additional amounts will be payable and where the debt securities can be surrendered for transfer, exchange, or conversion;
- the terms, if any, by which holders of the debt securities may convert or exchange the debt securities for our common stock, preferred stock, or any other security or property;
- if convertible, the initial conversion price, the conversion period, and any other terms governing such conversion;
- any subordination provisions or limitations relating to the debt securities;
- any sinking fund requirements;
- any obligation we have to redeem, purchase or repay the debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder of debt securities and the price or prices at which and the period and periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which debt securities of the series shall be redeemed, purchased, or repaid pursuant to such obligation;
- the dates on which and the price or prices at which we will repurchase the debt securities at the option of the holders of debt securities and other detailed terms and provisions of these repurchase obligations;
- the denominations in which the debt securities will be issued, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
- the portion of principal amount of the debt securities payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity date, if other than the principal amount;
- whether we will issue the debt securities in certificated or book-entry form;
- the price or prices at which (if any), the period or periods within which (if any), and the terms and conditions upon which (if other than as provided herein) the debt securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option, or as an obligation, of Veru;
- whether the debt securities shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of a global security or securities; the terms and conditions, if any, upon which such global security or securities may be exchanged in whole or in part for other individual debt securities, and the depository for such global security and securities;
- whether the debt securities will be in registered or bearer form and, if in registered form, the denominations if other than in even multiples of \$1,000 and, if in bearer form, the denominations and terms and conditions relating thereto;
- the currency of denomination of the debt securities;
- the designation of the currency, currencies, or currency units in which payment of principal of, premium, and interest on the debt securities will be made;

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- if payments of principal of, and interest and any additional amounts on the debt securities will be made in one or more currencies or currency units other than that or those in which the debt securities are denominated, the manner in which the exchange rate with respect to these payments will be determined;
- the manner in which the amounts of payment of principal of, and interest and any additional amounts on the debt securities will be determined, if these amounts may be determined by reference to an index based on a currency or currencies other than that in which the debt securities are denominated or designated to be payable or by reference to a commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index, or financial index;
- any applicability of the defeasance provisions described in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement;
- the trustee for the debt securities;
- whether and under what circumstances, if any, we will pay additional amounts on any debt securities in respect of any tax, assessment, or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities instead of making this payment;
- any addition to or change in the events of default described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities and any change in the acceleration provisions described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities;
- if the debt securities are to be issued upon the exercise of debt warrants, the time, manner, and place for them to be authenticated and delivered;
- any securities exchange on which we will list the debt securities;
- any restrictions on transfer, sale, or other assignment;
- any provisions relating to any security provided for the debt securities;
- any provisions relating to any guarantee of the debt securities;
- any other terms of the debt securities, which may modify or delete any provision of the indenture as it applies to that series; and
- any depositaries, interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents, or other agents with respect to the debt securities.

We may issue debt securities that are exchangeable for or convertible into shares of our common stock or other securities or property. The terms, if any, on which the debt securities may be exchanged for or converted into shares of our common stock or other securities or property will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such terms may include provisions for conversion, either mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option, in which case the number of shares of common stock or other securities or property to be received by the holders of debt securities would be calculated as of a time and in the manner stated in the prospectus supplement.

We may issue debt securities at less than the principal amount payable upon maturity. We refer to these securities as “original issue discount securities.” If material or applicable, we will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement special U.S. federal income tax, accounting, and other considerations applicable to original issue discount securities.

If we denominate the purchase price of any of the debt securities in a foreign currency or currencies or a foreign currency unit or units, or if the principal of and interest and any additional amounts on any series of debt securities is payable in a foreign currency or currencies or a foreign currency unit or units, we will describe the restrictions, elections, general tax considerations, specific terms, and provide other information with respect to that issue of debt securities and such foreign currency or currencies or foreign currency unit or units in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Except as may be set forth in any prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities, no indenture will contain any other provisions that would limit our ability to incur indebtedness or that would afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving us or in the event of a change in control. You should review carefully the applicable prospectus supplement for information with respect to events of default and any covenants applicable to the debt securities being offered.

Payments and Paying Agents

Unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make payment of the interest on any debt securities on any interest payment date to the person in whose name the debt securities, or one or more predecessor securities, are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for the interest.

We will pay principal of, and interest and any additional amounts on, the debt securities of a particular series at the office of the paying agents designated by us, except that, unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may make interest payments by check, which we will mail to the holder, or by wire transfer to certain holders. Unless we otherwise indicate in a prospectus supplement, we will designate the corporate trust office of the trustee as our sole paying agent for payments with respect to debt securities of each series. We will name in the applicable prospectus supplement any other paying agents that we initially designate for the debt securities of a particular series.

Form, Transfer and Exchange

Each debt security will be represented by either one or more global securities registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, as depository, or a nominee of the depository (as a “book-entry debt security”), or a certificate issued in definitive registered form (as a “certificated debt security”), as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Except as described under “Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System” below, book-entry debt securities will not be issuable in certificated form.

Certificated Debt Securities

A holder of our debt securities may transfer or exchange certificated debt securities at the trustee’s office or paying agencies in accordance with the terms of the indenture. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of certificated debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with a transfer or exchange.

A holder of our debt securities may transfer certificated debt securities and the right to receive the principal of, and interest and any additional amounts on, certificated debt securities only by surrendering the old certificate representing those certificated debt securities and either we or the trustee will reissue the old certificate to the new holder, or we or the trustee will issue a new certificate to the new holder.

Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System

Each global debt security representing book-entry debt securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the depository, and registered in the name of the depository or a nominee of the depository. Ownership of beneficial interests in book-entry debt securities will be limited to persons that have accounts with the depository for the related global debt security, whom we refer to as participants, or persons that may hold interests through participants.

Except as described in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement, beneficial owners of book-entry debt securities will not be entitled to have securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of a certificate in definitive form representing securities, and will not be considered the owners or holders of those securities under the indenture. Accordingly, to exercise any rights of a holder

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under the indenture, each person beneficially owning book-entry debt securities must rely on the procedures of the depository for the related global debt security and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest.

We understand, however, that under existing industry practice, the depository will authorize the persons on whose behalf it holds a global debt security to exercise certain rights of holders of debt securities, and the indenture provides that we, the trustee, and our respective agents will treat as the holder of a debt security the persons specified in a written statement of the depository with respect to that global debt security for purposes of obtaining any consents or directions required to be given by holders of the debt securities pursuant to the indenture.

We will make payments of principal of, and interest and any additional amounts on, book-entry debt securities to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of the related global debt security. We, the trustee, and any other agent of ours or agent of the trustee will not have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a global debt security or for maintaining, supervising, or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Any certificated debt securities issued in exchange for a global debt security will be registered in such name or names as the depository shall instruct the trustee. We expect that such instructions will be based upon directions received by the depository from participants with respect to ownership of book-entry debt securities relating to such global debt security.

We have obtained the foregoing information in this section from sources we believe to be reliable. We take no responsibility for the depository's performance of its obligations under the rules and regulations governing its operations.

No Protection in the Event of a Change in Control

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any provisions that may afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event we have a change in control or in the event of a highly leveraged transaction (whether or not such transaction results in a change in control).

Covenants

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any restrictive covenants, including covenants restricting us or any of our subsidiaries from incurring, issuing, assuming, or guaranteeing any indebtedness secured by a lien on any of our or our subsidiaries' property or capital stock or restricting us or any of our subsidiaries from entering into any sale and leaseback transactions.

Merger, Consolidation, and Sale of Assets

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may not merge with or into or consolidate with, or convey, transfer, or lease all or substantially all of our properties and assets to, any person (a "successor person"), unless the following applies:

- either (a) we are the surviving entity or (b) the successor person is a corporation, partnership, trust, or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes our obligations on the debt securities and under the indenture;
- immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default, and no event that, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default, will have occurred and be continuing under the indenture; and
- certain other conditions that may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement are met.

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This covenant would not apply to any recapitalization transaction, a change in control of us, or a transaction in which we incur a large amount of additional debt unless the transactions or change in control included a merger, consolidation, or transfer or lease of substantially all of our assets. Except as may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, there are no covenants or other provisions in the indenture providing for a “put” right or increased interest or that would otherwise afford holders of debt securities additional protection in the event of a recapitalization transaction, a change in control of us, or a transaction in which we incur a large amount of additional debt.

Events of Default Under the Indenture

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, an “event of default” will mean, with respect to any series of debt securities, any of the following:

- default in the payment of any interest upon any debt security of that series when it becomes due and payable and continuance of that default for a period of 30 days (unless the entire amount of such payment is deposited by us with the trustee or with a paying agent before the expiration of the 30-day period);
- default in the payment of principal of, and any other amounts due on, any debt security of that series when due and payable either at maturity, redemption, or otherwise;
- default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due in respect of any debt security of that series;
- default in the performance or breach of any other covenant or warranty by us in the indenture (other than a covenant or warranty that has been included in the indenture solely for the benefit of a series of debt securities other than that series) or in the debt security, which default continues uncured for a period of 60 days after we receive written notice from the trustee or we and the trustee receive written notice from the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series as provided in the indenture;
- we, pursuant to or within the meaning of any applicable bankruptcy law, commence a voluntary case, consent to the entry of an order for relief against us in an involuntary case, consent to the appointment of a custodian for all or substantially all of our property, make a general assignment for the benefit of our creditors, or admit in writing our inability generally to pay our debts as they become due; or, similarly, a court enters an order or decree under any applicable bankruptcy law that provides for relief against us in an involuntary case, appoints a custodian for all or substantially all of our properties, or orders our liquidation (and the order remains in effect for 60 days); and
- any other event of default provided with respect to debt securities of that series that is included in any supplemental indenture or is described in the applicable prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus.

No event of default with respect to a particular series of debt securities (except as to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization) necessarily will constitute an event of default with respect to any other series of debt securities. An event of default may also be an event of default under our bank credit agreements or other debt securities in existence from time to time and under certain guaranties by us of any subsidiary indebtedness. In addition, certain events of default or an acceleration under the indenture may also be an event of default under some of our other indebtedness outstanding from time to time.

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, if an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing (other than certain events of our bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization), then the trustee or the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, by written notice to us (and to the trustee if given by the holders), declare to be due and payable immediately the principal (or, if the debt securities of that series are

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discount securities, that portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, of all debt securities of that series. In the case of an event of default resulting from certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization, the principal (or such specified amount) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, of all outstanding debt securities will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the trustee or any holder of outstanding debt securities.

At any time after an acceleration with respect to debt securities of a series has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the trustee, the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may cancel the acceleration and annul its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing events of default with respect to that series have been cured or waived except nonpayment of principal (or such lesser amount) or interest that has become due solely because of the acceleration.

The indenture also provides that the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive any past default with respect to that series and its consequences, except a default involving the following:

- our failure to pay the principal of, and interest and any additional amounts on, any debt security; or
- a covenant or provision contained in the indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holders of each outstanding debt security affected by the default.

The trustee is generally required to give notice to the holders of debt securities of each affected series within 90 days of a default actually known to a responsible officer of the trustee unless the default has been cured or waived. The indenture provides that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any series of any default or event of default (except in payment on any debt securities of that series) with respect to debt securities of that series if it in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interest of the holders of those debt securities.

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indenture will provide that the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request or discretion of any holder of any such outstanding debt securities unless the trustee receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability, or expense. Subject to certain rights of the trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the debt securities of that series. The trustee may, however, refuse to follow any discretion that conflicts with the indenture or any law or which may be unduly prejudicial to the holders of the debt securities of the applicable series not joining in the discretion.

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, no holder of any debt security of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any remedy under the indenture, unless:

- that holder has previously given to the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to debt securities of that series; and
- the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made written request, and offered reasonable indemnity, to the trustee to institute such proceeding as trustee, and the trustee will not have received from the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series a direction inconsistent with that request and has failed to institute the proceeding within 60 days.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as provided in the subordination provisions, if any, the holder of any debt security will have an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of the principal of, and any

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interest or additional amounts on, that debt security on or after the due dates expressed in that debt security and to institute suit for the enforcement of payment.

The indenture requires us, within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, to furnish to the trustee a certificate as to compliance with the indenture, or, in the event of noncompliance, specify the noncompliance and the nature and status of the noncompliance.

Modification of Indenture and Waiver

Except as specified below, modifications and amendments to the indenture require the approval of not less than a majority in principal amount of our outstanding debt securities.

Changes Requiring the Unanimous Approval

We and the trustee may not make any modification or amendment to the indenture without the consent of the holder of each affected debt security then outstanding if that amendment will have any of the following results:

- reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest, including default interest, on any debt security;
- reduce the principal of or any additional amounts on or change the fixed maturity of any debt security or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation with respect to any series of debt securities;
- reduce the principal amount of discount securities payable upon acceleration of maturity;
- waive a default in the payment of the principal, interest, or any additional amounts on any debt security, except a rescission of acceleration of the debt securities of any series by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of that series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from that acceleration;
- make the principal of, or interest or any additional amounts on, any debt security payable in currency other than that stated in the debt security;
- change the place of payment on a debt security;
- change the currency or currencies of payment of the principal of, and any premium, make-whole payment, interest, or additional amounts on, any debt security;
- impair the right to initiate suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any debt security;
- reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to modify or amend an indenture, to waive compliance with certain provisions of an indenture, or to waive certain defaults;
- reduce the percentage of the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series necessary to modify or amend the indenture, to waive compliance with provisions of the indenture or defaults and their consequences under the indenture, or to reduce the quorum or voting requirements contained in the indenture;
- make any change that adversely affects the right to convert or exchange any debt security other than as permitted by the indenture or decrease the conversion or exchange rate or increase the conversion or exchange price of any such debt security;
- waive a redemption payment with respect to any debt security; or

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- make any change to certain provisions of the indenture relating to, among other things, the right of holders of debt securities to receive payment of the principal of, and interest and any additional amount on, those debt securities, the right of holders to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment or the right of holders to waive past defaults.

Changes Not Requiring Approval of Debt Holders

We and the trustee may modify or amend an indenture, without the consent of any holder of debt securities, for any of the following purposes:

- to evidence the succession of another person to us as obligor under the indenture;
- to add to our existing covenants additional covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities, or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us in the indenture;
- to add events of default for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities;
- to add or change any provisions of the indenture to facilitate the issuance of, or to liberalize the terms of, debt securities in bearer form, or to permit or facilitate the issuance of debt securities in uncertificated form, provided that this action will not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities of any series in any material respect;
- to add, change, or eliminate any provisions of the indenture, provided that any addition, change, or elimination (a) shall neither (i) apply to any debt security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor (ii) modify the rights of the holder of any debt security with respect to such provision, or (b) shall become effective only when there are no outstanding debt securities;
- to establish additional series of debt securities;
- to secure previously unsecured debt securities;
- to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series, including the provisions and procedures, if applicable, for the conversion or exchange of the debt securities into our common stock, preferred stock, or other securities or property;
- to evidence and provide for the acceptance or appointment of a successor trustee or facilitate the administration of the trusts under the indenture by more than one trustee;
- to make any provision with respect to the conversion or exchange of rights of holders pursuant to the requirements of the indenture;
- to cure any ambiguity, defect, or inconsistency in the indenture, provided that the action does not adversely affect the interests of holders of debt securities of any series issued under the indenture;
- to close the indenture with respect to the authentication and delivery of additional series of debt securities or to qualify, or maintain qualification of, the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act; or
- to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture to the extent necessary to permit or facilitate defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, provided that the action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities of any series in any material respect.

A vote by holders of debt securities will not be required for clarifications and certain other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the debt securities.

Defeasance of Debt Securities and Certain Covenants in Certain Circumstances

Legal Defeasance

Unless the terms of the applicable series of debt securities provide otherwise, we may be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series (except for certain obligations to register the

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transfer or exchange of debt securities of the series; to replace stolen, lost, or mutilated debt securities of the series; and to maintain paying agencies and certain provisions relating to the treatment of funds held by paying agents). We will be so discharged upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of debt securities denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, foreign government obligations (as described at the end of this section), that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge each installment of principal, interest, and any additional amounts on and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of such payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities.

This discharge may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel stating that we have received from, or there has been published by, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service a ruling or, since the date of execution of the indenture, there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain, or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, defeasance, and discharge and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit, defeasance, and discharge had not occurred.

Defeasance of Certain Covenants

Unless the terms of the applicable series of debt securities provide otherwise, upon compliance with certain conditions, we may omit to comply with the restrictive covenants contained in the indenture (except for certain obligations to maintain paying agencies and certain provisions relating to the treatment of funds held by paying agents), as well as any additional covenants contained in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The conditions include, among others, the following:

- depositing with the trustee money and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of debt securities denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, foreign government obligations, that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay principal, interest, and any additional amounts on and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities; and
- delivering to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain, or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and related covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and related covenant defeasance had not occurred.

Covenant Defeasance and Events of Default

If we exercise our option, as described above, not to comply with certain covenants of the indenture with respect to any series of debt securities, and the debt securities of that series are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default, the amount of money and/or U.S. government obligations or foreign government obligations on deposit with the trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration resulting from the event of default. However, we will remain liable for those payments.

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“Foreign government obligations” means, with respect to debt securities of any series that are denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars:

- direct obligations of the government that issued or caused to be issued such currency for the payment of which obligations its full faith and credit is pledged, which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof; or
- obligations of a person controlled or supervised by or acting as an agency or instrumentality of that government, the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by that government, which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof.

Guarantees

Our payment obligations under any series of debt securities may be guaranteed by us or one or more of our subsidiaries. The terms of any such guarantee will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Subordination

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms and conditions, if any, upon which any series of senior subordinated securities or subordinated securities is subordinated to debt securities of another series or to other indebtedness of ours. The terms will include a description of the following:

- the indebtedness ranking senior to the debt securities being offered;
- any restrictions on payments to the holders of the debt securities being offered while a default with respect to the senior indebtedness is continuing;
- any restrictions on payments to the holders of the debt securities being offered following an event of default; and
- provisions requiring holders of the debt securities being offered to remit some payments to holders of senior indebtedness.

Conversion and Exchange Rights

The terms on which debt securities of any series may be convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, preferred stock, or other securities or property of Veru will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. These terms will include the following:

- the conversion or exchange price, or the manner of calculating the price;
- the exchange or conversion period;
- whether the conversion or exchange is mandatory, or voluntary at the option of the holder, or at our option;
- any restrictions on conversion or exchange in the event of redemption of the debt securities and any restrictions on conversion or exchange; and
- the means of calculating the number of shares of our common stock, preferred stock, or other securities or property of Veru to be received by the holders of debt securities.

The conversion or exchange price of any debt securities of any series that are convertible into our common stock or preferred stock may be adjusted for any stock dividends, stock splits, reclassification, combinations, or similar transactions, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Redemption of Debt Securities

The debt securities may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption on terms and conditions described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Subject to such terms, we may opt at any time to redeem the debt securities in whole or in part.

If less than all the debt securities of any series are to be redeemed or purchased in an offer to purchase at any time, the trustee will select the debt securities of that series to be redeemed or purchased as follows: (1) if the securities of such series are listed on any national securities exchange, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the debt securities of that series are listed, or, (2) if the debt securities of that series are not listed on a national securities exchange, on a pro rata basis, by lot, or by such other method as the trustee deems fair and appropriate.

Except as otherwise provided as to any particular series of debt securities, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, we or the trustee will mail a notice of redemption to each holder whose debt securities are to be redeemed. From and after notice has been given as provided in the applicable indenture, if funds for the redemption of any debt securities called for redemption shall have been made available on the redemption date, the debt securities will cease to bear interest on the date fixed for the redemption specified in the notice, and the only right of the holders of the debt securities will be to receive payment of the redemption price.

Governing Law

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

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

General

We may issue warrants to purchase debt securities, our common stock or our preferred stock. We may issue warrants independently or together with any offered securities and the warrants may be attached to or separate from those offered securities. We will issue the warrants under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and one or more banks, trust companies or other financial institutions, as warrant agent, all as described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to warrants being offered pursuant to such prospectus supplement. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants of the series being offered and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders or beneficial owners of warrants.

The following description of warrants will apply to the warrants offered by this prospectus unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement for a particular series of warrants may specify different or additional terms. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the following terms, where applicable, of warrants in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the title of the warrants;
- the designation, amount and terms of the securities for which the warrants are exercisable;
- the designation and terms of the other securities, if any, with which the warrants are to be issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security;
- the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;
- the aggregate number of warrants;
- any provisions for adjustment of the number or amount of securities receivable upon exercise of the warrants or the exercise price of the warrants;
- the price or prices at which the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants may be purchased;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants will be separately transferable;
- if applicable, a discussion of the material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the exercise of the warrants;
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants;
- the date on which the right to exercise the warrants shall commence, and the date on which the right shall expire;
- the currency or currencies in which the warrants are exercisable;
- the terms of any mandatory or optional redemption or call provisions;
- the identity of the warrant agent;
- if applicable, the maximum or minimum number of warrants which may be exercised at any time; and
- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any.

Exercise of Warrants

Each warrant will entitle the holder of warrants to purchase for cash the amount of debt or equity securities, at the exercise price as shall be set forth in, or to be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

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Warrants may be exercised as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants. When the warrant holder makes the payment and properly completes and signs the warrant certificate at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as possible, forward the debt or equity securities which the warrant holder has purchased. If the warrant holder exercises the warrant for less than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificates, we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining warrants.

Until the exercise of their warrants for debt or equity securities, holders of warrants will not have rights as a holder of the debt or equity securities, as the case may be, by virtue of such holder's ownership of warrants.

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS

We may issue purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and obligating us to sell to the holders, a specified or varying number of shares of common stock or other securities at a future date or dates, which we refer to in this prospectus as purchase contracts. Alternatively, the purchase contracts may obligate us to purchase from holders, and obligate holders to sell to us, a specified or varying number of shares of common stock or other securities. The price per share of the securities and the number of the securities may be fixed at the time the purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the purchase contracts. The purchase contracts may be issued separately or as part of units consisting of a purchase contract and debt securities, warrants or debt obligations of third parties, including U. S. treasury securities, securing the holders' obligations to purchase the securities under the purchase contracts, which we refer to herein as purchase units. The purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations under the purchase contracts in a specified manner. The purchase contracts also may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the purchase contracts or vice versa, and those payments may be unsecured or refunded on some basis. The purchase contracts may require holders to secure the holder's obligations in a manner specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, and in certain circumstances, we may deliver newly issued prepaid purchase contracts, often known as prepaid securities, upon release to a holder of any collateral securing such holder's obligations under the original purchase contract.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the purchase contracts, including, to the extent applicable, the following:

- whether the purchase contracts obligate the holder or us to purchase or sell, or both purchase and sell, the securities subject to purchase under the purchase contract, and the nature and amount of each of those securities, or the method of determining those amounts;
- whether the purchase contracts are to be prepaid or not;
- whether the purchase contracts will be issued as part of a unit and, if so, the other securities comprising the unit;
- whether the purchase contracts are to be settled by delivery, or by reference or linkage to the value, performance, or level of the securities subject to purchase under the purchase contract;
- any acceleration, cancellation, termination, or other provisions relating to the settlement of the purchase contracts; and
- whether the purchase contracts will be issued in fully registered or global form.

The description in the prospectus supplement will be a summary of the material terms and provisions of the purchase contracts. It may not contain all the information that is important to you. Reference will be made to the purchase contracts, and, if applicable, collateral or depository arrangements relating to the purchase contracts, which will be filed with the SEC each time we issue purchase contracts, for additional information regarding the purchase contracts.

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS

We may issue rights to purchase our common stock. The rights may or may not be transferable by the persons purchasing or receiving the rights. In connection with any rights offering, we may enter into a standby underwriting or other arrangement with one or more underwriters or other persons pursuant to which such underwriters or other persons would purchase any offered securities remaining unsubscribed for after such rights offering. Each series of rights will be issued under a separate rights agent agreement to be entered into between us and one or more banks, trust companies or other financial institutions, as rights agent, that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement. The rights agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the rights and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders of rights certificates or beneficial owners of rights.

The prospectus supplement relating to any rights that we offer will include specific terms relating to the offering, including, among other matters:

- the date of determining the security holders entitled to the rights distribution;
- the aggregate number of rights issued and the aggregate number of shares of common stock purchasable upon exercise of the rights;
- the exercise price;
- the conditions to completion of the rights offering;
- the date on which the right to exercise the rights will commence and the date on which the rights will expire; and
- any applicable federal income tax considerations.

Each right would entitle the holder of the rights to purchase for cash the number of shares of common stock at the exercise price set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Rights may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date for the rights provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, all unexercised rights will become void.

If less than all of the rights issued in any rights offering are exercised, we may offer any unsubscribed securities directly to persons other than our security holders, to or through agents, underwriters or dealers or through a combination of such methods, including pursuant to standby arrangements, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the units that we may offer under this prospectus. Units may be offered independently or together with common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, rights and/or warrants offered by any prospectus supplement, and may be attached to or separate from those securities.

While the terms we have summarized below will generally apply to any future units that we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any series of units that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any units offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

We will incorporate by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part the form of unit agreement, including a form of unit certificate, if any, that describes the terms of the series of units we are offering before the issuance of the related series of units. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the units that we sell under this prospectus, as well as the complete unit agreements that contain the terms of the units.

General

We may issue units consisting of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, rights, warrants, or any combination thereof. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time, or at any time before a specified date.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of units, including the following:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;
- any provisions of the governing unit agreement that differ from those described below; and
- any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer, or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under “Description of Capital Stock,” “Description of Debt Securities,” “Description of Warrants” and “Description of Rights” will apply to each unit and to any common stock, preferred stock, debt security, right or warrant included in each unit, respectively.

Issuance in Series

We may issue units in such amounts and in such numerous distinct series as we determine.

Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Units

Each unit agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable unit agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any unit. A single bank, trust company or other financial institution may act as unit agent for more than one series of units. A unit agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable unit agreement or unit, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a unit, without the consent of the related unit agent or the holder of any other unit, may enforce by appropriate legal action its rights as holder under any security included in the unit.

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Title

We, the unit agent, and any of their agents may treat the registered holder of any unit certificate as an absolute owner of the units evidenced by that certificate for any purposes and as the person entitled to exercise the rights attaching to the units so requested, despite any notice to the contrary.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

General

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus from time to time (1) through underwriters or dealers, (2) directly to one or more purchasers, including to our affiliates and shareholders in a rights offering, (3) through agents to the public or to investors, (4) in “at the market offerings,” within the meaning of Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange or otherwise, or (5) through a combination of any of these methods. The applicable prospectus supplement will include the following information to the extent applicable:

- the terms of the offering;
- the names of any underwriters or agents;
- the name or names of any managing underwriter or underwriters;
- the purchase price or initial public offering price of the securities;
- the net proceeds from the sale of the securities;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting underwriters’ compensation;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers; and
- any commissions paid to agents.

The distribution of the securities described in this prospectus may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions either:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- at prices relating to such prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

Sale through Underwriters or Dealers

If underwriters are used in the sale of any securities, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the offered securities if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers.

If we utilize an underwriter in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter at the time of sale and we will provide the name of any underwriter in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of the securities to the public. In connection with the sale of the securities, we or the purchasers of securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the securities to or through dealers, and the underwriter may compensate those dealers in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions.

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The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. During and after an offering through underwriters, the underwriters may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. These transactions may include overallotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, which means that selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the offered securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if the offered securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue these activities at any time.

Some or all of the securities that we offer through this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom we sell our securities for public offering and sale may make a market in those securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and they may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the liquidity of, or continued trading markets for, any securities that we offer.

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

Direct Sales and Sales through Agents

We may sell the securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We may also sell the securities through agents designated from time to time. In the prospectus supplement, we will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities, and we will describe any commissions payable to the agent. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

We may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to any sale of those securities. We will describe the terms of any such sales in the prospectus supplement.

Remarketing Arrangements

Offered securities may also be offered and sold, if so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreements, if any, with us and its compensation will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Delayed Delivery Contracts

If we so indicate in the prospectus supplement, we may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers from certain types of institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts. These contracts would provide for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts would be subject only to those conditions described in the prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will describe the commission payable for solicitation of those contracts.

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General Information

We may have agreements with the agents, dealers, underwriters and remarketing firms to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, or to contribute with respect to payments that the agents, dealers, underwriters or remarketing firms may be required to make. Agents, dealers, underwriters and remarketing firms may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of their businesses.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common stock, preferred stock and rights offered under this prospectus and certain other legal matters will be passed upon for us by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The validity of the debt securities, warrants, purchase contracts and units offered under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Greenberg Traurig, LLP, New York, New York. If counsel for any underwriters passes on legal matters in connection with an offering made by this prospectus, we will name the counsel in the prospectus supplement relating to that offering.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Veru Inc. (formerly known as The Female Health Company) as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 and for each of the years in the three year period ended September 30, 2016 and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2016 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Veru Inc. (formerly known as The Female Health Company) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2016 have been audited by RSM US LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report thereon incorporated herein by reference, and have been incorporated in this Prospectus and Registration Statement in reliance upon such report and upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Aspen Park Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as of September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014, and for the year ended September 30, 2016, the year ended September 30, 2015 and the period from June 9, 2014 (inception) to September 30, 2014, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of Liggett & Webb P.A., independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT US

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. You may read and copy this information from the Public Reference Room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like us, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is www.sec.gov. Unless incorporated by reference as provided under "Incorporation by Reference" below, the information contained on the SEC website is not intended to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and you should not consider that information a part of this prospectus.

Information about us is also available at our website at www.veruhealthcare.com. However, the information on our website is not a part of this prospectus and is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act, of which this prospectus forms a part. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit from this prospectus certain information included in the registration statement. For further information about us and our securities, you should refer to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed with the registration statement.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents instead of having to repeat the information in this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future information filed (rather than furnished) with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of any offering of securities made by this prospectus, provided, however, that we are not incorporating any information furnished under any of Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any current report on Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K.

We incorporate by reference the following Veru Inc. SEC Filings (File No. 001-13602):

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2016 filed on December 12, 2016;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 filed on February 9, 2017, for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 filed on May 10, 2017, and for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 filed on August 9, 2017;
- our current reports on Form 8-K filed on October 6, 2016, November 2, 2016 (as amended on January 17, 2017), December 1, 2016, March 21, 2017, May 19, 2017, August 1, 2017 and October 25, 2017; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed on September 28, 1990, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating the description.

These documents may also be accessed on our website at www.veruhealthcare.com. Except as otherwise specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus, information contained in, or accessible through, our website is not a part of this prospectus.

We will provide 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. We will provide such copies at no cost, upon written or oral request, by writing or telephoning us at:

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Attention: Secretary
(305) 509-6897

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