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ISSUER: Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation (OCSL)

EXPECTED RATING (MOODY'S / FITCH)*: Baa3 (Stable)/BBB- (Stable)
SIZE: \$350mm will not grow
FORMAT: SEC Registered
RANKING: Sr. Unsecured Note
SETTLEMENT DATE: May 18, 2021 (T+5)

TENOR: 5.5-Year
MATURITY DATE: January 15, 2027
FIRST PAY: January 15, 2022

TRANCHE CURRENCY: USD

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION: Make Whole, 1 Month Par Call

CHANGE OF CONTROL: Yes, 100%

ACTIVE BOOK RUNNERS: RBC (B&D), CITIGROUP, DB, SMBC

IPTs: T+ 215 bps area DENOMINATIONS: \$2,000 x \$1,000

USE OF PROCEEDS: To reduce outstanding debt under the company's revolving credit facility, and for general corporate

purposes

TIMING: Today's Business SALES INTO CANADA: Yes, exemption

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