

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

75-2969997
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

200 Crescent Court, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

75201
(Zip Code)

THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN
(Full title of the plan)

Brian O. Casey
Chief Executive Officer
Westwood Holdings Group, Inc.
200 Crescent Court, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75201
(Name and address of agent for service)

(214) 756-6900
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

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2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2800
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(1)(2)	Proposed maximum offering price per share(3)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(3)	Amount of registration fee(3)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	500,000 shares	\$42.47	\$21,235,000	\$2,896.45

(1) The securities to be registered include an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc.'s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), reserved for issuance under the Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"). The Plan has recently been amended to increase the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan. The additional shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan are being registered by this Registration Statement.

- (2) If, as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions, the number of securities purported to be registered on this Registration Statement changes, the provisions of Rule 416 shall apply to this Registration Statement, and this Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover the additional securities resulting from the split of, or dividend on, the securities covered by this Registration Statement.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act and based on the average of the high and low prices reported on the New York Stock Exchange on April 16 (which is within five business days prior to the filing of the Registration Statement), which was \$42.47 per share.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement relates solely to the registration of additional securities of the same class as other securities for which a registration statement on this form relating to an employee benefit plan is effective. This Registration Statement is filed for the purpose of registering an additional 500,000 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value ("Common Stock"), of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (the "Registrant") pursuant to the Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"). This registration of 500,000 shares of Common Stock will increase the number of shares registered for issuance under the Plan to an aggregate of 3,898,100 shares of Common Stock, subject to adjustment as provided in the Plan. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 registering 948,100 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, filed on August 28, 2002 (Registration Statement 333-98841); the Registration Statement on Form S-8 registering an additional 1,000,000 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, filed on May 10, 2006 (Registration Statement 333-133963); the Registration Statement on Form S-8 registering an additional 700,000 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, filed on July 1, 2009 (Registration Statement 333-160377); and the Registration Statement on Form S-8 registering an additional 750,000 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, filed on July 21, 2011 (Registration Statement 333-175696) are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement, except as amended hereby. Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, all information that has been incorporated by reference from the original registration statement is not repeated in this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, previously filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

1. Annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the Commission on February 28, 2013;
2. Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013, filed with the Commission on April 18, 2013;
3. Current reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 7, 2013 and March 11, 2013; and
4. The description of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 10 (Amendment No. 5) filed with the Commission on June 6, 2002.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities registered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes such statement.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished by us but not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Items 2.02, 7.01 or 9.01 of Form S-K.

Item 8. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference from the Form 10-12B filed with the Commission on April 30, 2002)
4.1.1	— First Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc., as amended (incorporated by reference from the Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 7, 2008)
4.2	— Amended and Restated Bylaws of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference from the Form 8-K filed with the Commission on April 25, 2012)
4.3	— Form of Certificate Evidencing Common Stock (incorporated by reference from Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form 10/A filed with the Commission on April 30, 2002)
4.4	— Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from the Form S-8 filed with the Commission on July 1, 2009)
4.4.1	— Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from the Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on October 21, 2010)
4.4.2	— Amendment 2011-1 to the Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from the Form S-8 filed with the Commission on July 21, 2011)
4.4.3*	— Second Amendment to the Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan
5.1*	Opinion of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
23.1*	— Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
23.2*	Consent of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
24.1*	— Power of Attorney (included in the signature page to this Registration Statement)

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dallas, State of Texas, on April 18, 2013.

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Brian O. Casey
Brian O. Casey
President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints, Brian O. Casey and Mark A. Wallace, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement, and any registration statement relating to the offering covered by this Registration Statement and filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents or their substitute may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Brian O. Casey</u> Brian O. Casey	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	April 18, 2013
<u>/s/ Mark A. Wallace</u> Mark A. Wallace	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	April 18, 2013
<u>/s/ Craig Whitten</u> Craig Whitten	Controller and Treasurer (Principal Accounting Officer)	April 18, 2013
<u>/s/ Susan M. Byrne</u> Susan M. Byrne	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director	April 18, 2013
<u>/s/ Richard M. Frank</u> Richard M. Frank	Director	April 18, 2013

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Robert D. McTeer</u> Robert D. McTeer	Director	April 18, 2013
<u>/s/ Geoffrey R. Norman</u> Geoffrey R. Norman	Director	April 18, 2013
<u>/s/ Martin J. Weiland</u> Martin J. Weiland	Director	April 18, 2013
<u>/s/ Raymond E. Woolridge</u> Raymond E. Woolridge	Director	April 18, 2013

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**SECOND AMENDMENT
TO THE
THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED
WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC.
STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

The Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) is hereby amended in the following respects, effective February 22, 2013, subject to approval by the stockholders of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. no later than February 22, 2014, in accordance with Section 17 of the Plan. If this Amendment is not so approved, it will be considered void.

The first sentence of Section 4.1 of the Plan is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following sentence:

“Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, the maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock that may be issued under the Plan shall be 3,898,100.”



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April 18, 2013

Westwood Holdings Group, Inc.
200 Crescent Court, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Westwood Holdings Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for the Company in connection with the Company's registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") of 500,000 shares (the "Shares") of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, which may be issued upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Third Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"), under the Company's registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on April 18, 2013

In reaching the opinions set forth herein, we have examined and are familiar with originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents and records of the Company and such statutes, regulations and other instruments as we deemed necessary or advisable for purposes of this opinion, including (i) the Registration Statement, (ii) the amended and restated certificate of incorporation of the Company, as amended, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, (iii) the amended and restated bylaws of the Company, (iv) certain minutes of meetings of, and resolutions adopted by, the Board of Directors of the Company and the Company's stockholders with respect to the Plan, (v) a copy of the votes taken at the shareholder meeting on April 18, 2013 approving the amendment to the Plan increasing the number of shares covered by the Plan to 3,898,100 and (vi) the Plan, as amended.

We have assumed that (i) all information contained in all documents we reviewed is true, correct and complete, (ii) all signatures on all documents we reviewed are genuine, (iii) all documents submitted to us as originals are true and complete, (iv) all documents submitted to us as copies are true and complete copies of the originals thereof, (v) each natural person signing any document reviewed by us had the legal capacity to do so, (vi) each natural person signing in a representative capacity any document reviewed by us had authority to sign in such capacity, (vii) the full consideration for each Share, as set forth in the Plan, shall be paid to the Company and in no event shall be less than the par value of such Share, and (viii) compliance in the future with the terms of the Plan by the Company and its employees, officers, the Board of Directors and any committees or individuals appointed to administer the Plan.

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Based on the foregoing, and having due regard for the legal considerations we deem relevant, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when offered, issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the terms of the Plan, will be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

This opinion is limited in all respects to the laws of the States of Delaware and Texas and the federal securities laws of the United States. Insofar as the opinions expressed herein relate to matters governed by Delaware law, we have based such opinions exclusively upon a reading of applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and the Delaware General Corporation Law.

This opinion letter may be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of person whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We have issued our reports dated February 28, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc., which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned reports.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP
Dallas, Texas
April 18, 2013