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(1)		rities to which transaction applies: \$0.0001 per share of Symmetry Medical Inc. (SMI)

Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:

38,773,194 shares of Common Stock of SMI, which represents the sum of (i) 36,594,195 shares of SMI common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, issued and outstanding as of the date of the Merger Agreement described
(2) herein; (ii) 1,222,344 shares of SMI common stock, which is the maximum number of shares of SMI common stock available for issuance in pursuant to Symmetry Medical s equity plans as of such date, including an aggregate of 300,000 subject to option awards at an exercise price of \$7.69 per share; (iii) 951,147 Restricted Shares issued under SMI s equity-based compensation plans as of such date; and (iv) 5,508 Restricted Stock Units issued under SMI s equity-based compensation plans as of such date.

Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):

(3) \$9.14, calculated based on the \$7.50 in cash per share of SMI Common Stock to be paid in the merger plus the market value, calculated in accordance with Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(4) of the shares of SSI Common Stock to be issued in the merger based on the average of the high and low prices per share of SMI common stock on September 3, 2014, as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, less the \$7.50 per SMI share cash consideration.

Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction:

(4)\$351,644,993. In accordance with Section 14(g) of the Exchange Act, the filing fee was calculated by multiplying 0.0001288 by the proposed maximum aggregate value of the transaction.

(5)	Total fee paid: \$44,995			
o Fee paid previously with preliminary materials. Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule $0-11(a)(2)$ and identify the filing for x which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.				
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The information in this proxy statement/prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell the securities offered by this proxy statement/prospectus until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This proxy statement/prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction where an offer, solicitation or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

Symmetry Medical Inc.

Symmetry Surgical Inc.

Shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Symmetry Surgical Inc.

This proxy statement/prospectus relates to shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Symmetry Surgical Inc. (Symmetry Surgical) that Symmetry Surgical may issue in connection with the acquisition of Symmetry Medical Inc. s (SMI) original equipment manufacturing solutions business (the OEM Solutions Business) by Tecomet, Inc. (Tecomet) by means of a merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tecomet, with and into SMI (the Merger). We refer to the separation of Symmetry Surgical s surgical supply business (the Symmetry Surgical Business) and the payment of shares of Symmetry Surgical s common stock to the existing stockholders of SMI in the Merger as the spin-off. After the spin-off is completed, Symmetry Surgical will be a separate, publicly held company.

In connection with the Merger, all of the outstanding shares of Symmetry Surgical s common stock will be distributed on a pro rata basis to SMI stockholders in partial redemption of their SMI shares. For every share of SMI common stock held by you immediately prior to the Merger, you will receive (i) one quarter (0.25) of a share of Symmetry Surgical s common stock, plus (ii) cash, without interest, in an amount equal to \$7.50 per share. You will receive cash in lieu of any fractional shares of Symmetry Surgical s common stock that you would have received after application of the above ratio. Following the Merger, SMI will not own any of Symmetry Surgical s common stock, and Symmetry Surgical will be a separate publicly-held company.

SMI will hold a special meeting of its stockholders in connection with the proposed spin-off and merger transaction. At the special meeting of SMI stockholders, SMI stockholders will be asked to vote on the proposal to adopt the Merger Agreement. The proposal to adopt the Merger Agreement will be approved if the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of SMI common stock entitled to vote on the proposal vote to adopt the Merger Agreement.

The securities and business of Symmetry Surgical are subject to various risks, including with respect to and following the spin-off. You should carefully consider the disclosures contained under the section entitled Risk Factors Relating to Symmetry Surgical, and carefully read this proxy statement/prospectus in its entirety.

SMI s common stock currently trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol SMA and will be de-listed following the Merger. At all times prior to the spin-off and merger transaction, Symmetry Surgical has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of SMI, and its common stock has not been publicly listed. In connection with the spin-off

Shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Symmetry Surgical Inc.

and merger transaction, Symmetry Surgical will apply to list Symmetry Surgical common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market and has accordingly reserved the ticker symbol SSRG. While trading in Symmetry Surgical common stock under this symbol is expected to begin on the first business day following the date that SMI completes the spin-off and merger transaction, there can be no assurance that a viable and active trading market will develop.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued under this proxy statement/prospectus or determined if this proxy statement/prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This proxy statement/prospectus is dated , 2014 and is first being mailed to Symmetry Medical Inc. stockholders on or about , 2014.

PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS

PROPOSED MERGER YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend a special meeting of the stockholders of Symmetry Medical Inc. (SMI), to be held on , 2014, at local time, at the Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, 37214.

At the special meeting of our stockholders, you will be asked to consider and to vote on a proposal to adopt and approve a merger agreement entered into among SMI, TecoStar Holdings, Inc. (Holdings), Tecomet, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holdings (Tecomet), and TecoSym Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tecomet, dated as of August 4, 2014, pursuant to which Tecomet will acquire SMI s OEM Solutions Business through a merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tecomet with and into SMI. Prior to the consummation of the Merger, SMI will effect the separation of the OEM Solutions Business and the Symmetry Surgical Business, which will be conveyed to and vest in Symmetry Surgical Inc., a newly formed subsidiary of SMI. If SMI s stockholders adopt and approve the Merger Agreement, and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement are completed, holders of SMI common stock will receive for each share of SMI common stock they own (except for shares held by stockholders who have properly exercised their rights of appraisal under Delaware law) (i) one quarter (0.25) of one share (plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares) of Symmetry Surgical Inc. and (ii) \$7.50 in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding tax.

SMI s board of directors has unanimously approved the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, including the spin-off and merger transaction, and determined that the Merger Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, including the spin-off and merger transaction, are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of its stockholders. SMI s board of directors recommends that its stockholders vote FOR adoption and approval of the Merger Agreement.

At the special meeting, in addition to the adoption and approval of the Merger Agreement, SMI s stockholders will be asked to cast an advisory (non-binding) vote on certain compensation payable or that could become payable to its named executive officers in connection with the spin-off and merger transaction. SMI s board of directors recommends that its stockholders vote FOR approval, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, of certain compensation payable or that could become payable to our named executive officers in connection with the Merger.

If necessary, you may also be asked to vote on a proposal to adjourn or postpone the special meeting to permit the further solicitation of proxies. **SMI s board of directors recommends that its stockholders vote FOR the adjournment proposal.**

The proxy statement that forms a part of this proxy statement/prospectus provides you with information about the special meeting of SMI s stockholders, the Merger Agreement and the proposed spin-off and merger transaction. A

copy of the Merger Agreement is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement/prospectus. We encourage you to read the entire proxy statement/prospectus and the Merger Agreement carefully.

Your vote is very important. The Merger cannot be completed unless the Merger Agreement is adopted and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of SMI s common stock. If you are a registered stockholder (including all persons who hold common shares in certificated form), you may vote by telephone or through the Internet by following the instructions included on your proxy card. If your common shares are held in street name, you will receive instructions from your broker or other nominee describing how to vote your common shares. Certain of these institutions may offer telephone and Internet voting. Please refer to the information forwarded by your bank, broker or other nominee to see which options are available to you.

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If you have any questions or need assistance voting your shares, please contact our proxy solicitation agent, Okapi Partners LLC, at (212) 297-0720 (for banks and brokers) or (855) 208-8902 (for stockholders).

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Sullivan Director, President and Chief Executive Officer Symmetry Medical Inc.

This proxy statement/prospectus is dated

, 2014, and is first being mailed to SMI s stockholders on or about , 2014.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE SPIN-OFF OR THE MERGER TRANSACTION, PASSED UPON THE MERITS OR FAIRNESS OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED SPIN-OFF AND MERGER TRANSACTION, OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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SYMMETRY MEDICAL INC.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON , 2014

Dear Stockholder:

A special meeting of stockholders of Symmetry Medical Inc., a Delaware corporation (SMI), will be held on 2014, at local time, at the Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, 37214:

To consider and vote upon a proposal to adopt and approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August

- 4, 2014, by and among SMI, TecoStar Holdings, Inc. (Holdings), Tecomet, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of
 Holdings (Tecomet), and TecoSym Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tecomet, and the transactions contemplated therein;
- 2. To consider and vote upon an advisory (non-binding) proposal to approve certain compensation payable or that could become payable to SMI s named executive officers in connection with the Merger;
- ³. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve, if necessary, the adjournment of the special meeting to a later date ³. to solicit additional proxies in favor of the adoption and approval of the Merger Agreement; and
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting, including matters incident to the conduct of the meeting.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement/prospectus accompanying this notice. Stockholders who own shares of SMI common stock at the close of business on , 2014, the record date fixed by our board of directors, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting. At the close of business on the record date, SMI had shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SMI UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND THE OTHER PROPOSALS.

Stockholders of SMI who do not vote in favor of the adoption and approval of the Merger Agreement will have the right to seek appraisal of the fair value of their shares if the Merger is completed, but only if they submit a written demand for appraisal to SMI before the vote is taken on the Merger Agreement and they comply with all requirements of Delaware law, which are summarized in the accompanying proxy statement.

Your vote is important. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of SMI common stock is required to adopt and approve the Merger Agreement. If you fail to vote on the Merger Agreement, the effect will be the same as a vote against the adoption and approval of the Merger Agreement. Even if you plan to attend the special meeting in person, SMI requests that you vote your shares over the Internet or via telephone or complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy, and thus ensure that your shares will be voted at the special meeting if you are

unable to attend. If you return a properly signed proxy card but do not indicate how you want to vote, your proxy will be counted as a vote FOR approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement, FOR approval, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, of certain compensation payable or that could become payable to SMI s named executive officers in connection with the Merger, and FOR the adjournment or postponement of the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies.

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If you are a registered stockholder (including all persons who hold common shares in certificated form), you may vote by telephone or through the Internet by following the instructions included on your proxy card. If your common shares are held in street name, you will receive instructions from your broker or other nominee describing how to vote your common shares. Certain of these institutions may offer telephone and Internet voting. Please refer to the information forwarded by your bank, broker or other nominee to see which options are available to you. The foregoing actions will not limit your right to vote in person at the special meeting.

For specific instructions, please refer to The Special Meeting Voting of Proxies and the instructions on the proxy card. If you submit your proxy and then decide to attend the special meeting to vote your shares in person, you may still do so. Your proxy is revocable in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proxy statement. Please note, however, that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to vote at the meeting, you must obtain from the record holder a proxy issued in your name.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

David C. Milne Senior Vice President of HR, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer Symmetry Medical Inc.

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IMPORTANT

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, SMI urges you to vote your shares over the Internet or via the toll-free telephone number, as described in the accompanying materials. As an alternative, if you received a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, you may sign, date and mail the proxy card in the envelope provided. No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States. Voting over the Internet, via the toll-free telephone number or mailing a proxy card will not limit your right to vote in person or to attend the special meeting.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement/prospectus incorporates by reference important business and financial information about Symmetry Medical Inc. from other documents that are not included in or delivered with this proxy statement/prospectus. For a listing of the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, see the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information. This information is available to you without charge upon your written or oral request. You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference into this document through the Securities and Exchange Commission website at *www.sec.gov* or by requesting them in writing or by telephone from SMI at the following address and telephone number:

> Symmetry Medical Inc. Investor Relations 3724 N State Road 15, Warsaw, Indiana 46582

By Telephone: (574) 267-8700

You may also obtain documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from Okapi Partners LLC, Symmetry Medical Inc. s proxy solicitor, at the following address and telephone number:

OKAPI PARTNERS LLC 437 Madison Avenue, 28th Floor New York, New York 10022 Email: info@okapipartners.com

Banks and brokers please call: (212) 297-0720 Stockholders please call: (855) 208-8902

To receive timely delivery of the documents in advance of the meeting, you must make your request no later than , 2014.

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ABOUT THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS

This proxy statement/prospectus, which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-4 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) by Symmetry Surgical, constitutes a prospectus of Symmetry Surgical under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), with respect to the shares of Symmetry Surgical common stock to be issued to SMI stockholders pursuant to the spin-off and merger transaction. This prospectus also constitutes a proxy statement for SMI under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). It also constitutes a notice of meeting with respect to the special meeting of SMI stockholders.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. No one has been authorized to provide you with information that is different from that contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this proxy statement/prospectus. This proxy statement/prospectus is dated , 2014. You should not assume that the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than that date. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the incorporated document. Neither our mailing of this proxy statement/prospectus to SMI stockholders nor the distribution of shares of SMI common stock pursuant to the spin-off and merger transaction should create any implication to the contrary.

This proxy statement/prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, or the solicitation of a proxy, in any jurisdiction to or from any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer or solicitation. Information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus regarding SMI has been provided by SMI and information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus regarding Symmetry Surgical has been provided by Symmetry Surgical.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Symmetry Surgical Inc. was incorporated as a Delaware corporation in July 2014. Symmetry Surgical Inc. currently does not have any material assets or liabilities, nor does it engage in any business or other activities and, other than in connection with the spin-off, will not acquire or incur any material assets or liabilities, nor will it separately engage in any business or other activities, in each case prior to the spin-off.

All references in this proxy statement/prospectus to SMI refer to Symmetry Medical Inc., a Delaware corporation; all references in this proxy statement/prospectus to Symmetry Surgical refer to Symmetry Surgical Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of SMI; unless otherwise indicated or as the context requires, all references in this proxy statement/prospectus to we, us and Company refer to Symmetry Surgical, and its consolidated our, subsidiaries after giving effect to the spin-off and merger transaction. Unless otherwise indicated or as the context requires, all references to the Merger Agreement refer to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 4, 2014, by and among Symmetry Medical, TecoStar Holdings, Inc., Tecomet, Inc. and TecoSym Inc., a copy of which is included as Annex A to this proxy statement/prospectus. Unless otherwise indicated or as the context requires, all references to the Merger refer to the merger of TecoSym Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tecomet, Inc., with and into SMI with SMI continuing as the surviving company pursuant to the Merger Agreement. Unless otherwise indicated or as the context requires, all references to the spin-off and merger transaction refer to the Merger and distribution of all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Symmetry Surgical to SMI stockholders in partial redemption of their SMI shares in connection therewith. SMI, following completion of the Merger, is sometimes referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus as the surviving company.

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