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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
The Securities Act of 1933

LEGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	No. 1--Leggett Road Carthage, Missouri 64836 (417) 358-8131	44-0324630 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

John A. Lyckman
Assistant General Counsel
Leggett & Platt, Incorporated
No. 1--Leggett Road
Carthage, Missouri 64836
(417) 358-8131

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone
number, including area code, of agent for service)

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: From time
to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective on dates, at times
and on terms not currently determined.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered
pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following
box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be
offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the
Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection
with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. X

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering
pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and
list the Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective
registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule
462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the
Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective
registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule
434, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Maximum Offering Price Per Share (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)	Proposed Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$.01 par value and attached Preferred Stock Purchase Rights	198,477 shares	\$22.1565	\$4,397,555.65	\$1,222.52

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457, based upon
the average of the high and low prices of Registrant's Common Stock on October 22, 1999 on the New York Stock
Exchange Composite Tape of \$22.1565.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date
or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant
shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration

Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Prospectus

198,477 Shares

LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED
Common Stock

(and Preferred Stock Purchase Rights attached to the Common Stock)

The shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value, (the "Common Stock") of Leggett & Platt, Incorporated, a Missouri corporation (the "Company") offered hereby (the "Shares") are being sold for the account of and by the persons named under the caption "Selling Shareholders." The Selling Shareholders have advised the Company that the Shares may be sold from time to time in transactions on the New York Stock Exchange or Pacific Exchange or in negotiated transactions, in each case at prices satisfactory to the Selling Shareholders. (See "Plan of Distribution.")

The Company will receive no part of the proceeds from the sale of the Shares. The Selling Shareholders will pay all applicable stock transfer taxes, transfer fees and brokerage commissions, and related fees and expenses, but the Company will bear the cost of preparing the Registration Statement to which the "Prospectus" is a part and all filing, legal and accounting fees incurred in connection with registration of the Shares under the federal securities laws.

The Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and Pacific Exchange (symbol: LEG). On October 22, 1999 the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange, Composite Transactions was \$22.1565 per share.

The Company's mailing address and telephone number of its principal executive offices is No. 1 Leggett Road, Carthage, Missouri 64836 and (417) 358-8131.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus is October 28, 1999.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the offices of the Commission at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20549 and at the Commission's Regional Offices at Northwestern Atrium Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511; 75 Park Place, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10007; and 5757 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 500 East, Los Angeles, California 90036-3648. Copies of such material can also be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, NW, 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 Commission also maintains a Web site at "<http://www.sec.gov>" which contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the commission. Reports, proxy statements and other information concerning the Company can be inspected and copied at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York and at the office of the Pacific Stock Exchange Incorporated, Listings Department, 115 Sansone Street, Suite 1104, San Francisco, California 94104. This Prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the Registration Statement filed by the Company with respect to the offering made hereby. Copies of such Registration Statement are available from the Commission.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The following documents have been previously filed by the Company with the Commission and are incorporated by reference into this Prospectus:

- (1) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.
- (2) Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31,

1999 and June 30, 1999.

- (3) The description of the Common Stock contained in Form 8-A dated June 5, 1979, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
- (4) The description of the Company's Preferred Stock Purchase Rights contained in Form 8-A dated January 25, 1999, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All reports and definitive proxy statements filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering to be made hereunder shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents, except that in no event shall any information included in any such document in response to item 402(i), (k) or (l) of Regulation S-K be deemed to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

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 Prospectus 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 herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

The Company will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this Prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated herein or in the Registration Statement by reference (other than exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents). All requests for such information should be directed to the Company's executive offices at No. 1 Leggett Road, Carthage, Missouri 64836, Attention: Investor Relations, (417) 358-8131.

THE COMPANY

The Company is a manufacturer of a wide range of engineered products. It was incorporated in 1901 as the successor to a partnership formed in 1883 at Carthage, Missouri. That partnership was a pioneer in the development of steel coil bedsprings. The Company today serves markets for:

- * Residential Furnishings - components for bedding, furniture and other residential furnishings and related consumer products.
- * Commercial Furnishings - retail store fixtures, displays, storage and material handling products and systems, and components for office and institutional furnishings.
- * Aluminum Products - die castings, custom tooling and dies, machining, coating and other value added processes and aluminum raw materials.
- * Industrial Materials - drawn wire, specialty wire products and welded steel tubing.
- * Specialized Products - automotive seating suspension, lumbar support and control cable systems, specialized machinery and manufacturing equipment.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The Company will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the Shares by the Selling Shareholders.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Standard & Poor's added the Company to the S&P 500 Index effective at the close of trading on Friday, October 15, 1999.

The Company has reported that through October 21, 1999 it has acquired twenty-two businesses which have added sales of approximately \$400 million to Leggett's annual volume.

The Company reported third quarter earnings on October 21, 1999. Summaries of the unaudited results of operations for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998 are shown below. Segment results for each of these periods are on the following pages.

(All amounts in millions, except per share data)

QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	1999	1998
Net sales	\$ 991.1	\$ 884.1
Cost of goods sold	721.2	655.3
Gross profit	269.9	228.8
Selling, distribution & administrative expenses	128.9	109.9
Other deductions, net of other income	6.3	5.4
Earnings before interest and income taxes	134.7	113.5
Interest expense	11.1	9.9
Interest income	.4	.8
Earnings before income taxes	124.0	104.4
Income taxes	46.3	39.2
Net earnings	\$ 77.7	\$ 65.2
Earnings per share		
Basic	\$.39	\$.33
Diluted	\$.39	\$.32
Average shares outstanding		
Basic	198.2	198.3
Diluted	200.9	201.1

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	1999	1998
Net sales	\$2,813.9	\$2,532.7
Cost of goods sold	2,058.2	1,882.3
Gross profit	755.7	650.4
Selling, distribution & administrative expenses	362.4	313.5
Other deductions, net of other income	20.4	13.7
Earnings before interest and income taxes	372.9	323.2
Interest expense	30.5	28.7
Interest income	1.8	3.4
Earnings before income taxes	344.2	297.9
Income taxes	128.0	111.4
Net earnings	\$216.2	\$186.5
Earnings per share		
Basic	\$1.09	\$.94
Diluted	\$1.08	\$.93
Average shares outstanding		
Basic	198.5	197.9
Diluted	201.1	200.6

SEGMENT RESULTS - Third Quarter

Residential Furnishings - Total sales for the quarter increased 9%, with acquisition growth of 7%. Earnings before interest and income taxes (EBIT) grew 12.2%, reflecting broadly based improvements in efficiencies on higher production and acquisitions.

Commercial Furnishings - Total sales increased 26.1%, with acquisition growth of just over 30% more than offsetting lower than expected same location sales of store fixtures. About \$9 million of store fixture sales expected in this year's third quarter were delayed and shifted to the next two quarters. The shifting resulted primarily from delayed customer store openings due to limited availability of construction labor and the recent shifting of building materials to weather damaged parts of the country. EBIT increased 6.6%, reflecting the impact of lower volume and temporary labor inefficiencies partially offset by acquisitions.

Aluminum Products - Total sales increased 11.6%, with acquisition growth of just under 2%. EBIT increased nearly 12-fold, reflecting increased efficiencies on higher production and more normal cost/price relationships.

Industrial Materials - Total sales increased 3.6%, with a slight contribution from acquisitions. EBIT increased 31.4%, reflecting more normal cost/price relationships and efficiencies gained on higher production.

Specialized Products - Total sales increased 6.7%, with acquisition growth of just over 10%. EBIT was unchanged, reflecting lower machinery and equipment volume which carries higher margins.

(All amounts in millions)

QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	External	Inter-Segment	Total
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	Sales	Sales	Sales	EBIT
Residential Furnishings	\$510.2	\$ 2.5	\$ 512.7	\$ 61.5
Commercial Furnishings	230.4	.7	231.1	38.6
Aluminum Products	119.1	3.8	122.9	10.7
Industrial Materials	72.8	50.0	122.8	18.4
Specialized Products	58.6	9.6	68.2	6.2
Intersegment eliminations	--	--	--	(.1)
Change in LIFO reserve	--	--	--	(.6)
Totals	\$991.1	\$ 66.6	\$1,057.7	\$ 134.7
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QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998	External Sales	Inter-Segment Sales	Total Sales	EBIT
Residential Furnishings	\$468.8	\$ 1.5	\$470.3	\$ 54.8
Commercial Furnishings	182.9	.4	183.3	36.2
Aluminum Products	105.9	4.2	110.1	.9
Industrial Materials	75.8	42.7	118.5	14.0
Specialized Products	50.7	13.2	63.9	6.2
Intersegment eliminations	--	--	--	(.4)
Change in LIFO reserve	--	--	--	1.8
Totals	\$884.1	\$ 62.0	\$946.1	\$113.5
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SEGMENT RESULTS - First Nine Months

Residential Furnishings - Total sales increased 9.6%, with acquisition growth of about 6%. EBIT grew 10.7%, reflecting broadly based improvements in efficiencies on higher production and acquisitions.

Commercial Furnishings - Total sales increased 20.5%, with acquisition growth of approximately 18%. EBIT increased 11.7%, as the benefits of acquisitions and higher volume in the first half of 1999 were partially offset in the third quarter by lower same location sales and temporary labor inefficiencies.

Aluminum Products - Total sales increased 4.7%, with nearly equal year-to-year acquisitions and internal growth. EBIT increased 38.5%, reflecting the substantial third quarter improvement in efficiencies and more normal cost/price relationships.

Industrial Materials - Total sales increased 6.6%, with acquisition growth of approximately 4.5%. EBIT increased 47.3%, reflecting more normal cost/price relationships and efficiencies gained on higher production.

Specialized Products - Total sales increased 15.7%, with acquisitions growth of just over 10%. EBIT increased 16.5%, reflecting higher first quarter sales of machinery and equipment and acquisitions.

(All amounts in millions)

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	External Sales	Inter-Segment Sales	Total Sales	EBIT
Residential Furnishings	\$1,460.9	\$ 7.5	\$1,468.4	\$166.2
Commercial Furnishings	570.8	2.3	573.1	95.8
Aluminum Products	401.6	12.3	413.9	38.5
Industrial Materials	208.6	155.6	364.2	53.6
Specialized Products	172.0	32.4	204.4	22.6
Intersegment eliminations	--	--	--	(3.4)
Change in LIFO reserve	--	--	--	(.4)
Totals	\$2,813.9	\$210.1	\$3,024.0	\$372.9
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NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998	External Sales	Inter-Segment Sales	Total Sales	EBIT
Residential Furnishings	\$1,335.5	\$ 4.7	\$1,340.2	\$150.2
Commercial Furnishings	474.3	1.2	475.5	85.8
Aluminum Products	383.2	12.3	395.5	27.8
Industrial Materials	198.8	142.8	341.6	36.4
Specialized Products	140.9	35.7	176.6	19.4
Intersegment eliminations	--	--	--	(1.3)
Change in LIFO reserve	--	--	--	4.9
Totals	\$2,532.7	\$ 196.7	\$2,729.4	\$323.2
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Residential Furnishings derives its revenues from components for bedding, furniture and other furnishings, as well as related consumer products.

Commercial Furnishings derives its revenues from retail store fixtures, displays, storage, material handling systems, and office and institutional furnishings components. Aluminum Products revenues are derived from die castings, custom tooling, secondary machining and coating, and smelting of aluminum ingot. Industrial Materials derives its revenues from drawn steel wire, specialty wire products and welded steel tubing sold to trade customers as well as other Leggett segments. Specialized Products is a combination of non-reportable segments which derive their revenues from machinery, manufacturing equipment, automotive seating suspension and lumbar supports, and control cable systems.

FINANCIAL POSITION (All amounts in millions)

	September 30,	
	1999	1998
NET ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 21.8	\$ 42.3
Receivables	607.5	561.6
Inventories	541.4	471.0
Other current assets	68.7	63.7
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Total current assets	1,239.4	1,138.6
Current debt maturities	4.7	5.0
Other current liabilities	442.1	386.6
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Total current liabilities	446.8	391.6
Working capital	792.6	747.0
Net fixed assets	884.4	803.8
Other assets	770.6	540.4
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Total net assets	\$ 2,447.6	\$ 2,091.2
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CAPITALIZATION		
Long-term debt	\$ 745.2	\$ 585.1
Deferred income taxes and other liabilities	121.3	116.1
Shareholders' equity*	1,581.1	1,390.0
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Total capitalization	\$2,447.6	\$2,091.2
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*In accordance with Financial Accounting Standard No. 130, comprehensive earnings would have been \$222.5 and \$179.2 for the nine months ending September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

The following information under this caption Selling Shareholders has been provided to the Company by the persons listed below as the Selling Shareholders including the number of shares of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each Selling Shareholder as of October 28, 1999 and the number of shares of the Common Stock being offered for the account of such Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Prospectus.

Name of Selling Shareholders	Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering	Shares Offered Hereby	Shares to Be Owned After Completion of This Offering
Ms. Joyce Beasley	1,633	1,633	0
Mr. Paul E. Case	818	818	0
Mr. Kenneth Coleman	1,633	1,633	0
William Stewart McKell	81	81	0
Robert & Katherine O'Dell	818	818	0
JJB Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc.	2,124	2,124	0
Mr. William C. Stewart, Jr.	97,355	97,355	0
Tabb Insurance Agency	818	818	0
Wm. Clyde Stewart Estate	31,199	31,199	0
Ladye Stewart King, Co-Executor			
Wm. C. Stewart, Jr., Co-Executor			
William David Thomas	818	818	0
Mrs. Emma J. Thomas	2,124	2,124	0
Mrs. G.C. Turner, Sr.	818	818	0
Sam & Clifton Hailey	3,676	3,676	0
Mary Lee & Robert O'Dell, II	11,680	11,680	0
Mr. Houston M. Minniece, Jr.	818	818	0
Mr. G.C. Turner, Jr.	818	818	0
Mr. Robert H. Scott	409	409	0
Stewart Family Trust	40,837	40,837	0
Ladye Stewart King, Co Trustee			
Wm. C. Stewart, Jr., Co Trustee			

Each of the Selling Shareholders received the Shares offered hereby directly or indirectly in connection with the merger (the "Merger") of L&P Acquisition Company - 49, a Mississippi corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company with and into Ark-Ell Springs, Inc., a Mississippi corporation ("Ark-Ell"). As a result of the Merger, Ark-Ell became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. None of the Selling Shareholders otherwise has held any position or office or otherwise had a material relationship with the Company within the past three years other than as a result of the ownership of the Shares of the Common Stock of the Company.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Shares may be sold from time to time by the Selling Shareholders or their pledgees or donees. Such sales may be made on one or more exchanges or in negotiated transactions not on an exchange at prices and on terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market price or at negotiated prices. The Shares may be sold by one or more of the following: (a) a block trade in which the broker or dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the Shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction; (b) ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers; and (c) purchases by a broker or dealer as principal and resale by such broker or dealer for its account pursuant to this Prospectus. In effecting sales, brokers or dealers may arrange for other brokers or dealers to participate. Brokers or dealers will receive commissions or discounts in amounts to be negotiated immediately prior to the sale which amounts will not be greater than that normally paid in connection with ordinary trading transactions.

In addition, any securities covered by this Prospectus which qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144 may be sold under Rule 144 rather than pursuant to this Prospectus.

CAPITAL STOCK

The Company's authorized capital stock consists of 600,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value, 1,000,000 shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock and 99,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock without par value. As of October 25, 1999 there were 201,186,545 shares of Common Stock and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

A description of the Common Stock is contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated June 5, 1979, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description, which is incorporated by reference. A description of the Preferred Stock Purchase Rights is contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated January 25, 1999, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description, which is also incorporated by reference.

LEGAL OPINIONS

John A. Lyckman, Assistant General Counsel of the Company, has rendered an opinion concerning the validity of the Shares and certain other legal matters. Mr. Lyckman is a full-time employee of the Company. On October 25, 1999, Mr. Lyckman beneficially owned 38,065 shares of Common Stock and held options to purchase an additional 11,140 shares of Common Stock which are exercisable on or within 60 days of said date.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED

198,477 Shares
Common Stock
\$.01 Par Value

(and Preferred Stock Purchase Rights
attached to the Common Stock)

PROSPECTUS

October 28, 1999

No dealer, salesperson or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations not contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and, if given or made, such other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company, any Selling Shareholder or any other person. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale made herein shall, under the circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Company since the date hereof. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the securities offered hereby to any person or by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation may not lawfully be made.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses of the Company in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, exclusive of those expenses to be borne by the Selling Shareholders.

SEC registration fee	\$ 1,222.52
Accounting fees and expenses	3,000.00
Legal fees and expenses	3,000.00
Printing of documents	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Total	\$11,222.52

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Under the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation and Missouri corporation laws, each of the present and former directors and officers of the Company may be entitled to indemnification under certain circumstances from certain liabilities, claims and expenses arising from any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (including any such action, suit or proceeding arising under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended), to which they are made a party by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Company.

The Company insures its directors and officers against certain liabilities and has insurance against certain payments which it may be obliged to make to such persons under the indemnification provisions of its Restated Articles of Incorporation.

Item 16. Exhibits

- 5 Opinion of John A. Lyckman, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to Registrant

23(a) Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

23(b) Consent of John A. Lyckman, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to Registrant

Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a)

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

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

(ii) To reflect in the Prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (i) and (ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

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

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

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

(e) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or cause to be delivered with the Prospectus, to each person to whom the Prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the Prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation S-X are not set forth in the Prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the Prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the Prospectus to provide such interim financial information.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described under Item 15 above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Carthage, State of Missouri, on the 28th day of October, 1999.

LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED

By: /s/ FELIX E. WRIGHT
Felix E. Wright
Vice Chairman of the Board,
Chief Executive Officer and President

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Harry M. Cornell, Jr., Felix E. Wright, Robert A. Jefferies, Jr. and Ernest C. Jett, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and all documents relating thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary or advisable to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
(a) Principal Executive Officer:		
/s/ FELIX E. WRIGHT Felix E. Wright	Vice Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President, and Director	October 28, 1999
(b) Principal Financial Officer:		
/s/ MICHAEL A. GLAUBER Michael A. Glauber	Senior Vice President, Finance & Administration	October 28, 1999
(c) Principal Accounting Officer:		
/s/ ALLAN J. ROSS Allan J. Ross	Vice President - Accounting	October 28, 1999
(d) Directors:		
/s/ HARRY M. CORNELL, JR. Harry M. Cornell, Jr.	Chairman of the Board	October 28, 1999
/s/ RAYMOND F. BENTELE Raymond F. Bentele	Director	October 28, 1999
_____ Robert Ted Enloe, III	Director	
/s/ RICHARD T. FISHER Richard T. Fisher	Director	October 28, 1999
/s/ BOB L. GADDY Bob L. Gaddy	Director	October 28, 1999
/s/ DAVID S. HAFFNER David S. Haffner	Director	October 28, 1999
/s/ THOMAS A. HAYS Thomas A. Hays	Director	October 28, 1999
_____	Director	

Robert A. Jefferies, Jr.

/s/ ALEXANDER M. LEVINE Director October 28, 1999
Alexander M. Levine

/s/ RICHARD L. PEARSALL Director October 28, 1999
Richard L. Pearsall

/s/ DUANE W. POTTER Director October 28, 1999
Duane W. Potter

/s/ MAURICE E. PURNELL, JR. Director October 28, 1999
Maurice E. Purnell, Jr

Alice L. Walton Director _____

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
5	Opinion of John A. Lyckman, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to Registrant
23(a)	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23(b)	Consent of John A. Lyckman, Esq., Assistant General Counsel to Registrant

October 25, 1999

Leggett & Platt, Incorporated
No. 1--Leggett Road
Carthage, MO 64836

Re: Form S-3 Registration Statement -
Ark-Ell Springs, Inc. (First Demand)
Our File No. 2-70-tba

Gentlemen:

As Assistant General Counsel of Leggett & Platt, Incorporated (the "Company"), I have acted on its behalf in connection with the preparation and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Registration Statement") relating to 2,430 shares of the Company's Common Stock, \$.01 par value (the "Shares"), and the Preferred Stock Purchase Rights (the "Rights") attached to the Shares, to be sold by the Selling Shareholders described therein.

In this connection, I have examined the following documents:

- (i) Copy of the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company;
- (ii) Copies of the Bylaws of the Company, as amended to date;
- (iii) Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and Shareholders of the Company; and
- (iv) The Registration Statement and all exhibits thereto.

I have also examined such other documents as I deemed necessary to the expression of the opinion contained herein.

Based upon the foregoing, I am of the opinion that:

- (1) The Company has been duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Missouri.
- (2) The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Registration Statement;
- (3) The issue by the Company of the Shares and the Rights to the Selling Shareholders has been duly and validly authorized by necessary corporate action;
- (4) The Shares and the Rights to be sold by the Selling Shareholders pursuant to the Registration Statement have been validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable.

I hereby consent to the use of my name in the Registration Statement and in the related Prospectus and to the use of this opinion as Exhibit 5 to the Registration Statement.

Sincerely,

LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED

/s/ JOHN A. LYCKMAN

John A. Lyckman
Assistant General Counsel

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Prospectus constituting part of this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated February 3, 1999 , which appears on page 35 of Leggett & Platt, Incorporated and Subsidiaries' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Prospectus.

/s/ PRICE WATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
St. Louis, Missouri
October 27, 1999