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TO THE
FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WORLD SURVEILLANCE GROUP INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

3721
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)

88-0292161
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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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 definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller Reporting Company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Security (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.00001 par value per share (3)	22,588,332	\$ 0.105	\$ 2,371,775	\$ 276 *

* previously paid.

- (1) In accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act, the registrant is also registering hereunder an indeterminate number of shares that may be issued and resold resulting from stock splits, stock dividends, or similar transactions.
- (2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act, using the average of the high and low prices as reported on the OTCBB on June 28, 2011.
- (3) This Registration Statement covers the resale by certain selling stockholders of up to 22,588,332 shares of common stock acquired in two private placements that closed on May 4, 2011 and May 27, 2011.

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.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS (Subject to Completion)
dated September 1, 2011

22,588,332 Shares

Common Stock

This Prospectus relates to the offer and sale of up to 22,588,332 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.00001 per share, which may be resold from time to time by the selling stockholders identified in this prospectus. All 22,588,332 shares were issued and sold to the selling stockholders in two private placements in reliance on Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), and Rule 506 promulgated thereunder, at a purchase price of \$0.075 per share, resulting in aggregate gross proceeds to us of \$1,694,125. The private placements closed on May 4, 2011 and May 27, 2011.

Pursuant to registration rights agreements entered into in connection with the private placements, we agreed to register for resale the shares of common stock issued to the selling stockholders. We are not selling any common stock under this prospectus and will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling stockholders.

The selling stockholders may sell the shares from time to time at the market price prevailing on the Over The Counter Bulletin Board at the time of offer and sale, or at prices related to such prevailing market prices, in negotiated transactions or in a combination of such methods of sale directly or through brokers. See "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page 58 for additional information on how the selling stockholders may conduct sales of their shares of common stock.

Other than underwriting discounts and commissions and legal fees of any of the selling stockholders, we have agreed to bear all expenses incurred in connection with registration of the common stock offered by the selling stockholders.

Our common stock is traded on the OTCBB under the symbol "WSGI." On August 16, 2011, the closing price of our common stock was \$0.11 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 3 for certain risks you should consider before purchasing any shares.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2011

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with additional information or information different from that contained in this prospectus. No offer to sell these securities shall be made in any jurisdiction where an offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of our common stock. Our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations may have changed.

This document may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. Certain jurisdictions may restrict the distribution of these documents and the offering of these securities. We require persons receiving these documents to inform themselves about, and to observe any, such restrictions. We have not taken any action that would permit an offering of these securities or the distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Market, Industry and Other Data

Unless otherwise indicated, information contained in this prospectus concerning our industry and the market in which we operate, including our general expectations and market position, market opportunity and market size, is based on information from various sources, on assumptions that we have made that are based on those data and other similar sources, and on our knowledge of the markets for our products. This information involves a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to such information or estimates. We have not independently verified any third-party information and cannot assure you of its accuracy or completeness. None of our estimates have been verified by any independent source. In addition, projections, assumptions and estimates of our future performance and the future performance of the industry in which we operate is necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk and are subject to change due to a variety of factors, including those described in “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this prospectus. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the estimates made by the independent parties and by us.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. Before investing in our common stock, you should carefully read this entire prospectus, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in this prospectus and the information set forth under the headings “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” Investing in our common stock involves risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 3.

Our Company and Business

We design, develop and market, and intend to sell, autonomous lighter-than-air (LTA) unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) capable of carrying payloads that provide persistent security and/or wireless communications from air to ground solutions at low, mid and high altitudes. Our airships, when integrated with electronics systems and other high technology payloads, are designed for use by government-related and commercial entities that require real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance or communications support for military, homeland defense, border control, drug interdiction, natural disaster relief and maritime missions.

Through our wholly owned subsidiary Global Telesat Corp. (GTC), we provide mobile voice and data communications services globally via satellite to the U.S. government and defense industry end users. GTC specializes in services related to the Globalstar satellite constellation, including ground station construction, satellite telecommunications voice airtime and tracking services. GTC is also an authorized reseller of satellite telecommunications services offered by other leading satellite network providers such as Inmarsat, Iridium and Thuraya. GTC’s equipment is installed in various ground stations across Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and South America.

Corporate Information

From 2002 to 2007, the Company was involved in the following businesses through various subsidiaries, all of which operations we have discontinued except the airship business:

- stored value card services;
- wholesale telecommunications services;
- voice over IP;
- wireless broadband; and
- high altitude airships.

In 2007, we began focusing exclusively on the LTA UAV market opportunities through our wholly owned subsidiary at the time, Sanswire Networks LLC. On September 22, 2008 we filed a Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware pursuant to which our newly formed wholly-owned subsidiary, Sanswire Corp., a Delaware corporation, was merged into us and our corporate name was changed from GlobeTel Communications Corp. to Sanswire Corp. Effective April 19, 2011, we merged a newly created, wholly-owned Delaware subsidiary, World Surveillance Group Inc., with and into us, with our company being the surviving corporation. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation is the charter of the surviving corporation except that our name has been changed to World Surveillance Group Inc. In connection with the change of our corporate name, effective April 25th our stock ticker symbol, under which our common stock is now traded, was changed to “WSGI”.

On May 25, 2011 we completed our acquisition of privately-held Global Telesat Corp. We acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding securities of GTC, making GTC a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. GTC supplies satellite based tracking and communication solutions to the U.S. Government and commercial customers.

Our current principal office is at State Road 405, Building M6-306A, Room 1400, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32815, our mailing address is Mail Code: SWC, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899, and our telephone number at that location is (321) 452-3545. Our internet address is www.wsgi.com. Information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus and the inclusion of our website address in this prospectus is an inactive textual reference only. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this document to “we,” “us,” “our,” the “Company” and similar expressions are references to World Surveillance Group Inc. and, depending on the context, its subsidiaries.

World Surveillance Group, Global Telesat, GTC, the World Surveillance Group logo and other trademarks or service marks of World Surveillance Group appearing in this prospectus are the property of World Surveillance Group Inc. Trade names, trademarks and service marks of other companies appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective holders.

Risks Associated with Our Business

Our business is subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the risks that (i) if we are unable to raise additional capital, we would likely have to delay, curtail, scale back or terminate some or all of our operations, prematurely sell some or all of our assets, merge with or be acquired by another company or possibly shut down our operations, (ii) we have not yet sold any of our airships in the commercial marketplace, and (iii) we generated limited revenue in the six months ended June 30, 2011. Additional risks relating to our business and the ownership of our common stock include those highlighted in the section titled “Risk Factors” immediately following this prospectus summary.

THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by us	None
Common stock offered by selling stockholders	22,588,332
OTCBB stock symbol	“WSGI”
Proceeds to us	None
Risk factors	Investing in our common stock involves certain risks. You should read “Risk Factors” beginning on page 3 and the other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to purchase shares of our common stock.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in or purchasing shares of our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information in this prospectus, including our consolidated financial statements and related notes, before deciding whether to purchase or invest in shares of our common stock. If any of the following risks are realized, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could be materially and adversely affected. In that event, the price of our common stock would likely decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment in our common stock.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

We need to raise a significant amount of additional capital to continue our operations which capital may be costly and difficult to obtain, and if we are unable to raise additional capital, we would likely have to delay, curtail, scale back or terminate some or all of our operations, prematurely sell some or all of our assets, merge with or be acquired by another company, or possibly shut down our operations.

We need to raise significant additional capital in order to meet our cash requirements to fully implement our business plan and continue our operations during the next twelve months. We will not receive any proceeds from this offering. At June 30, 2011, we had \$709,857 of cash and cash equivalents, we had negative working capital of \$16,897,841 and we had a net loss from operations of \$2,118,963 for the six months ended June 30, 2011. We expect to use the funds to expand and accelerate our research and development efforts, increase our manufacturing facilities, hire additional sales and other personnel, implement additional corporate governance measures, attract independent board members and for other operating activities. We will, as we deem necessary and prudent, continue to seek to raise additional capital through various financing alternatives, including the private or public sale of equity or debt securities, bank financing or corporate partnering arrangements. We have a funding commitment letter for \$1.5 million from a third party, but it is subject to a number of conditions, including completion of due diligence, Board approvals, financial market conditions, no material adverse change in our business, properties or financial condition and governmental and other approvals. We cannot assure you that this funding will occur. We do not have any firm commitments for additional capital from third parties or from our officers, directors or shareholders. Although our officers and directors or their affiliates have in the past provided us with or helped us obtain capital, they are not legally bound to do so. We may not be able to raise additional capital on terms acceptable to us or at all. In order to attract new investors and raise additional capital, we may be forced to provide rights and preferences to new investors that are not available to current stockholders and that may be adverse to existing investors. If we do not receive adequate additional financing on terms satisfactory to us on a timely basis, or at all, we would not be able to meet our cash payment obligations or fully implement our business plan. We would likely also have to delay, curtail, scale back or terminate some or all of our operations that could hurt our future performance, prematurely sell some or all of our assets on undesirable terms, merge with or be acquired by another company on unsatisfactory terms, or possibly shut down our operations.

We have a history of operating losses that we anticipate will continue for the foreseeable future.

We have a history of losses from operations and we anticipate that for the foreseeable future, we will continue to experience losses from operations. Those losses have resulted principally from costs incurred in our research and development efforts, and from general and administrative costs associated with our business. We had a net loss from operations of \$2,118,963 for the six months ended June 30, 2011, and a net loss from operations of \$3,328,247 during the same period of 2010. Our accumulated deficit through June 30, 2011 was \$144,624,731. We expect to continue to incur net losses from operations for the next several quarters as we continue to develop and seek to commercialize our products.

We have incurred substantial indebtedness and may be unable to service our debt.

Our indebtedness at June 30, 2011 was \$16,120,418. A portion of such indebtedness reflects judicial judgments against us that could result in liens being placed on our bank accounts or assets. We are reviewing our ability to further reduce this debt level due to the age and/or settlement of certain payables but we may not be able to do so. This level of indebtedness could, among other things:

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- make it difficult for us to make payments on this debt and other obligations;
- make it difficult for us to obtain future financing;
- require us to redirect significant amounts of cash from operations to servicing the debt;
- require us to take measures such as the reduction in scale of our operations that might hurt our future performance in order to satisfy our debt obligations; and
 - make us more vulnerable to bankruptcy or an unwanted acquisition on terms unsatisfactory to us.

Our independent auditors have issued a report questioning our ability to continue as a going concern, which may impair our ability to raise additional financing.

The report of our independent auditors contained in our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 explains that we have incurred substantial operating losses and raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Analysts and investors view reports of independent auditors questioning a company's ability to continue as a going concern unfavorably. This report may make it difficult for us to raise additional debt or equity financing necessary to continue our business operations and the development of our airships. Potential investors should review this report before making a decision to invest in the Company.

We rely exclusively on our technical partner, Eastcor Engineering, for the development and commercialization of our products.

We currently rely exclusively on our technical partner, Eastcor Engineering, for the development and commercialization of our airships. We currently have no technical personnel as employees of the Company. While we believe the relationship with Eastcor to be very strong, there is no assurance that it will always remain so. If this relationship were to break down or terminate or if we were to lose the services of Eastcor, since we do not have an alternative technical partner, it would cause a significant delay in our ability to continue to develop, manufacture and sell our airships, postpone commercial revenue to us and increase the costs related to such development and commercialization. We are presently negotiating an agreement with Eastcor to outline each party's responsibilities. There is no guarantee, however, that we will be able to enter into a definitive agreement. Pursuant to a Settlement Agreement, we recently terminated all the existing agreements we had with TAO Technologies, our former technology partner, and have dissolved the joint venture we had with TAO. While we are open to discussing with TAO a potential future relationship, there can be no assurance that a future relationship will exist or what the terms of any such a relationship could be.

Our subsidiary GTC relies heavily on the Globalstar satellite network to provide its services and generate revenue.

GTC specializes in services offered through the Globalstar satellite network, and thus its future revenue growth from this part of the business is directly related to the reliability of the Globalstar network. The Globalstar satellite constellation has deteriorated over time resulting in substantially reduced ability to provide two-way communications, or duplex services, although the constellation continues to provide reliable one-way communications, or simplex services. The deterioration of Globalstar's network has had a significant negative impact on Globalstar's financial results from 2007 through today and, while a majority of GTC's contracts have related to simplex services which did not degrade, the deterioration impacted GTC's ability to provide reliable service on a significant government contract awarded to GTC to provide satellite airtime minutes through the Globalstar network. As a result of the degradation, GTC was unable to offer reliable simplex services to this government customer and therefore only fulfilled approximately 15% of the contract. Globalstar is currently in the process of launching 24 second-generation satellites. Six of these were successfully launched in October 2010 and eight more are planned before the end of 2011. Assuming these launches have the intended results, this should result in a much improved two-way communications service which will help GTC to provide significantly more reliable service to customers and may allow GTC to fulfill an additional portion of the above government contract.

The acquisition of GTC may not be accretive and may cause dilution to our earnings per share, which may negatively affect the market price of our common stock.

As we only recently acquired GTC, we are uncertain as to whether GTC will be accretive to our net income per share in our quarter beginning July 1, 2011. We may encounter additional transaction-related costs or other factors such as the failure to realize all of the benefits anticipated in the acquisition. All of these factors could cause dilution to our earnings per share or decrease or delay any accretive effect of the acquisition and cause a decrease in the market price of our common stock.

Combining our business with GTC may be more difficult, costly or time-consuming than expected, which may adversely affect our results of operations and adversely affect the value of our common stock following the acquisition.

We completed the GTC acquisition because we believe that the acquisition will be beneficial to our company and our stockholders. The success of the acquisition will depend, in part, on our and GTC's ability to realize the anticipated benefits and synergies from combining our businesses. To realize these anticipated benefits, we must successfully combine our businesses in an efficient and effective manner. If we are not able to achieve these objectives within the anticipated time frame, or at all, the anticipated benefits and cost savings of the acquisition may not be realized fully, or at all, or may take longer to realize than expected, and the value of our common stock may be adversely affected.

We and GTC have operated independently of each other. It is possible that the integration process could result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of each company's ongoing business or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies that adversely affect our or GTC's ability to maintain relationships with customers, employees, suppliers and other business partners following the acquisition or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisition. Specifically, issues that must be addressed in integrating the operations of GTC into our operations in order to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition include, among other things:

- integrating and optimizing the utilization of the properties, equipment, suppliers, distribution channels, manufacturing, marketing, promotion and sales activities and information technologies;
- integrating and expanding product offerings and opportunities;
- consolidating corporate and administrative infrastructures;
- coordinating geographically dispersed organizations;
- retaining existing customers and attracting new customers as well as leveraging the customer and partner relationships of the parties; and
- conforming standards, controls, procedures and policies, business cultures and compensation structures between the companies.

Integration efforts between the two companies will also divert management attention and resources. An inability to realize the full extent of the anticipated benefits of the acquisition, as well as any delays encountered in the integration process, could have an adverse effect upon our results of operations, which may affect adversely the value of our common stock after the acquisition.

In addition, the actual integration may result in additional and unforeseen expenses, and the anticipated benefits of the integration plan may not be realized. Actual synergies, if achieved at all, may be lower than what we expect and may

take longer to achieve than anticipated. If we are not able to adequately address these challenges, we may be unable to successfully integrate GTC's operations into our own or to realize the anticipated benefits of the integration of the two companies.

The financial results of the combined company may materially differ from the historical pro forma financial information presented in the Current Report on Form 8-K that we filed with the SEC.

The historical pro forma financial information presented in the Current Report on Form 8-K that we filed with the SEC reflects the estimates, assumptions and judgments made by management of the Company and GTC. These estimates, assumptions and judgments affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the dates presented as well as revenue and expenses reported for the periods presented. The resolution of differences between the two companies' accounting policies and methods, including estimates, assumptions and judgments, may result in materially different financial information than is presented in the historical pro forma financial statements.

We may pursue other strategic transactions in the future, which could be difficult to implement, disrupt our business or change our business profile significantly.

We entered into a joint venture in 2008 with our then technology partner TAO Technologies. Although we are open to discussing a potential future relationship with TAO, we have terminated all of the agreements between us and TAO and we have dissolved the joint venture. We will continue to consider potential strategic transactions, which could involve acquisitions or dispositions of businesses or assets, joint ventures or investments in businesses, products or technologies that expand, complement or otherwise relate to our current or future business. We may also consider, from time to time, opportunities to engage in joint ventures or other business collaborations with third parties to address particular market segments. These activities create risks such as: (i) the need to integrate and manage the businesses and products acquired with our own business and products, (ii) additional demands on our resources, systems, procedures and controls, (iii) disruption of our ongoing business, and (iv) diversion of management's attention from other business concerns. Moreover, these transactions could involve: (a) substantial investment of funds or financings by issuance of debt