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Reporting Owners

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- (1) This column assumes a change-in-control occurs on December 31, 2012 followed immediately thereafter by a termination of the executive s employment on the same date by us without cause or by the executive for good reason.
- (2) Based on the difference between the exercise price of unvested stock options that accelerate upon the relevant event and the closing price of our Common Stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2012, which was \$4.38.
- (3) Based on the unvested RSU s that accelerate upon the relevant event multiplied by the closing price of our Common Stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2012, which was \$4.38.
- (4) Reflects the amount of future premiums, which would be paid on behalf of the named executive officer under our health and dental plans, based on the premiums in effect as of December 31, 2012.

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Susan M. Luscinski

The following table shows the estimated payments upon termination or a change-in-control of the Company for Susan M. Luscinski, our Chief Operating Officer.

Executive Benefits and Payments Upon Separation	Termination Without Cause or For Good Reason	Termination Upon Death	Termination Termination After Upon Change-in- Disability Control (1)		Change-in- Control	
Cash Severance	\$ 344,333	\$	\$	\$ 318,750	\$	
Vesting of Stock Options (2)	76,005	124,020	124,020	124,020	124,020	
Vesting of Restricted Stock Units (3)	138,872	388,659	388,659	388,659	388,659	
Health Care Benefits (4)	4,177		4,177	4,177		
Tax Gross-up						
Total	\$ 563,387	\$ 512,679	\$ 516,856	\$ 835,606	\$ 512,679	

(1) This column assumes a change-in-control occurs on December 31, 2012 followed immediately thereafter by a termination of the executive s employment on the same date by us without cause or by the executive for good reason.

(2) Based on the difference between the exercise price of unvested stock options that accelerate upon the relevant event and the closing price of our Common Stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2012, which was \$4.38.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our outstanding Common Stock as of April 1, 2013 by: (i) all persons known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of our Common Stock; (ii) each of our Directors and nominees for Director; (iii) each of the named executive officers; and (iv) all of our Directors and executive officers as a group.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each stockholder is determined under rules issued by the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Under these rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares as to which the individual or entity has sole or shared voting power or investment power and includes any shares as to which the individual or entity has the right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days after April 1, 2013 through the exercise of any warrant, stock option or other right. The inclusion in this Proxy Statement of such shares, however, does not constitute an admission that the named stockholder is a direct or indirect beneficial owner of such shares. Common stock subject to options currently exercisable, or exercisable within 60 days after April 1, 2013, are deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding those options, but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Unless otherwise indicated below, to our knowledge, all persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to their shares of Common Stock, except to the extent spouses share authority under community property laws.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner (1)	Common Beneficially Shares	
Chane Graziano	4,360,904	13.7%(3)
David Green	2,911,339	9.3%(4)
Central Square Management LLC Kelly Cardwell 1813 N. Mill Street Suite F Naperville, IL 60563	2,003,820	6.7%(5)
FMR Corp Edward C. Johnson 3d 82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109	1,955,947	6.5%(6)
BlackRock, Inc 40 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10022	1,694,000	5.6%(7)
F&C Asset Management plc 80 George Street Edinburgh EH2 3BU United Kingdom	1,567,228	5.2%(8)
Susan M. Luscinski	1,057,661	3.4%(9)
Thomas McNaughton	411,688	1.4%(10)
Earl R. Lewis	188,300	*(11)
John F. Kennedy	105,400	*(12)
Robert Dishman	90,400	*(13)
Neal J. Harte	95,900	*(14)
George Uveges	85,400	*(15)
All Executive Officers and Directors, as a group (9 persons)	9,306,992	26.8%(16)

* Represents less than 1% of all of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, the address for all persons shown is c/o Harvard Bioscience, Inc., 84 October Hill Road, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746.
- (2) Based on 30,029,083 shares outstanding on April 1, 2013, together with the applicable options for each stockholder.
- (3) Includes options to acquire 1,854,039 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (4) Includes options to acquire 1,421,232 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (5) This information is based solely upon a Schedule 13G/A filed by Central Square Management LLC and Kelly Cardwell with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2013 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2012. Central Square Management LLC (CSM LLC) reported that the shares are beneficially owned by certain private investment funds (the Funds), for which CSM LLC serves as investment manager and for which affiliates of CSM LLC serve as the general partner, and held in a managed account (the Account) for which CSM LLC acts as investment manager. Mr. Cardwell serves as the managing member of CSM LLC, as well as the managing member of each of the general partners of the Funds. Each of CSM LLC and Mr. Cardwell have disclaimed beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) This information is based solely upon a Schedule 13G/A filed jointly by FMR LLC and Edward C. Johnson 3d with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2013 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2012. FMR LLC reported sole voting power with respect to 1,955,947 shares. Edward C. Johnson 3d reported beneficial ownership of the shares beneficially owned by FMR LLC as a result of his relationship as Chairman and a stockholder of FMR LLC.
- (7) This information is based solely upon a Schedule 13G filed by BlackRock, Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 8, 2013 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2012.
- (8) This information is based solely upon a Schedule 13G/A filed by F&C Asset Management plc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 29, 2013 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2012. F&C Asset Management plc reported having sole voting and investment power of all shares.
- (9) Includes options to acquire 688,509 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (10) Includes options to acquire 344,759 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (11) Includes options to acquire 90,800 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (12) Includes options to acquire 100,400 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (13) Includes options to acquire 90,400 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (14) Includes options to acquire 92,900 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (15) Includes options to acquire 75,400 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.
- (16) Includes options to acquire 4,758,439 shares that are exercisable within 60 days of April 1, 2013.

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EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table sets forth information as of December 31, 2012 concerning the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under our existing equity compensation plans.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Restricted Stock Units, Warrants and Rights (a)	Averag Pr Outs Options And	ighted e Exercise ice of tanding , Warrants, Rights (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available For Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected In Column (a)) (c)		
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1)	8,755,702	\$	3.92	2,002,553(2)		
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders						
Total	8,755,702	\$	3.92	2,002,553		

- (1) Consists of the Harvard Apparatus, Inc. 1996 Stock Option and Grant Plan; the Third Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (2000 Plan); and the Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Stock Purchase Plan).
- (2) Represents 1,972,956 shares available for future issuance under the 2000 Plan and 29,597 shares available for future issuance under the Stock Purchase Plan.

TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

The Audit Committee charter sets forth the standards, policies and procedures that we follow for the review, approval or ratification of any related person transaction that we are required to report pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Under the Audit Committee charter, which is in writing, the Audit Committee must conduct an appropriate review of these related person transactions on an ongoing basis, and the approval of the Audit Committee is required for all such transactions. The Audit Committee relies on management to identify related person transactions and bring them to the attention of the Audit Committee. We do not have any formal policies and procedures regarding the identification by management of related person transactions.

During the 2012 fiscal year, we were not a participant in any related person transactions that required disclosure under this heading.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Our executive officers, Directors and beneficial owners of more than 10% of our Common Stock are required under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of those reports must also be furnished to us.

Based solely on a review of the copies of the reports furnished to us, and written representations from certain reporting persons that no other reports were required, we believe that during the year ended December 31, 2012, the reporting persons complied on a timely basis with all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to them.

EXPENSES OF SOLICITATION

We will pay the entire expense of soliciting proxies for the Annual Meeting. In addition to solicitations by mail, certain of our Directors, officers and employees (who will receive no compensation for their services other than their regular compensation) may solicit proxies by telephone, telegram, personal interview, facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic communication. Banks, brokerage houses, custodians, nominees and other fiduciaries have been requested to forward proxy materials to the beneficial owners of shares of Common Stock held of record by them as of the Record Date, and such custodians will be reimbursed for their expenses.

SUBMISSION OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholder proposals intended to be presented at our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders must be received by us on or before December 13, 2013 in order to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement and form of proxy for that meeting. These proposals must also comply with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission governing the form and content of proposals in order to be included in our proxy statement and form of proxy and should be mailed to: Secretary, Harvard Bioscience, Inc., 84 October Hill Road, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746.

Our By-laws provide that any stockholder of record wishing to have a stockholder proposal that is not included in our proxy statement considered at an annual meeting must provide written notice of such proposal and appropriate supporting documentation, as set forth in the By-laws, to our Secretary at our principal executive office not less than 90 days or not more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the preceding year s annual meeting. In the event, however, that the annual meeting is scheduled to be held more than 30 days before such anniversary date or more than 60 days after such anniversary date, notice must be delivered not earlier than 120 days prior to the date of such meeting and not later than the later of (i) 10 days following the date of public announcement of the date of such meeting or (ii) 90 days prior to the date of such meeting. Proxies solicited by the Board of Directors will confer discretionary voting authority on the proxy holders with respect to these proposals, subject to rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission governing the exercise of this authority.

SUBMISSION OF SECURITYHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

All securityholder recommendations for Director candidates must be submitted in writing to our Chief Financial Officer at 84 October Hill Road, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746, who will forward all recommendations to the Governance Committee. All securityholder recommendations for Director candidates must be submitted to us not less than 120 calendar days prior to the anniversary of the date on which our proxy statement was released to securityholders in connection with the previous year s annual meeting. All securityholder recommendations for Director candidates must include:

the name and address of record of the securityholder,

a representation that the securityholder is a record holder of our securities, or if the securityholder is not a record holder, evidence of ownership in accordance with Rule 14a-8(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

the name, age, business and residential address, educational background, public company directorships, current principal occupation or employment, and principal occupation or employment for the preceding five full fiscal years of the proposed Director candidate,

a description of the qualifications and background of the proposed director candidate which addresses the minimum qualifications and other criteria for Board membership approved by the Board of Directors and set forth in the Governance Committee Charter,

a description of all arrangements or understandings between the securityholder and the proposed Director candidate,

the consent of the proposed Director candidate to be named in the proxy statement, to have all required information regarding such Director candidate included in the proxy statement, and to serve as a Director if elected, and

any other information regarding the proposed Director candidate that is required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stockholders wishing to communicate with the Board of Directors may do so by sending a written communication to any Director at the following address: Harvard Bioscience, Inc., 84 October Hill Road, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746. The mailing envelope should contain a notation indicating that the enclosed letter is a Stockholder-Board Communication . All such letters should clearly state whether the intended recipients are all members of the Board of Directors or certain specified individual Directors. Our Secretary or his designee will make a copy of any stockholder communication so received and promptly forward it to the Director or Directors to whom it is addressed.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Fees for professional services provided by KPMG LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, in each of the last two fiscal years, in each of the following categories is as set forth in the table below.

	2012	2011
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 1,105,710	\$ 890,300
Tax Fees (2)	106,050	123,094
All Other Fees		472
Total Fees	\$ 1,211,760	\$ 1,013,866

(1) Audit Fees included fees associated with the annual audit of our consolidated financial statements and internal controls over financial reporting, the reviews of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, statutory audits for certain international subsidiaries and audit, interim reviews and services rendered in connection with filing of the Registration Statement on Form S-1 for our Harvard Apparatus Regenerative Technology subsidiary.

(2) Tax Fees included domestic and international tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

All of the services performed in the year ended December 31, 2012 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee. It is the Audit Committee s policy to pre-approve all audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided to us by the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee s authority to pre-approve non-audit services may be delegated to one or more members of the Audit Committee, who shall present all decisions to pre-approve an activity to the full Audit Committee at its first meeting following such decision. The Audit Committee has delegated this pre-approval authority to its Chairman (currently George Uveges) for non-audit services with aggregate fees of \$30,000 or less. In addition, the Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of the non-audit services above is compatible with maintaining the independent registered public accounting firm s independence.

PROPOSAL 2

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC

ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. KPMG LLP has served as our independent registered public accounting firm since 2000. The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, retention, termination, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent registered public accounting firm for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work. Although ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm is not required by our By-laws or otherwise, the Board is submitting the appointment of KPMG LLP to our stockholders for ratification because we value the views of our stockholders. In the event that our stockholders fail to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP, the Audit Committee will reconsider the appointment of KPMG LLP. Even if the appointment is ratified, the ratification is not binding and the Audit Committee may in its discretion select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

A representative of KPMG LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. He or she will have an opportunity to make a statement, if he or she desires to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of Common Stock present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter at the Annual Meeting is required for the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013. PROPERLY AUTHORIZED PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE VOTED FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE GIVEN.

PROPOSAL 3

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF THE EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

The Board of Directors is requesting that our stockholders vote in favor of amending the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) to add an additional 250,000 shares under the ESPP to increase the number of authorized shares available for issuance. The primary purpose of the ESPP is to provide employees with the opportunity to acquire an ownership stake in the Company through participation in a payroll deduction-based employee stock purchase plan. The Company believes that by increasing the total number of authorized shares for issuance under the ESPP, it can retain the best employees with a market-competitive benefit. The following summary of the ESPP is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual text of the ESPP, set forth on Exhibit A.

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We are seeking approval for the following amendment for the ESPP for an addition of 250,000 shares to fund the ESSP for an additional four years:

Total Shares Authorized to Date Under ESPP	500,000
Shares Issued Through December 31, 2012 Under ESPP	470,403
Estimated Shares Available Under the ESPP	29,597
Additional Shares Requested Under this Amendment	250,000
Estimated Total Shares Available for Issuance from 2013	279,597
Total Authorization of ESPP Shares from 2013	750,000

Background on ESPP

The ESPP was adopted by the Board of Directors on October 26, 2000 and was last approved by the Company s stockholders on November 2000. As of December 31, 2012, approximately 300 employees were eligible to participate in the ESPP.

Under the ESPP, participating employees can authorize the Company to withhold a portion of their base pay during consecutive six-month payment periods for the purchase of shares of the Company s Common Stock. At the conclusion of the period, participating employees can purchase shares of the Company s Common Stock at 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the Company s Common Stock at the beginning or end of the period. Shares are issued under the plan for the six-month periods ending June 30 and December 31.

Employees purchased 60,028 shares in 2012 for \$0.2 million under the ESPP.

Key Terms

Enrollment and Participation

The first offering under the ESPP commenced on January 1, 2001 and ended on June 30, 2001. Subsequent offerings commenced on each January 1 and July 1 thereafter and will have a duration of six months. Generally, all employees who are customarily employed for more than 20 hours per week as of the first day of the applicable offering period are eligible to participate in the ESPP. Any employee who owns or is deemed to own shares of stock representing in excess of 5% of the combined voting power of all classes of the Company s stock may not participate in the ESPP.

During each offering, an employee may purchase shares under the ESPP by authorizing payroll deductions of up to 10% of his cash compensation during the offering period. Unless the employee has previously withdrawn from the offering, his accumulated payroll deductions will be used to purchase shares of the Company s Common Stock on the last business day of the period at a price equal to 85% of the fair market value of the Company s Common Stock on the first or last day of the offering period, whichever is lower. Under applicable tax rules, an employee may purchase no more than \$25,000 worth of the Company s Common Stock in any calendar year under the ESPP.

Transferability

The rights under the ESPP are not transferable by participating employee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and are exercisable during the employee s lifetime only by the employee.

Withdrawal

An employee may withdraw from participation in the ESPP by delivering a written notice of withdrawal to his appropriate payroll location. The employee s withdrawal will be effective as of the next business day. Following an employee s withdrawal, the Company will promptly refund to him his entire account balance under the ESPP. Partial withdrawals are not permitted.

Administration

The ESPP is administered by the Company s Compensation Committee.

Amendment and Termination of the Plan

The Board of Directors may at any time, and from time to time, amend the ESPP in any respect, except that without the approval, within 12 months of such Board action, by the stockholders, no amendment shall be made increasing the number of shares approved for the ESPP or making any other change that would require stockholder approval in order for the ESPP to qualify as a employee stock purchase plan under Section 423(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The Board of Directors may also terminate the ESPP at any time.

U.S. Federal Tax Consequences

The following summary is intended only as a general guide as to the United States federal income tax consequences under current law of participation in the ESPP and does not attempt to describe all possible federal or other tax consequences of such participation. Furthermore, the tax consequences are complex and subject to change, and a taxpayer s particular situation may be such that some variation of the described rules is applicable. This summary assumes that the exercise of a purchase right under the ESPP constitutes an exercise pursuant to an employee stock purchase plan under Section 423(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Purchase Rights. Generally, there are no tax consequences to an employee of either becoming a participant in the ESPP or purchasing shares under the ESPP. The tax consequences of a disposition of shares vary depending on the period such stock is held before its disposition. If a participant disposes of shares within two years of the offering date, or within one year after the transfer of the purchased shares to the ESPP participant (a disqualifying disposition), the participant recognizes ordinary income in the year of disposition in an amount equal to the gain on the sale, i.e. the excess of the amount received on the shares over the purchase price. ESPP stock issued at a discount is also taxed as ordinary income on the disposition of the stock.

If the participant disposes of shares more than two years after the granting of the option or more than one year after the transfer of the purchased shares to the participant, or the participant dies while holding shares (whether or not within such periods) the participant recognizes ordinary income in the year of disposition or death in an amount equal to the lesser of (1) the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date of disposition or death over the purchase price, or (2) the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the offering date over the purchase price. For this purpose, if the purchase price cannot be determined at the date of the option grant, then the purchase price is determined as though the option were exercised when granted. Any additional gain recognized by the participant on the disposition of the shares is a capital gain. If the fair market value of the shares on the date of disposition is less than the purchase price (as so determined), there is no ordinary income and the loss recognized is a capital loss.

If the participant disposes of the shares in a disqualifying disposition, the Company is entitled to a deduction equal to the amount of ordinary income recognized by the participant as a result, subject to the Section 162(m) Deduction Limit discussed below. In all other cases, no deduction is allowed the Company.

Section 162(m) Deduction Limit. Under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the allowable deduction for compensation paid or accrued with respect to the chief executive officer and each of the four most highly compensated executive officers of a publicly-held corporation, each a Covered Employee, is limited to no more than \$1 million per taxable year, or the Deduction Limit, for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 1994. Income to a Covered Employee resulting from the disqualifying disposition of shares acquired upon exercise of purchase rights under the ESPP is subject to the Deduction Limit

New Plan Benefits

No purchases have been made with respect to the additional shares to be reserved for issuance under the ESPP. The number of shares that may be purchased by our executive officers, non-employee directors and non-executive officers under the ESPP is not determinable at this time. The following table provides information with respect to the number of shares purchased under the ESPP for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 by our executive officers, non-executive officer directors and employees.

Name and Position	Value	Number of shares purchased
Chane Graziano-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	\$	
David Green- President		
Thomas McNaughton-Chief Financial Officer		
Susan M. Luscinski-Chief Operating Officer	8,479	2,029
All executive officers as a group	8,479	2,029
All non-executive officer directors		
Employees as a group (excluding executive officers)	243,692	57,999
Totals	\$ 252,171	60,028

Reference is hereby made to the Equity Compensation Plan Information table in this Proxy Statement which is incorporated by reference into this Proposal 3 and provides certain details on our current plans.

Recommendation

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN.

PROPOSAL 4

ADVISORY VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

(SAY-ON-PAY VOTE)

Background

The Securities and Exchange Commission adopted final rules on January 26, 2011 to implement Section 951 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Final Rules) requiring public companies to provide shareholders with periodic advisory votes on executive compensation (Say-on-Pay Proposal).

In accordance with the Final Rules, an advisory vote on the frequency of stockholders votes on executive compensation was conducted in connection with our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. The Board recommended, and our stockholders agreed, that the advisory vote on executive compensation be held on an annual basis. Upon review of the stockholder voting results concerning that proposal, our Board of Directors and Compensation Committee determined that we will hold an annual advisory vote on executive compensation. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we are seeking an advisory vote from our shareholders to approve our named executive officer compensation, as set forth below. We and the Board of Directors welcome our shareholders views on this subject, and will carefully consider the outcome of this vote consistent with the best interests of all shareholders. As an advisory vote, however, the outcome is not binding on us or the Board of Directors.

As described in detail under the heading Compensation Discussion and Analysis, our executive compensation program is designed to attract and retain high performing and experienced executives; motivate and reward executives whose knowledge, skills and performance are critical to our success; align the interests of our executives and stockholders by motivating executives to increase stockholder value and rewarding executives

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when stockholder value increases; foster a shared commitment among executives by coordinating their goals; and motivate our executives to manage our business to meet our short and long-term objectives, and reward them for meeting these objectives. The elements of executive compensation include base salary, annual cash incentive bonuses, employment agreements, long-term equity incentive compensation and broad-based benefits programs. Please read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for additional details about our executive compensation programs, including information about the Fiscal 2012 compensation of our named executive officers. Specifically, we are seeking a vote on the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the shareholders approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and related narrative discussion.

Recommendation

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION ABOVE TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

MULTIPLE STOCKHOLDERS SHARING THE SAME ADDRESS

Owners of Common Stock in street name may receive a notice from their broker or bank stating that only one notice of internet availability of proxy materials, annual report or proxy statement will be delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address. This practice, known as householding, is designed to reduce printing and postage costs. However, if any stockholder residing at such an address wishes to receive a separate notice of internet availability of proxy materials, annual report or proxy statement, we will promptly deliver a separate copy to any stockholder upon written or oral request to our investor relations department at Harvard Bioscience, Inc., 84 October Hill Road, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746-1371 or by telephone at 508-893-8066 or by e-mail at IR@harvardbioscience.com. In addition, any stockholder who receives multiple copies at the same address can request delivery of a single copy by notifying our investor relations department pursuant to the contact information provided above.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors does not know of any matters, other than those described in this Proxy Statement that will be presented for action at the Annual Meeting. If other matters are duly presented, proxies will be voted in accordance with the best judgment of the proxy holders.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE ONLINE, BY TELEPHONE OR BY COMPLETING, DATING, SIGNING AND PROMPTLY RETURNING YOUR PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS CARD IN THE POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE (WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE STOCKHOLDERS WHO REQUEST PAPER COPIES OF THESE MATERIALS BY MAIL) BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING SO THAT YOUR SHARES ARE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THIS PROXY STATEMENT IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMPANY S ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012. THE COMPANY WILL FURNISH, WITHOUT CHARGE, A COPY OF ITS ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND ANY EXHIBITS THERETO TO ANY STOCKHOLDER, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC., 84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD, HOLLISTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01746-1371. A LIST OF STOCKHOLDERS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY STOCKHOLDERS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT OUR OFFICES AND THE OFFICES OF OUR TRANSFER AGENT DURING THE TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AS WELL AS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Exhibit A

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

The purpose of the Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan) is to provide eligible employees of Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (the Company) and certain of its subsidiaries with opportunities to purchase shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the Common Stock). Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (750,000) shares of Common Stock in the aggregate have been approved and reserved for this purpose. The Plan is intended to constitute an employee stock purchase plan within the meaning of Section 423(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), and shall be interpreted in accordance with that intent.

1. ADMINISTRATION. The Plan will be administered by the person or persons (the Administrator) appointed by the Company s Board of Directors (the Board) for such purpose. The Administrator has authority to make rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan, and its interpretations and decisions with regard thereto shall be final and conclusive. No member of the Board or individual exercising administrative authority with respect to the Plan shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any option granted hereunder.

2. OFFERINGS. The Company will make one or more offerings to eligible employees to purchase Common Stock under the Plan (Offerings). Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, the initial Offering will begin on January 1, 2001 and will end on June 30, 2001 (the Initial Offering). Thereafter, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, an Offering will begin on the first business day occurring on or after each January 1 and July 1 and will end on the last business day occurring on or before the following June 30 and December 31, respectively. The Administrator may, in its discretion, designate a different period for any Offering, provided that no Offering shall exceed six months in duration or overlap any other Offering.

3. ELIGIBILITY. All employees of the Company (including employees who are also directors of the Company) and all employees of each Designated Subsidiary (as defined in Section 11) are eligible to participate in any one or more of the Offerings under the Plan, provided that as of the first day of the applicable Offering (the Offering Date) they are customarily employed by the Company or a Designated Subsidiary for more than 20 hours a week.

4. PARTICIPATION. An employee eligible on any Offering Date may participate in such Offering by submitting an enrollment form to his appropriate payroll location at least 15 business days before the Offering Date (or by such other deadline as shall be established for the Offering). The form will (a) state a whole percentage to be deducted from his Compensation (as defined in Section 11) per pay period, (b) authorize the purchase of Common Stock for him in each Offering in accordance with the terms of the Plan and (c) specify the exact name or names in which shares of Common Stock purchased for him are to be issued pursuant to Section 10. An employee who does not enroll in accordance with these procedures will be deemed to have waived his right to participate. Unless an employee files a new enrollment form or withdraws from the Plan, his deductions and purchases will continue at the same percentage of Compensation for future Offerings, provided he remains eligible.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, participation in the Plan will neither be permitted nor be denied contrary to the requirements of the Code.

5. EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS. Each eligible employee may authorize payroll deductions at a minimum of one percent (1%) up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) of his Compensation for each pay period. The Company will maintain book accounts showing the amount of payroll deductions made by each participating employee for each Offering. No interest will accrue or be paid on payroll deductions.

6. DEDUCTION CHANGES. Except as may be determined by the Administrator in advance of an Offering, an employee may not increase or decrease his payroll deduction during any Offering, but may increase or

decrease his payroll deduction with respect to the next Offering (subject to the limitations of Section 5) by filing a new enrollment form at least 15 business days before the next Offering Date (or by such other deadline as shall be established for the Offering). The Administrator may, in advance of any Offering, establish rules permitting an employee to increase, decrease or terminate his payroll deduction during an Offering.

7. WITHDRAWAL. An employee may withdraw from participation in the Plan by delivering a written notice of withdrawal to his appropriate payroll location. The employee s withdrawal will be effective as of the next business day. Following an employee s withdrawal, the Company will promptly refund to him his entire account balance under the Plan (after payment for any Common Stock purchased before the effective date of withdrawal). Partial withdrawals are not permitted. The employee may not begin participation again during the remainder of the Offering, but may enroll in a subsequent Offering in accordance with Section 4.

8. GRANT OF OPTIONS. On each Offering Date, the Company will grant to each eligible employee who is then a participant in the Plan an option (Option) to purchase on the last day of such Offering (the Exercise Date), at the Option Price hereinafter provided for, (a) a number of shares of Common Stock, which number shall not exceed the number of whole shares which is less than or equal to \$12,500 divided by the closing price per share of Common Stock on the Offering Date, or (b) such other lesser maximum number of shares as shall have been established by the Administrator in advance of the Offering. The purchase price for each share purchased under each Option (the Option Price) will be 85% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the Offering Date or the Exercise Date, whichever is less.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no employee may be granted an option hereunder if such employee, immediately after the option was granted, would be treated as owning stock, possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary (as defined in Section 11). For purposes of the preceding sentence, the attribution rules of Section 424(d) of the Code shall apply in determining the stock ownership of an employee, and all stock which the employee has a contractual right to purchase shall be treated as stock owned by the employee. In addition, no employee may be granted an Option which permits his rights to purchase stock under the Plan, and any other employee stock purchase plan of the Company and its Parents and Subsidiaries, to accrue at a rate which exceeds \$25,000 of the fair market value of such stock (determined on the option grant date or dates) for each calendar year in which the Option is outstanding at any time. The purpose of the limitation in the preceding sentence is to comply with Section 423(b)(8) of the Code.

9. EXERCISE OF OPTION AND PURCHASE OF SHARES. Each employee who continues to be a participant in the Plan on the Exercise Date shall be deemed to have exercised his Option on such date and shall acquire from the Company such number of whole shares of Common Stock reserved for the purpose of the Plan as his accumulated payroll deductions on such date will purchase at the Option Price, subject to any other limitations contained in the Plan. Any amount remaining in an employee s account at the end of an Offering solely by reason of the inability to purchase a fractional share will be carried forward to the next Offering; any other balance remaining in an employee s account at the end of an Offering will be refunded to the employee promptly.

10. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES. Certificates representing shares of Common Stock purchased under the Plan may be issued only in the name of the employee, in the name of the employee and another person of legal age as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, or in the name of a broker authorized by the employee to be his, or their, nominee for such purpose.

11. DEFINITIONS.

The term Compensation means the amount of base pay, prior to salary reduction pursuant to either Section 125 or 401(k) of the Code, but excluding overtime, commissions, incentive or bonus awards, allowances and reimbursements for expenses such as relocation allowances or travel expenses, income or gains on the exercise of Company stock options, and similar items.

The term Designated Subsidiary means any present or future Subsidiary (as defined below) that has been designated by the Board to participate in the Plan. The Board may so designate any Subsidiary, or revoke any such designation, at any time and from time to time, either before or after the Plan is approved by the stockholders.

The term Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on any given date means the fair market value of the Common Stock determined in good faith by the Administrator; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if the Common Stock is admitted to quotation on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (Nasdaq), Nasdaq National System or national securities exchange, the determination shall be made by reference to market quotations. If there are no market quotations for such date, the determination shall be made by reference to the last date preceding such date for which there are market quotations.

The term Initial Public Offering means the consummation of the first fully underwritten, firm commitment public offering pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, other than on Forms S-4 or S-8 or their then equivalents, covering the offer and sale by the Company of its Common Stock.

The term Parent means a parent corporation with respect to the Company, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

The term Subsidiary means a subsidiary corporation with respect to the Company, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

12. RIGHTS ON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. If a participating employee s employment terminates for any reason before the Exercise Date for any Offering, no payroll deduction will be taken from any pay due and owing to the employee and the balance in his account will be paid to him or, in the case of his death, to his designated beneficiary as if he had withdrawn from the Plan under Section 7. An employee will be deemed to have terminated employment, for this purpose, if the corporation that employs him, having been a Designated Subsidiary, ceases to be a Subsidiary, or if the employee is transferred to any corporation other than the Company or a Designated Subsidiary.

13. SPECIAL RULES. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Administrator may adopt special rules applicable to the employees of a particular Designated Subsidiary, whenever the Administrator determines that such rules are necessary or appropriate for the implementation of the Plan in a jurisdiction where such Designated Subsidiary has employees; provided that such rules are consistent with the requirements of Section 423(b) of the Code. Such special rules may include (by way of example, but not by way of limitation) the establishment of a method for employees of a given Designated Subsidiary to fund the purchase of shares other than by payroll deduction, if the payroll deduction method is prohibited by local law or is otherwise impracticable. Any special rules established pursuant to this Section 13 shall, to the extent possible, result in the employees subject to such rules having substantially the same rights as other participants in the Plan.

14. OPTIONEES NOT STOCKHOLDERS. Neither the granting of an Option to an employee nor the deductions from his pay shall constitute such employee a holder of the shares of Common Stock covered by an Option under the Plan until such shares have been purchased by and issued to him.

15. RIGHTS NOT TRANSFERABLE. Rights under the Plan are not transferable by a participating employee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and are exercisable during the employee s lifetime only by the employee.

16. APPLICATION OF FUNDS. All funds received or held by the Company under the Plan may be combined with other corporate funds and may be used for any corporate purpose.

17. ADJUSTMENT IN CASE OF CHANGES AFFECTING COMMON STOCK. In the event of a subdivision of outstanding shares of Common Stock, or the payment of a dividend in Common Stock, the number of shares approved for the Plan, and the share limitation set forth in Section 8, shall be increased proportionately, and such other adjustments shall be made as may be deemed equitable by the Administrator. In the event of any other change affecting the Common Stock, such adjustment shall be made as may be deemed equitable by the Administrator to give proper effect to such event.

18. AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN. The Board may at any time, and from time to time, amend the Plan in any respect, except that without the approval, within 12 months of such Board action, by the stockholders, no

amendment shall be made increasing the number of shares approved for the Plan or making any other change that would require stockholder approval in order for the Plan, as amended, to qualify as an employee stock purchase plan under Section 423(b) of the Code.

19. INSUFFICIENT SHARES. If the total number of shares of Common Stock that would otherwise be purchased on any Exercise Date plus the number of shares purchased under previous Offerings under the Plan exceeds the maximum number of shares issuable under the Plan, the shares then available shall be apportioned among participants in proportion to the amount of payroll deductions accumulated on behalf of each participant that would otherwise be used to purchase Common Stock on such Exercise Date.

20. TERMINATION OF THE PLAN. The Plan may be terminated at any time by the Board. Upon termination of the Plan, all amounts in the accounts of participating employees shall be promptly refunded.

21. GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS. The Company s obligation to sell and deliver Common Stock under the Plan is subject to obtaining all governmental approvals required in connection with the authorization, issuance, or sale of such stock.

The Plan shall be governed by Delaware law except to the extent that such law is preempted by federal law.

22. ISSUANCE OF SHARES. Shares may be issued upon exercise of an Option from authorized by unissued Common Stock, from shares held in the treasury of the Company, or from any other proper source.

23. TAX WITHHOLDING. Participation in the Plan is subject to any minimum required tax withholding on income of the participant in connection with the Plan. Each employee agrees, by entering the Plan, that the Company and its Subsidiaries shall have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the employee, including shares issuable under the Plan.

24. NOTIFICATION UPON SALE OF SHARES. Each employee agrees, by entering the Plan, to give the Company prompt notice of any disposition of shares purchased under the Plan where such disposition occurs within two years after the date of grant of the Option pursuant to which such shares were purchased.

25. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPROVAL OF SHAREHOLDERS. The Plan shall take effect on the first day of the Company s Initial Public Offering, subject to approval by the holders of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of stockholders at which a quorum is present or by written consent of the stockholders.

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Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date.

Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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2	To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company	s in	dependent re	egistered p	ublic accounting firm for the fiscal year			
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3	Amend the Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Employee Stock Pur	chase	Plan to incr	ease the m	umber of authorized shares available for			
	issuance by 250,000 shares of common stock.							
4	Approval, by a non-binding advisory vote, of the compen	satior	of our nam	ed executiv	ve officers.			
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Date

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting: The Notice & Proxy Statement, Annual Report is/are available at <u>www.proxyvote.com</u>.

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

May 23, 2013 11:00 AM

This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors

The shareholder(s) hereby appoint(s) Chane Graziano, David Green and Thomas McNaughton, or any of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint (his/her) substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of Common Stock of HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC. that the shareholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of shareholders to be held at 11:00 AM, EDT on May 23, 2013, at the offices of Burns & Levinson LLP, 125 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendations.

Address change / comments:

(If you noted any Address Changes and/or Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

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