FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HARTE NEAL J | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [HBIO] | | | | | | (Ch | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
|---|--------|------------|----------------|--|---|---------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6 EVERETT AVENUE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2009 | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) Officer (specify below) | | | | · | |
| (Street) WINCHESTER MA 01890 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | _ 4. I | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | Line | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (- 3) | | · | | n-Deriv | vativ | e Se | rurities | . Δ c | quired Di | snosed o | of or Be | neficiall | v Owned | 1 | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transar Date (Month/Date) | | | | saction | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction | 4. Securi Dispose tr. 5) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4) | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | | | nsaction of Ex | | | Expiration Da | Expiration Date of Se (Month/Day/Year) Unde Deriv | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Non- qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.18 | 05/21/2009 | | | A | | 18,000 | | (1) | 05/21/2019 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 18,000 | \$3.18 | 18,000 |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares vest in three equal installments on May 21, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

/s/ Thomas McNaughton, 05/26/2009 **Attorney in Fact**

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

FOR

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

SECTION 16(a) FILINGS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby revokes all previous Powers of Attorney executed by the undersigned with respect to the matters set forth below, and hereby constitutes and appoints each of Chane Graziano, David Green and Thomas McNaughton, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Harvard Bioscience, Inc. ("the Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 and amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing authority, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this <u>3rd</u> day of December, 2008.

/s/ Neal Harte

Name: Neal Harte