



HBIO Appoints McNaughton New CFO

HOLLISTON, Mass., Nov 14, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (Nasdaq: HBIO), a global developer, manufacturer, and marketer of a broad range of tools to advance life science research, today announced the hiring and appointment of Thomas McNaughton as its new Chief Financial Officer effective immediately.

Mr. McNaughton most recently served as Chief Financial Officer for Tivoli Audio, LLC a venture capital-backed global manufacturer of premium audio systems. Prior to joining Tivoli, Mr. McNaughton spent 14 years at Cabot Corporation (NYSE: CBT) where he most recently held the position of Chief Financial Officer of Cabot Supermetals, a \$350 million Cabot Corporation division that provides high purity tantalum and niobium products to the electronics and semiconductor industries. Prior to serving as Chief Financial Officer of this division, Mr. McNaughton held various finance positions of increasing responsibility including financial reporting, treasury, investor relations and acquisitions within Cabot Corporation. Mr. McNaughton began his career at Deloitte & Touche, LLP, and practiced for eight years as a Certified Public Accountant in the audit services group.

"We are very pleased to have Tom join our team", said Chane Graziano, Chief Executive Officer. "Tom's background and experience are a perfect fit for Harvard Bioscience and will provide great value that will assist us in achieving our long-term growth objectives."

About Harvard Bioscience

Harvard Bioscience ("HBIO") is a global developer, manufacturer, and marketer of a broad range of specialized products, primarily scientific instruments and apparatus, used to advance life science research at pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, universities and government laboratories worldwide. HBIO sells its products to thousands of researchers in over 100 countries primarily through its 900 page catalog (and various other specialty catalogs), its website and through its distributors, including GE Healthcare, Thermo Fisher Scientific and VWR. HBIO has sales and manufacturing operations in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and Spain with additional facilities in France and Canada. For more information, please visit www.harvardbioscience.com.

This press release contains, and our conference call may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. You can identify these statements by our use of the words "guidance," "expects," "plans," "estimates," "projects," "intends," "believes" and similar expressions that do not relate to historical matters. Forward-looking statements in this press release or that may be made during our conference call may include, but are not limited to, statements or inferences about the Company's or management's beliefs or expectations, the Company's anticipated future revenues and earnings, the strength of the Company's market position and business model, the impact of acquisitions, the outlook for the life sciences industry, the Company's business strategy, the positioning of the Company for growth, the market demand and opportunity for the Company's products, and the Company's plans, objectives and intentions that are not historical facts.

These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include the Company's failure to successfully integrate acquired businesses or technologies, expand its product offerings, introduce new products or commercialize new technologies, including our new micro liter spectrophotometer and electrophoresis products, unanticipated costs relating to acquisitions, unanticipated costs arising in connection with the Company's consolidation of business functions, decreased demand for the Company's products due to changes in its customers' needs, financial position, general economic outlook, or other circumstances, overall economic trends, the timing of our customers' capital equipment purchases and the seasonal nature of purchasing in Europe, economic, political and other risks associated with international revenues and operations, the impact of the current economic and financial crisis, additional costs of complying with recent changes in regulatory rules applicable to public companies, our ability to manage our growth, our ability to retain key personnel, competition from our competitors, technological changes resulting in our products becoming obsolete, future changes to the operations or the activities of our Asys Hitech subsidiary that are being consolidated, our ability to meet the financial covenants contained in our credit facility, our ability to protect our intellectual property and operate without infringing on others' intellectual property, potential costs of any lawsuits to protect or enforce our intellectual property, economic and political conditions generally and those affecting pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, completion of the purchase price allocation for Panlab s.l., impact of any impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets, and our acquisition of Genomic Solutions failing to qualify as a tax-free reorganization for federal tax purposes, the amount of earn-out consideration that the Company receives in connection with the recent disposition of the Company's Capital Equipment Business segment and factors that may impact the receipt of this consideration, such as the

revenues of the businesses disposed of, plus factors described under the heading "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 or described in the Company's other public filings. The Company's results may also be affected by factors of which the Company is not currently aware. The Company may not update these forward-looking statements, even though its situation may change in the future, unless it has obligations under the federal securities laws to update and disclose material developments related to previously disclosed information.

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