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	Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934	
Date	e of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October	1, 2014
Н	ARVARD BIOSCIENCE, II (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter	
Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-33957 (Commission File Number)	04-3306140 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
84 October Hill Road, Hollist (Address of principal executive		01746 (Zip Code)
Regist	rant's telephone number, including area code: (508)	893-8999
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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 1, 2014, Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that on such date it completed the acquisition of two privately held life science companies: Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH, a German company with limited liability headquartered in Reutlingen, Germany ("MCS") and Triangle BioSystems, Inc., a Delaware corporation based in Durham, North Carolina ("TBSI"). The full text of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH

To consummate the acquisition of MCS, on October 1, 2014, Biochrom Limited, a limited company incorporated in the United Kingdom and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Biochrom"), entered into a Share Purchase Agreement (the "MCS Purchase Agreement") with Multi Channel Systems Holding GmbH, a German company with limited liability ("MCS Seller"), pursuant to which Biochrom agreed to acquire all of the outstanding shares of MCS from the MCS Seller. The closing of the acquisition of MCS occurred simultaneously with the signing of the MCS Purchase Agreement. The initial estimated purchase price for the purchase of MCS consisted of approximately €7.5 million in cash.

The MCS Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and indemnification provisions, as well as a customary post-closing adjustment to the estimated purchase price based on reviews of the closing calculations of financial liabilities, cash and working capital. In addition, the MCS Purchase Agreement contains non-competition provisions pursuant to which the MCS Seller and key MCS employees agreed that they would not directly or indirectly engage in the current business of MCS existing as of closing date of the transaction, for a period of five years beginning on the closing date of the transaction.

The preceding description of the MCS Purchase Agreement is a summary of its material terms, does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by the copy of the MCS Purchase Agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 2.1.

Triangle BioSystems, Inc.

To consummate the acquisition of TBSI, on October 1, 2014, the Company entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "TBSI Purchase Agreement") with TBSI, and the shareholders of TBSI ("TBSI Sellers") and James Morizio, as TBSI Sellers' representative, pursuant to which the Company agreed to acquire all of the outstanding shares of TBSI. The closing of the acquisition of TBSI occurred simultaneously with the signing of the TBSI Purchase Agreement. The initial estimated purchase price for the purchase of TBSI consisted of approximately \$1.6 million in cash, net of acquired cash.

The TBSI Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and indemnification provisions, as well as a post-closing adjustment to the estimated purchase price based on reviews of the closing calculations of the estimated closing cash and closing accounts receivables. In addition, the TBSI Purchase Agreement required the key shareholder, James Morizio, and certain key employees, to execute non-competition and non-solicitation agreements in favor of the Company and TBSI.

The preceding description of the TBSI Purchase Agreement is a summary of its material terms, does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by the copy of the TBSI Purchase Agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 2.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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99.1	Press Release issued by Harvard Bioscience, Inc. on October 1, 2014

^{*} The Company has omitted the schedules and exhibits to this agreement pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K and shall furnish supplementally to the SEC copies of any of the omitted schedules and exhibits upon request.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

	HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.
	(Registrant)
October 1, 2014	/s/ ROBERT E. GAGNON
(Date)	Robert E. Gagnon Chief Financial Officer

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Roll of Deeds no /2014-B EXHIBIT 2.1

Stuttgart

 $Statements\ given\ on\ October\ 1^{st},\ 2014$ (in words: October first twothousandandfourteen)

Before me, the undersigned

Württemberg deputy notary

Christiane Stoye-Benk

in my capacity as officially appointed representative in office of Notary Rudolf Bezler with the official residence in Rheinstahlstraße 3, 70469 Stuttgart,

(hereinafter instead of the word "Notary" the term "Notary representative" ist to be read)

appeared today in the office of OPPENLÄNDER Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaft mbB, Börsenplatz 1, 70174 Stuttgart, where I was requested by the parties to come:

1. Mr. Karl-Heinz Boven,

born on March 3, 1961, Baumgartenstr. 13, 72827 Wannweil.

2. Mr. Andreas Möller.

born on January 8, 1959, Bei den Pferdeställen 3, 72072 Tübingen.

The persons appearing under 1 and 2 identified themselves through representation of their valid passports with a photo.

The persons appearing under 1 and 2 declared that they are not acting on their own behalf but in their capacity as managing director (*Geschäftsführer*) with sole power of representation and released from the restrictions of para 181 German Civil Code (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*, *BGB*) on behalf of **Multi Channel Systems Holding GmbH** with official residence in 72770 Reutlingen, Aspenhaustraße 21, registered at the Commercial Register of the Local Court of Stuttgart under HRB 382333,

From inspection of the Commercial Register of the local court of Stuttgart of 29th September 2014 the undersigned notary certifies that Karl-Heinz Boven as well as Andreas Möller are each entitled to represent **MCS Holding** solely and released from the restriction of para 181 German Civil Code (BGB).

3. Mr. Jeffrey Anthony Duchemin,

born on October 19, 1965, with the business address 84 October Hill Road, Hollistion, Massachusetts 01746, USA who identified himself through presentation of his valid US passport with a photo, number

Mr. Duchemin declared that he is not acting on his own behalf but on the basis of power of attorney, dated , the apostilled original of which is available at the recording and a copy of which is attached to this deed and is hereby certified to be a true copy of the original, on behalf of **Biochrom Limited**, 22 Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0FJ, England

Biochrom Limited hereinafter referred to as "Buyer" or as "Biochrom"

The persons appearing requested this deed to be recorded in the English language. The undersigned notary who is in sufficient command of the English language ascertained that the persons appearing are also in sufficient command of the English language. As far as the annexes to this deed are done in the German language, this deed has been recorded in the German language. The undersigned notary, who is in sufficient command of the German language, ascertained that the persons appearing are also in sufficient command of the German language.

After having been instructed by the acting notary, the persons appearing waive their rights to obtain the assistance of a sworn interpreter to obtain a certified translation of this deed.

Prior to the notarisation the notary asked the persons appearing whether he himself, or any person associated with him for the joint exercise of their profession, has in the past acted or is presently acting in a capacity other than of officiating notary in the matter to be notarised. The persons appearing declared that this is not the case.

The notary referred to the fact, that the personal data of the persons appearing will be stored and safed with the aid of computers by the notary and if applicable will be made known to third parties in connection with a notary's notification duty. The persons appearing consented.

The persons appearing declared as follows requesting it to be notarised:

Share Purchase Agreement on the Acquisition of All Shares of Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH (hereinafter: "Agreement")

hereinafter: "Seller" or "MCS Holding"
nerematter. Seller of WC3 Holding

and

Biochrom Limited

hereinafter: "Buyer" or "Biochrom"

Provisional Remark

- 1. The Seller is a limited liability company domiciled in Reutlingen/Germany. The Buyer is a company domiciled in Cambridge, England. The Buyer is active in the field of developing and manufacturing scientific instruments.
- 2. The Seller is the sole shareholder of Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH (hereinafter: "MCS"). MCS is a globally operating undertaking which develops precise scientific measuring instrumentation in the field of electrophysiology.
- 3. The Seller intends to sell to the Buyer all of the shares in Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH. The Buyer intends to acquire these shares (hereinafter: "Transaction").

This having been said, the parties agree as follows:

To simplify the notarization the parties made a reference deed (Roll of Deeds no. /2014-B of the notary public Rudolf Bezler with his official seat in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt) on 30 September 2014 (hereinafter: "Reference Deed"). Unless expressly provided otherwise Annexes in this Agreement are subject of the Reference Deed, which is available in the original. All parties involved herewith confirm the power of attorney stated by Mrs. Stefanie Groß and Mr. Oliver Härer in the Reference Deed. For the sake of precaution, they hereby approve all declarations issued by Mrs. Stefanie Groß and Mr. Oliver Härer in the Reference Deed on their behalf as well as the entire contents of the Reference Deed in all parts and towards all parties involved. The Parties declare that the contents of the Reference Deed with all Annexes, the original of which was available in the official recording and is incorporated here by reference, is known to them. After instruction about the meaning of referencing, the Parties involved explicitly waived the reading and the inclusion of the Reference Deed to the Deed present today.

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1. Corporate Status

1.1 Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH

- 1.1.1 Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH (hereinafter: "MCS") is a limited liability company incorporated under German law, domiciled in Reutlingen and registered in the Commercial Register of the Local Court of Stuttgart under HRB 382616.
- 1.1.2 The share capital of MCS is 50.000 DM (in words: fifty thousand German marks) and is divided up into the following shares, completely held by the Seller as follows:
- 1.1.2.1 One share in the nominal amount of 25.000 DM (in words: twentyfivethousand German marks), no. 1 of the list of shareholders of 31.07.2014 recorded by the Commercial Register,
- 1.1.2.2 One share in the nominal amount of 25.000 DM (in words: twentyfivethousand German marks), no. 1 of the list of shareholders of 31.07.2014 recorded by the Commercial Register,
 - 1.1.3 All shares in MCS held by the Seller are also jointly referred to hereinafter as "MCS-Shares".

2. Sale and Transfer of the MCS-SHARES

2.1 Sale and Transfer of the MCS-Shares

The Seller hereby sells (*verkauft*) to the Buyer, who accepts this, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and, subject to the condition precedent (*aufschiebende Bedingung*) of (i) the complete payment of the Initial Cash Payment Amount to the Seller's Account and (ii) the complete payment of the Escrow Amount to the Escrow Account, hereby transfers (*tritt ab*) the MCS-Shares held by it and described in Clause 1.1.2, as they exist at the time of the Closing Date.

The parties shall immediately notify the undersigned notary about the fulfilment of the conditions precedent. The parties jointly instruct the undersigned notary to file a new list of shareholders (*Liste der Gesellschafter*) to the commercial register after the fulfilment of the conditions precedent. Mr. Boven and Mr. Möller both waiver their individual right as managing director to file a new list of shareholders to the commercial register due to the transfer of shares recorded in this deed.

2.2 Entitlement to Profits

The MCS-Shares are sold and, subject to the condition precedent of the occurrence of (i) the complete payment of the Initial Cash Payment Amount to the Seller's Account and (ii) the complete payment of the Escrow Amount to the Escrow Account, transferred with all rights and duties relating to them (including the rights to any undistributed but distributable profits).

3. Purchase Price, Payment of the Purchase Price

3.1 PURCHASE PRICE

The Purchase Price for the MCS-Shares is equivalent to

- 3.1.1 the amount of the Enterprise Value of MCS (Clause 3.2.1),
- 3.1.2 minus the sum of the Financial Liabilities of MCS (Clause 3.2.2),
- 3.1.3 plus the sum of the Cash of MCS (Clause 3.2.2.3),
- 3.1.4 minus any deficit or, as the case may be, plus any excess Working Capital of MCS (Clause 3.2.4).

The amount determined in this way is referred to as the "Purchase Price".

- 3.2 CALCULATION OF THE PURCHASE PRICE
 - 3.2.1 The Enterprise Value is 7.500.000 € (in words: seven million fivehundredthousand Euro).
 - 3.2.2 Financial Liabilities are
 - 3.2.2.1 bonds (*Anleihen*) within the meaning of with sec. 266 para. 3 lit. C no. 1 HGB and liabilities from warrants and convertible bonds and other bonds (*Wandel-*, *Options- und sonstige Schuldverschreibungen*) as well as participatory notes (*Genussscheine*) of any kind;
 - 3.2.2.2 liabilities to banks (*Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber Kreditinstituten*) within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 3 lit. C no. 2 HGB;
 - 3.2.2.3 notes (*Wechselverbindlichkeiten*) payable within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 3 lit. C no. 5 HGB with the exception of trade payables (*Verbindlichkeiten aus Lieferung und Leistung*);
 - 3.2.2.4 liabilities to affiliated undertakings (*Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber verbundenen Unternehmen*) within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 3 lit. C no. 6 HGB, with the exception of trade payables;
 - 3.2.2.5 all interest and fees accrued but not paid up to the Closing Date in connection with the positions named in Clauses 3.2.2.1 to 3.2.2.4, to the extent not already covered there.
 - 3.2.2.6 provisions for taxes
 - 3.2.2.7 Any liability or payment obligation other than those listed under Clauses 3.2.2.1 to 3.2.2.6 having the same commercial effect as a borrowing or other form of financing.
 - 3.2.3 Cash is
 - 3.2.3.1 cash in hand (*Kassenbestand*), cash deposited with the Central Bank (*Bundesbankguthaben*) or with other banks (*Guthaben bei Kreditinstituten*) and cheques within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 2 lit. B IV HGB, including time deposits (*Festgelder*);
 - 3.2.3.2 securities held as fixed assets (*Wertpapiere des Anlagevermögens*) within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 2 lit. A III no. 5 HGB;

- 3.2.3.3 other securities (Sonstige Wertpapiere) within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 2 lit. B III no. 3 HGB;
- 3.2.3.4 claims against affiliated undertakings within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 2 lit. B II no. 2 HGB (*Forderungen gegen verbundene Unternehmen*) with the exception of trade receivables (*Forderungen aus Lieferung und Leistung*);
- 3.2.3.5 refund claims against tax authorities;
- 3.2.3.6 public grants (*Zuschüsse*) or other public subsidies (*Subventionen*) that become due on or after the Closing Date and that MCS is entitled to for its work in the third quarter of 2014 (hereinafter: "3RD QUARTER SUBSIDIES".
- 3.2.3.7 positions which going beyond the positions named in Clauses 3.2.3.1 to 3.2.3.5 are financially equivalent to a loan-based claim (*Forderung aus Kreditvergabe*) or to a claim based on some other form of financing (*sonstige Finanzierungsform*).
- 3.2.4 The deficit to be deducted according to Clause 3.1.4 is the amount of the difference by which the Working Capital falls short of the amount of 1.400.000 € (in words: one million fourhundredthousand Euro). The excess amount to be added according to Clause 3.1.4 is the amount of the difference by which the Working Capital exceeds the amount of 1.400.000 € (in words: one million fourhundredthousand Euro).
- 3.2.5 Working Capital is:
 - 3.2.5.1 The sum of
 - 3.2.5.1.1 inventories (Vorräte) within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 2 lit. C I HGB,
 - 3.2.5.1.2 trade receivables (*Forderungen aus Lieferung und Leistung*) within the meaning of sec. 266 para 2 lit. B II no. 1 no. 3 HGB,
 - 3.2.5.2 minus the sum of
 - 3.2.5.2.1 down payments received for orders (*Erhaltene Anzahlungen auf Bestellungen*) within the meaning of sec. 266 para. 3 lit. C no. 3 HGB,
 - 3.2.5.2.2 trade payables (*Verbindlichkeiten aus Lieferung und Leistung*) within the meaning of sec. 266 para 3 lit. C no. 4.
 - 3.2.5.2.3 in each case unless the respective position constitutes a Financial Liability (Clause 3.2.2) or cash (Clause 3.2.3).
- 3.2.6 The positions described in Clauses 3.2.2 to 3.2.4 are to be shown in each case with the amounts shown for them in the Closing Date Financial Statement.
- 3.3 ESTIMATED PURCHASE PRICE; PAYMENT OF THE ESTIMATED PURCHASE PRICE; INITIAL CASH PAYMENT AMOUNT, ESCROW AMOUNT
 - 3.3.1 The parties concurrently estimate the Purchase Price at 9.000.000 € (in words: nine million Euro) (hereinafter: "Estimated Purchase Price").
 - 3.3.2 The Initial Cash Payment Amount is 90 (ninety) percent of the Estimated Purchase Price (8.100.000 €, in words: eight million onehundredthousand Euro). The Estimated Purchase Price is to be paid on the Closing Date to the Seller's Account in accordance with Clause 3.6.1.

- 3.3.3 The Escrow Amount is 10 (ten) percent of the Estimated Purchase Price (900.000 €, in words: ninehundredthousand Euro). The Escrow Amount is to be paid on the Closing Date to the Escrow Account.
- 3.3.4 Seller shall instruct the bank maintaining Seller's Account and the parties shall jointly instruct the bank maintaining the Escrow Account to confirm immediately upon receipt of payment of sums equal to the Initial Cash Payment Amount and the Escrow Amount respectively such receipt by telefax to OPPENLÄNDER RECHTSANWÄLTE Partnerschaft mbB (hereinafter. "Payment Confirmation").

3.4 Purchase Price Adjustment

- 3.4.1 In case the final Purchase Price determined in accordance with Clause 8 (i) exceeds or (ii) falls short of the ESTIMATED PURCHASE PRICE, the amount of the difference (hereinafter: "Purchase Price Adjustment") is to be paid within ten Bank Workdays after the Provisional Calculations have become binding, in case (i) by the Buyer and in case (ii) by the Seller to the other contracting party.
- 3.4.2 The parties are obliged before the Provisional Calculations become binding to make down payments towards the Purchase Price Adjustment within ten Bank Workdays as soon and insofar as their obligation to pay a Purchase Price Adjustment is undisputed also in view of any objections in accordance with Clause 6.4.

3.5 Interest

The Estimated Purchase Price and any Purchase Price Adjustment shall bear interest in each case from the Closing Date up to and including the day of payment at the rate of interest named in Clause 16.4.

3.6 Payment Modalities

3.6.1 Payments to be made by the Buyer to the Seller on the basis of this Agreement must be made by the Buyer, except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, in Euro by transfer free from costs and fees, credit entry on the same day, to the Seller's following account (hereinafter: "Seller's Account"):

Kreissparkasse Tübingen Account no. 2789439 IBAN: DE21641500200002789439 BLZ: 641 500 20

SWIFT-ID: SOLADES1TUB

3.6.2 Payments to be made by the Seller to the Buyer on the basis of this Agreement must be made by the Seller, except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, in Euro by transfer free from costs and fees, credit entry on the same day, to the Buyer's following account (hereinafter: "Buyer's Account"):

account no. 55956899 with Barclays Bank plc

IBAN: GB90 BARC 2017 3555 9568 99

SWIFT-ID: BARCGB22

3.7 No Set-Off, No Right of Retention

The Buyer's right to set off claims from the Seller's Purchase Price claims and/or to exercise a right of retention is expressly excluded unless the Buyer's counter-claim in question is undisputed or has been awarded to the Buyer by a final and unchallengeable decision.

3.8 VAT

The parties concurrently assume that no VAT (or comparable foreign tax) will be payable for the Transaction provided for in this Agreement.

4. Escrow

4.1 Escrow Account

- 4.1.1 Seller and Buyer have signed the Escrow Agreement in <u>Annex 4.1.2</u> (hereinafter: "Escrow Agreement") with Bankhaus Ellwanger & Geiger (hereinafter: "Escrow Bank") and the Escrow Bank has opened a separate Escrow Account designated as such in the name of the Escrow Bank (hereinhafter: the "Escrow Account") to receive payment by the Buyer of the Escrow Amount.
- 4.1.2 The funds in the Escrow Account shall serve as collateral for the Buyer with respect to any claims of the Buyer against the Seller rising out of or in connection with this Agreement. Unless provided otherwise in this Agreement, the Escrow Account shall be subject to the terms and condition agreed upon between the Seller and the Buyer on one side and the Escrow Bank on the other side in the Escrow Agreement.

4.2 Interests, Fees and Expenses

Interest accrued on the Escrow Account shall be added to, and considered to be part of, and fees and expenses of the Escrow Bank shall be deducted from, the Escrow Amount.

4.3 Releases from Escrow Account

- 4.3.1 The Escrow Bank shall be instructed to release any funds of the Escrow Account only
 - 4.3.1.1 in accordance with corresponding (*übereinstimmenden*) or joint written instructions from the Seller and the Buyer; or
 - 4.3.1.2 to the Buyer in such amount in which payment claims of the Buyer against the Seller in connection with this Agreement have been adjudicated by final court judgement (*rechtskräftiges gerichtliches Urteil*), including any final judgement on costs (*Kostenfestsetzungsbeschluss*), in each case upon presentation by the Buyer of an original (*Ausfertigung*) of the respective jugdement; or

4.3.1.3 according to 4.4.

4.4 FINAL RELEASE

- 4.4.1 Within 18 months after the Closing Date, the Escrow Bank shall release to Seller the funds then remaining in the Escrow Account after deduction of
 - 4.4.1.1 the outstanding fees of the Escrow Bank; and
 - 4.4.1.2 the amounts of any outstanding payment claims that the Buyer has asserted against the Seller by way of a duly filed complaint plus—a surcharge of 10 (ten) percent of the outstanding payment claim serving as collateral for the costs of the proceedings (hereinafter: "Final Claims").
- 4.4.2 The funds remaining in the Escrow Account after such release shall be released by the Escrow Bank according to Clause 4.3.1.2 or to the Seller in the amounts of any Final Claims that have been denied by final court judgement, upon presentation by the Seller of an original (Ausfertigung) of the respective jugdement.
- 4.4.3 Any amount remaining in the Escrow Account after (i) the competent courts have finally decided about all Final Claims and (ii) all releases according to Clause 4.3.1.2 have been made, shall be released to the Seller.

5. CLOSING

5.1 Closing

- 5.1.1 The consummation of the Transaction shall take place simultaneously with the execution of this Agreement on the date hereof (hereinafter: "Closing"). At the Closing the parties must take the closing actions provided for in Clause 5.2.
- 5.1.2 The day on which the Closing actually takes place is referred to as the "Closing Date".

5.1.3 The Closing will take place in the offices of OPPENLÄNDER Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaft in Stuttgart (Börsenplatz 1, 70174 Stuttgart) at 1st October 2014, 9:00 o'clock CET unless the parties agree on some other place and/or time.

5.2 Closing Actions

- 5.2.1.1 The Seller gives the Buyer the written and duly signed lease agreement between MCS and Seller of the real estate property Aspenhaustraße 21 in 72770 Reutlingen attached as <u>Annex 5.2.1.1</u>
- 5.2.1.2 The Seller gives the Buyer the copy of the written resolution of the shareholder of MCS declaring the formal approval of the actions of (i) Karl-Heinz Boven and (ii) Andreas Möller for their entire term of office as managing director of MCS (*Entlastung*) and waiving all potential claims of MCS for whatever legal reason, whether known or unknown (*Generalbereiniqung*) attached as <u>Annex 5.2.1.2.</u>
- 5.2.1.3 The Seller gives the Buyer the written and duly signed Managing Director contracts agreements (*Geschäftsführeranstellungsverträge*) between MCS and (i) Karl-Heinz Boven as well as (ii) Andreas Möller in accordance with <u>Annex 5.2.1.3.</u>
- 5.2.1.4 The Buyer pays the Initial Cash Payment Amount according to Clause 3.3.2 to the Seller's Account named in Clause 3.6.1.
- 5.2.1.5 The Buyer pays the Escrow Amount according to Clause 3.3.3 to the Escrow Account.
- 5.2.2 Immediately after the transfer of the MCS-Shares becomes effective and a new list of shareholders of MCS has been recorded by the Commercial Register (*Aufnahme im Handelsregister*), the Buyer shall give the Seller a copy of a written resolution of the shareholders of MCS declaring the precautionary renewed formal approval of the actions until the Closing Date of (i) Karl-Heinz Boven and (ii) Andreas Möller and waiving all potential claims of MCS resulting from the time until the Closing Date for whatever legal reason, whether known or unknown (with the exeption of claims resulting from this Agrement (especially resulting from Annex 5.2.1.3)) in accordance with Annex 5.2.2.

6. Closing Date Financial Statement

- 6.1 Provisional Calculations
 - 6.1.1 The Seller shall without undue delay and in no case later than 120 days after the Closing Date prepare in accordance with Clause 6.2 a financial statement of MCS as of the Closing Date which shall only set forth
 - 6.1.1.1 the Financial Liabilities.
 - 6.1.1.2 the Cash and
 - 6.1.1.3 the Working Capital

(hereinafter "Closing Date Financial Statement") and calculate the Purchase Price (hereinafter: "Provisional Purchase Price Calculation").

- 6.1.2 The Closing Date Financial Statement and the Provisional Purchase Price Calculation are together referred to hereinafter as "Provisional Calculations".
- 6.1.3 The Seller will send the Provisional Calculations to the Buyer without undue delay after they have been prepared.

6.2 Accounting Principles

6.2.1 The Closing Date Financial Statement must be prepared in accordance with the principles of formal and substantive balance sheet continuity, maintaining all valuation methods and exercising as in the past all rights to capitalize or report as a liability in accordance with the applicable provisions of German law (principles of proper accounting in accordance with the German Commercial Code - " HGB").

- 6.2.2 In case of contradictions balance sheet continuity prevails.
- 6.2.3 The principles and priorities referred to in Clauses 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 are referred to jointly as the "Accounting Principles".
- 6.3 REVIEW OF THE PROVISIONAL CALCULATIONS BY THE BUYER

The Buyer has the right to check the Provisional Calculations and to have them reviewed by an auditor of its choice. The duration of the review must not exceed twenty Bank Workdays counting from the day on which the Provisional Calculations are delivered to the Buyer.

- 6.4 Objections; Binding Force of the Provisional Calculations
 - 6.4.1 Objections against the Provisional Calculations must be addressed in writing to the Seller within the 20-day period according to Clause 6.3, stating the main reasons for the objections. If the Buyer lets this period of time pass without raising any objections, the Provisional Calculations shall be binding upon the parties.
 - 6.4.2 If the Buyer informs the Seller within the 20-day period according to Clause 6.3 of objections against the Provisional Calculations, the parties will in good faith endeavour to reach an agreement within one calendar month from receipt of the objections on how to deal with the objections. If and insofar as such an agreement is reached, its results will be reflected in the Provisional Calculations, which shall then upon mutual recognition and approval be binding upon the parties.

6.5 EXPERT ARBITRATOR PROCEEDINGS

- 6.5.1 If the parties cannot reach an agreement on the treatment of the objections within the one-month period according to Clause 6.4.2, they must jointly appoint an expert arbitrator (*Schiedsgutachter*) (hereinafter "Expert Arbitrator") within one week after the expiry of that period.
- 6.5.2 The Expert Arbitrator checks with regard to the points disputed between the parties whether the principles and derivations named in Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 were observed in preparing the Provisional Calculations. The Expert Arbitrator is to give every party a reasonable opportunity to put forth their views in writing and at one or several meetings to be held with the parties and their advisors. For this purpose he must deliver a written opinion, prepared at his equitable discretion, within 30 Bank Workdays after his opinion; this opinion shall be binding upon the parties. The Expert Arbitrator must state the reasons for his decision in view of all points disputed between the Seller and the Buyer. The Expert Arbitrator must incorporate the result of the opinion into the Provisional Calculations which shall then be binding upon the parties as thus amended.

- 6.5.3 If the parties do not agree on the appointment of an Expert Arbitrator within one week after the expiry of the one-month period according to Clause 6.5.1, the Expert Arbitrator will be appointed at the request of the Seller and/or the Buyer by the President of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Stuttgart.
- 6.5.4 The costs and expenses for the EXPERT Arbitrator and the expert arbitrator's proceedings will initially be paid and shared equally by the parties. Both shall bear their own costs and the costs of their advisors themselves.
- 6.5.5 The EXPERT ARBITRATOR shall take a final and binding decision on the allocation of his costs and expenses at his equitable discretion, taking into consideration his decision and the parties' original positions and motions in accordance with sec. 91 ZPO (German Code of Civil Procedure).

6.6 Access to Information

- 6.6.1 The Buyer must ensure that the Seller and the Expert Arbitrator will at any time after the Closing Date (i) receive all information and documents which are necessary for the purposes of this Clause 6 in the assessment of the afore-mentioned persons, and (ii) will for the purposes of this Clause 6 receive unrestricted access to all sources of information, including the management and employees of the undertakings relevant to the Closing Date Financial Statement and the calculation according to Clause 6.1.1.
- 6.6.2 Both Parties shall ensure that all documents and data made available to the Expert Arbitrator shall also be made available to the respective other Party.
- 6.6.3 The Buyer must also ensure that the Expert Arbitrator is given unrestricted access to earlier annual financial statements of MCS.

7. Independent Guarantee of the Seller

7.1 Form and Scope of the Seller's Guarantee

The Seller hereby declares to the Buyer in the form of an independent guarantee in accordance with sec. 311 para. 1 BGB (*selbständiges Garantieversprechen*) and, subject to the application of Clauses 8 and 10 and of the other provisions of this Agreement, that the statements in accordance with Clauses 7.2 to 7.18 (together the "Seller's Guarantees" and each a "Seller's Guarantee") are complete and accurate as of Closing Date except where a different reference point in time is named hereinafter. The partners agree that the Seller's Guarantees are neither quality agreements within the meaning of sec. 434 para. 1 BGB (*Beschaffenheitsvereinbarungen*) nor guarantees for the quality of the thing within the meaning of secs. 443, 444 BGB (*Garantien für die Beschaffenheit der Sache*).

- 7.2 Corporate Situation and Seller's Powers and Rights
 - 7.2.1 The statements made in Clause 1 regarding MCS are accurate. MCS was properly incorporated in accordance with the applicable law. <u>Annex 7.2.1</u> contains the current articles of association (*Satzung*) of MCS.

- 7.2.2 The MCS-Shares were validly issued and the related contributions to the fixed and share capital have been fully made and not repaid. The shares named in the preceding sentence are free from any encumbrances and other third-party rights. There are no preferential purchase rights, options, voting rights agreements or other third-party rights in view of the acquisition of MCS-Shares. There is no agreement or commitment entered into by the Seller or MCS to create any of the forementioned rights.
- 7.2.3 The Seller has the right to freely dispose of the MCS-Shares, especially without thereby violating any third-party rights.
- 7.2.4 No insolvency (or comparable) proceedings were applied for or opened against MCS. MCS is neither illiquid (*zahlungsunfähig*) nor over-indebted (*überschuldet*) nor facing impending illiquidity (*drohend zahlungsunfähig*). To the Seller's Knowledge no circumstances exist which would make it necessary for MCS to apply for the opening of insolvency or comparable preoceedings before the Closing Date.
- 7.2.5 MCS did not and does not hold any shares in other companies or subsidiaries.
- 7.2.6 MCS did not and does not have silent partners (*stille Gesellschafter*).

7.3 Annual Financial Statements

The Seller has given the Buyer the unaudited annual financial statements of MCS for the business year 2012/2013 as well as the unaudited annual financial statements of MCS for the business year 2013/2014 (hereinafter: "MCS-Accounts"). The MCS-Accounts were prepared in accordance with the principles of proper accounting (*Grundsätze ordnungsgemäßer Buchführung*) and show the assets and the financial and earnings situation of MCS on the balance-sheet date in conformity with all essential aspects of the actual situation and circumstances in accordance with sec. 264 para. 2 HGB.

7.4 REAL ESTATE

- 7.4.1 MCS did not and does not own any real estate.
- 7.4.2 <u>Annex 7.4.2</u> contains a list of the real estate rented or leased by MCS.

7.5 Other Assets

- 7.5.1 MCS is the owner or rightful user of the essential tangible fixed assets (*Wesentliche Gegenstände des materiellen Anlagevermögens*) shown in the Annual Financial Statements as of 31.07.2014 (*Jahresabschluss zum 31.07.2014*), unless these were sold after 01.08.2014 in the ordinary course of business.
- 7.5.2 The tangible fixed assets or current assets (*Gegenstände des Anlage- oder Umlaufvermögens*) owned or rightfully used by MCS are free from any encumbrances and other third-party rights, with the exception of
 - 7.5.2.1 retentions of title (*Eigentumsvorbehalte*), contractual or statutory rights of lien (*Pfandrechte*) and other security rights (*andere Sicherungsrechte*) created in the ordinary course of business;

- 7.5.2.2 encumbrances or third-party-rights which do not severely impair the continuation of the current business operations of MCS;
- 7.5.2.3 statutory liens and security rights (*gesetzliche Pfand- und Sicherungsrechte*);
- 7.5.2.4 the expectant right (*Anwartschaftsrecht*) of NMI Naturwissenschaftliches und Medizinisches Institut an der Universität Tübingen to acquire title in the plasma plant CVD-Domino Spezial.

7.6 Industrial Property Rights

- 7.6.1 Annex 7.6.1 contains a list of the patents, trade marks and other registered property rights which are essential to the business operations of MCS (together the "Industrial Property Rights") and are owned by or licenced to MCS. All these Industrial Property Rights are valid and enforceable and no licence, payment or indemnity obligations to third parties with respect thereto exist. No other industrial property rights except those listed in Annex 7.6.1 are required to continue the business operations of MCS. The know-how that is required to continue MCS's business operations is not legally protected.
- 7.6.2 The Industrial Property Rights are neither the subject matter of any judicial or administrative procedure in which the validity of the Industrial Property Rights is contested, nor are the Industrial Property Rights to the Seller's Knowledge being violated by or violating any third party to any significant extent.
- 7.6.3 All payments necessary to maintain the Industrial Property Rights have been made and all necessary applications for extensions have been filed.
- 7.6.4 To the Seller's Knowledge Matsushita Electric Industrial Co (hereinafter: "Matsushita") has not pursued its extrajudicial claim for license fees against MCS since 2006.
- 7.6.5 MCS has to the Seller's Knowledge exclusive and unrestrictive rights to all inventions and developments which were made by its officers, managing directors, employees, freelance workers, service providers, subcontractors and other third parties which arose in connection with a job or an engagement for MCS. MCS has essentially exercised all material (grundlegenden) rights under the German Act on Employee Inventions (*Arbeitnehmererfindungsgesetz*) and fulfilled all obligations thereunder.

7.7 Important Agreements

- 7.7.1 MCS is not obliged from any surety (*Bürgschaften*), assumption of or accession to debt (*Schuldübernahmen oder Schuldbeitritte*), comfort letters (*Patronatserklärungen*) and other obligations assumed for third-party liabilities
- 7.7.2 Annex 7.7.2 contains a list of the agreements between MCS and a third party which fall under at least one of the following criteria and the principal obligations (*Hauptleistungspflichten*) of which have not yet been fully performed (hereinafter: "IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS"):

- 7.7.2.1 credit and other loan agreements, bonds, credit notes and other kind of outside financing which obliges MCS to pay at least 5.000 € (in words: five thousand Euro);
- 7.7.2.2 guarantees (*Garantien*), which impose an obligation upon MCS of at least 5.000 € (in words: five thousand Euro);
- 7.7.2.3 cooperation agreements (Kooperationsverträge) on research projects;
- 7.7.2.4 legal relationships involving recurrent obligations other than those covered by Clauses 7.7.2.1 − 7.7.2.3 insofar as they impose annual payment obligations upon MCS in excess of 5.000 € (in words: five thousand Euro) and cannot be terminated with effect before 31.12.2015.
- 7.7.3 All Important Agreements are valid and binding to the Seller's Knowledge. MCS has not received notice to terminate an Important Agreement. To the Seller's Knowledge, MCS is not in breach of duty under an Important Agreement or is in default of performance of such a duty in such way that the other party to the agreement has the right to terminate the agreement concerned for cause.
- 7.7.4 intentionally left blank -
- 7.7.5 <u>Annex 7.7.5</u> contains the complete license agreements with HiQScreen Sàrl and NMI Naturwissenschaftliches und Medizinisches Institut an der Universität Tübingen.
- 7.7.6 To the Seller's Knowledge MCS was not and is not a party to any anti-competitve agreements (wettbewerbsbeschränkende Vereinbarungen).
- 7.7.7 MCS is not a party to any agreement containing a penalty clause (*Vertragsstrafe*).
- 7.8 No Pending Business Transactions

MCS is not a party to any agreement concerning

- 7.8.1 the acquisition of participations in other undertakings
- 7.8.2 the formation of joint ventures
- 7.8.3 the acquisition of real estate or land rights.
- 7.9 PRODUCT LIABILITY
 - 7.9.1 Since MCS's formation no recall (*Rückrufaktion*) of MCS's products occured.
 - 7.9.2 The products designed, manufactured or distributed by MCS do to the Seller's Knowledge not suffer from any defects which could give rise to any product liability or warranty claim.

Annex 7.10 contains a list of all public grants (*Zuschüsse*) or other public subsidies (*Subventionen*) (hereinafter: "Subsidies") received by MCS within the period of three years prior to the Closing Date. No subsidies other than those listed in Annex 7.10 have been granted to MCS within the period of three years prior to the Closing Date. MCS has applied for, obtained and used the Subsidies always in compliance with all applicable legal requirements. To the Seller's Knowledge in the past until the Closing Date all conditions and requirements (*Auflagen und Nebenbestimmungen*) of the allocation decisions were fulfilled. No proceedings regarding a revocation or withdrawal of Subsidies have been initiated and there are to the Seller's Knowledge no circumstances, which would justify the initiation of such proceeding. For the avoidance of doubt: The Seller does not give any guarantee or representation according to which the conclusion or consummation of this Agreement does not justify or will not result in the initiation of such a proceeding. The risk that Subsidies might be revoked, withdrawn or that Subsidies will have to be paid back by MCS as a result of this Transaction is solely borne by the Buyer.

7.11 Employment Matters

- 7.11.1 <u>Annex 7.11.1</u> contains a list of all employees of MCS, stating the (i) fixed base salary in each case, (ii) any fringe benefits (*Nebenleistungen*), (iii) any variable remuneration, (iv) the age, (v) the duration of employment by MCS, (vi) the number of days of vacation entitlement as well as (vii) special protection against dismissal (*Sonderkündigungsschutz*).
- 7.11.2 <u>Annex 7.11.2</u> contains a list of those employees who are of greater significance for the economic success of MCS (hereinafter: "Key Personnel"). No member of the Key Personnel has given notice to terminate his or her employment contract.
- 7.11.3 MCS is not bound to any collective agreements (*Tarifverträge*) and other similar agreements with trade unions, works councils and similar bodies.
- 7.11.4 MCS is not a member of any employer association (Arbeitgeberverband).
- 7.11.5 A works council (Betriebsrat) does not exist.
- 7.11.6 MCS is not obliged from any pension obligations (*Pensionszusagen*) to any former or current managing directors or employees.
- 7.11.7 No employee of MCS was awarded power of attorney (*Prokura*) or any other legal authority (*rechtsgeschäftliche Vollmacht*).
- 7.11.8 No collective dismissals (*Massenentlassungen*), social plans (*Sozialplan*), measures of short-time work (*Kurzarbeit*), strikes (*Streik*) or lockouts (*Aussperrungen*) took place at MCS.
- 7.11.9 At an average no employee of MCS has more than 10 hours overtime (mehr als 10 Überstunden).
- 7.11.10 MCS is not obliged from any claims of the employees regarding any company practices or other general undertakings by employer (betriebliche Übung oder Gesamtzusagen). This guarantee does not apply to extra payments which depend on the economic success of MCS.

7.11.11 MCS has, subject to Clause 9.2.2, fulfilled in the past until the Closing Date all duties regarding the social security contributions as well as all taxes (with the exception of social security contribution and taxes relating to the salaries for September 2014) with respect to all employees, trainees, etc.

7.12 Insurance

- 7.12.1 <u>Annex 7.12.1</u> contains a list of important property and third-party liability insurance (*Sach- und Haftpflichtversicherungen*) contracts concluded in favour of MCS. All due insurance premiums have been duly paid. To the Seller's Knowledge no circumstances exist which could make any such insurance invalid.
- 7.12.2 Since the formation of MCS no risk insured by MCS which exceeded the amount of 100.000 € materialised.

7.13 Legal Disputes

- 7.13.1 No court proceedings (*Gerichtsverfahren*), arbitration proceedings (*Schiedsverfahren*) or administrative proceedings (*Verwaltungsverfahren*) are pending in which MCS is involved or which involve a sum in dispute or value in excess of 5.000 €. MCS has not been warned in writing that such proceedings may be opened.
- 7.13.2 No criminal or administrative offence proceeding (*Straf- oder Ordnungswidrigkeitenverfahren*) against MCS, its organs or employees, related to MCS's business operation, was performed or to the Seller's Knowledge initiated.

7.14 PERMITS AND APPROVALS

MCS (i) has all permits and approvals under applicable public law (*nach anwendbarem öffentlichen Recht*) which are of essential significance to their business operations and necessary to continue their business operations and (ii) conducts its business operations essentially in compliance with all essential provisions of those provisions of the permits and approvals under public law whose non-observance would severely impair the admissibility of the business activities (*Zulässigkeit der Geschäftstätigkeit*) of MCS.

7.15 Continuation of the Business

The business of MCS was conducted in the time from January 1st 2014 up to the Closing Date in the ordinary course of business and essentially in the same manner as before. There were no major adverse changes in view of the business activities and since January 1st 2014 there has not been any Material Adverse Effect. "Material Adverse Effect" means any change, event, development, occurrence, state of facts or effect each (hereinafter: "Adverse Effect") that, individually or in the aggregate, is materially adverse to, or could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on, the business, operations, value, cash flows, assets, liabilities, prospects, financial condition or operating results of MCS, or that materially impairs or delays the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, excluding (i) the effect of any change in the Federal Republic of Germany, the United States or foreign economies or securities or financial markets in general; (ii) the effect of any change that affects any industry in which MCS operates; and (iii) the effect of any change arising in connection with earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, epidemics, hostilities, acts of war, sabotage or terrorism or military actions existing or underway as of the date hereof or other force majeure events occurring after the date hereof, except, in each case, if the effect on MCS is disproportionate to the effect on other participants in the industry in which MCS operates. Any Adverse Effect shall be considered material only if its financial impact exceeds 250.000 € (in words: twohundredfiftythousand EURO) in any individual case or 300.000 € (in words: threehundredthousand EURO) in the aggregate.

- 7.15.1 did not issue any shares to any third parties or grant them any other participations;
- 7.15.2 made no major investments and created no contractual obligations outside the ordinary course of business.
- 7.15.3 did not acquire or sell any fixed assets (*Gegenstände des Anlagevermögens*) except in the ordinary course of business and subject to market conditions;
- 7.15.4 granted no loans to any third parties outside the ordinary course of business;
- 7.15.5 made no major amendments to the contractual conditions (including the remuneration) for the Key Personnel outside the ordinary course of business;
- 7.15.6 made no major amendments to the invoicing of customers and the collection of revenues.

7.16 Environment

To the Seller's Knowledge MCS will not incur any responsibility or liability due to environmental contamination or pollution that occurred at MCS's sites prior to the Closing Date.

7.17 Absence of Undisclosed Liabilities.

"Liability" means means any accrued (*entstandenen*) liability, debt, deficiency, interest, Tax, penalty, fine, claim, demand, judgment, cause of action, or other loss (including loss of benefit or relief), cost or expense of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted (*geltend gemacht oder nicht geltend gemacht*), liquidated or unliquidated (*beziffert oder unbeziffert*) and regardless of when asserted, cost or expense relating thereto but in each case with the execption of prospective liabilities (*betagte Verbindlichkeiten*) but with the counter-exception of deferred (*gestundeten*) liabilities. MCS does not have any Liabilities except for

- 7.17.1 Liabilities to the extent reflected in the annual financial statement of MCS for the business year 2013/2014,
- 7.17.2 Liabilities of which have arisen since the date of the beginning of the business year 2014/2015 in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice and
- 7.17.3 contractual Liabilies incurred in the ordinary course of business, which are not required to be recorded on a balance sheet according to the German Commercial Code and
- 7.17.4 Liabilities described in Annex 7.18 and
- 7.17.5 other Liabilities mentioned in this Agreement (especially Financial Liabilities, deductions from the Working Capital according to Clause 3.2.5.2 and claims that constitute on indemnification claim of the Buyer under this Agreement.

Except as set forth on Annex 7.18, MCS had no outstanding Indebtedness on Cut-Off Date, which will be as close as possible to Closing "Indebtedness" means the following indebtedness but in each case only and to the extent that the relevant indebtedness (i) has not been taken into account as a Financial Liability or as a deduction of the Working Capital according to Clause 3.2.5.2 in the Closing Date Financial Statement and/or (ii) does not give rise to a claim of the Buyer for indemnification, e.g. for Tax Indemnification:

- 7.18.1 indebtedness for borrowed money.
- 7.18.2 Liabilities evidenced by bonds (*Anleihen*), debentures (*Schuldverschreibungen*), notes (Schuldscheine) or other similar instruments or debt securities (*Schuldverschreibungen*),
- 7.18.3 Liabilities of MCS under or in connection with letters of credit (*Akkreditiven*) or bankers' acceptances (*Bankakzepten*) or similar items,
- 7.18.4 any obligation to pay the deferred (*gestundet*) purchase price of property or services and any deferred purchase price Liabilities related to past acquisitions, other than those trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice,
- 7.18.5 all Liabilities arising from cash/book overdrafts (Kontoüberziehung),
- 7.18.6 all Liabilities under capitalized leases (*Finanzierungs-Leasingverträgen*) or leases that are required to be capitalized,
- 7.18.7 all Liabilities of MCS under conditional sale (*Kauf unter Eigentumsvorbehalt*) or other title retention agreements (*Eigentumsvorbehaltsvereinbarungen*),
- 7.18.8 all Liabilities of MCS arising out of interest rate (*Zinsswap*) and currency swap arrangements (*Devisengeschäften*) and any other arrangements designed to provide protection against fluctuations in interest or currency rates,
- 7.18.9 all Company Expenses (transaktionsbedingte Kosten der Zielgesellschaft). "Company Expenses" means
 - 7.18.9.1 the collective amount payable by, or Liabilities of, MCS to outside legal counsel, accountants, advisors, brokers and other persons in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (*Beraterkosten im Zusammenhang mit dieser Transaktion*) or otherwise arising by consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and
 - 7.18.9.2 all Liabilities of MCS under or in connection with any severance arrangements (*Aufhebungsverträgen*), stay bonuses (*Halteprämien*), incentive bonuses (*Leistungspränien*), termination and change of control arrangements (*Kündigungs- und Change-of-Control-Zahlungen*) and similar obligations

that are owed to any person or that will be triggered, either automatically or with the passage of time (including in combination with any termination of employment following the Closing), in whole or in part by the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

- 7.18.10 all unpaid wages, bonus, contingent or deferred compensation, or commissions payable (or that may become payable) to employees of MCS that are allocable to pre-Closing periods, excluding Christmas and vacation bonuses (*Weihnachts- und Urlaubsgeld*) and annual bonuses (*Jahresboni*).
- 7.18.11 all indebtedness of others guaranteed by MCS or secured by any lien on the assets of MCS.
- 7.18.12 any commitment by which MCS assures a creditor against loss (including contingent reimbursement Liability with respect to letters of credit),
- 7.18.13 any amounts owed to any person under any noncompetition (*Wettbewerbsverbot*), consulting (*Beratervertrag*) or similar arrangements, excluding all amounts that become due after the Closing Date,

including for each of the foregoing clauses any premium (*Prämie*), accrued and unpaid interest, related expenses, prepayment penalties (*Vorfälligkeitsentschädigungen*), make-whole payments (*Entschädigungszahlungen*), commitment (*Abnahmeverpflichtung*), reimbursements (*Erstattungspflichten*), indemnities (*Freistellungsverpflichtungen*) and all other amounts payable in connection therewith.

7.19 No Further Guarantees Given by the Seller

- 7.19.1 The Buyer expressly acknowledges the acquisition of the MCS-Shares and thus of MCS and its business activities in the condition which they are in and according to its due diligence and evaluation, and that it makes the purchase on the basis of its own decision, due diligence and evaluation without relying on any express or implied representations, warranties or guarantees of the Seller going beyond or deviating from the Seller's Guarantees expressly given by the Seller in this Agreement.
- 7.19.2 Without prejudice to the preceding paragraph, the Buyer accepts in particular that the Seller gives or makes no express or implied guarantees, warranties, representations or other promissory statements (sonstige Einstandserklärungen) regarding
 - 7.19.2.1 forecasts (*Prognosen*), estimates (*Schätzungen*) or budgets made available to the Buyer regarding future (i) income, (ii) profits, (iii) cash flows, the future financial situation (*künftige Finanzlage*) or the future business operations (*künftige Geschäftslage*) of MCS;
 - 7.19.2.2 other information or documents which are made accessible to the Buyer, its lawyers, auditors or other advisors in relation to MCS and its business activities and the information provided during the Management Presentation on June 4, 2014 unless otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement;
 - 7.19.2.3 Tax matters (Steuerangelegenheiten) with the exception of the provisions in Clause 9 (Taxes).

"Seller's Knowledge" within the meaning of this Agreement comprises the actual knowledge of (i) Karl-Heinz Boven and/or (ii) Andreas Möller on the Closing Date and also the lack of actual knowledge to the extent that such lack is based on gross negligence (*grobe Fahrlässigkeit*).

8. Legal Consequences of Violation of Seller's Guarantees, Covenants, Excluded Liabilities and Procedure

- 8.1 RESTORATION OF THE ORIGINAL CONDITION; DAMAGES
 - 8.1.1 In case of (i) a violation of a Seller's Guarantee by the Seller, (ii) a breach of any covenant or agreement of the Seller contained herein, (iii) the applicability of any Excluded Liability or Excluded Liabilities (each such instance being referred to as a "Claim" hereunder), the Seller must put the Buyer or at the Buyer's sole discretion MCS into the position which the Buyer or MCS, as the case may be would be in if such circumstance had not occurred.
 - 8.1.2 "EXCLUDED LIABILITY" means individually, and "EXCLUDED LIABILITIES" means collectively, all Liabilities of MCS, that (i) relate to or arise from the ownership or operation of the business of MCS prior to or on the Closing Date (with the exception of prospective obligations (betagte Verbindlichkeiten) but with the counter-exception of deferred (gesundete) Verbindlichkeiten and (ii) have not been taken into account either as a Financial Liability or as a deduction of the Working Capital according to Clause 3.2.5.2 in the Closing Date Financial Statement and (iii) do not give rise to a claim of the Buyer for indemnification, e.g. for Tax Indemnification.
 - 8.1.3 With respect to any Claim, the Buyer or at the Buyer's sole discretion MCS can demand damages by way of payment of money relating to the Loss, if the Seller does not achieve the contractually owed condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification according to Clause 8.3. "Loss" means all damages as defined in sec 249 BGB (*German Civil Code*) including any layer's fees up to the amount fixed by the Lawyer's Compensation Act (*Rechtsanwaltsvergütungsgesetz*). The obligation to pay damages is limited to compensation for the Loss suffered (*tatsächlich entstandene unmittelbare Schäden*) by the Buyer or MCS, as the case may be. No compensation needs to be paid in particular for indirect damage (*mittelbare oder Folgeschäden*), lost profits, internal administrative or fixed costs (*interne Verwaltungs- oder Fixkosten*).
- 8.2 Priority of Specific Seller's Guarantees and Indemnification Agreements

Claims of the Buyer or MCS, as the case may be, in accordance with Clause 8.1 in conjunction with Clause 7.3 (Annual Financial Statements) are excluded if and insofar as this Agreement contains a more specific Seller's Guarantee or indemnification clause regarding the particular matter concerned. In this case, the specific Seller's Guarantee regulates the Seller's liability for the matter covered by the specific Seller's Guarantee or the indemnification clause.

8.3 CLAIM NOTIFICATION

Once the Buyer becomes aware of an actual Claim, the Buyer shall give reasonable prompt notice of the Claim to the Seller in writing, with a precise description of the underlying circumstances and to the extent possible the estimated amount of the Claim. A failure to give timely notice or to include any specified information in any notice as provided in this Clause 8.3 will not affect the rights or obligations of any party hereunder, except to the extent that (and only to such extent), as a result of such failure, any party which was entitled to receive such notice was deprived of its right to recover any payment under its applicable insurance coverage or was otherwise materially and actually prejudiced as a result of such failure or the failure to notify continued until the expiration of the applicable survival limitations. For clarification purposes: Section 254 German Civil Code (*Mitverschulden*) remains unaffected.

8.4 PROCEDURE FOR THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS

- 8.4.1 If claims or demands are asserted by a third party after the Closing Date against the Buyer or MCS which could trigger a Claim (hereinafter: "Third-Party Claims"), the Buyer is obliged to inform the Seller without undue delay in writing and to provide copies of the related correspondence with the third party and of all documents relating to deadlines. In addition the Buyer must give the Seller an opportunity to participate, at its own expense, in all related proceedings and meetings (including but not limited to a third-party intervention (*Nebenintervention*) according to sec 66 subs. German Civil Procedure Code (*ZPO*) or comparable foreign legal provisions).
- 8.4.2 In the event of a Third Party Claim the Seller's prior written consent shall be required for any objection or opposition to administerative acts, the filing or withdrawal of an action, any waiver, acknowledgement, settlement or the filing or withdrawal of an appeal or legal remedy in such Third Party Claim. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. In case the Seller does not consent, the Buyer is not entitled to indemnification for the Third Party Claim.
- 8.4.3 In the event of a Third Party Claim the parties and MCS will take care about the reasonable interests of the other party.
- 8.4.4 The Buyer must ensure through suitable measures that MCS will observe the agreements reached in this Clause 8.4.

8.5 PROCEDURE FOR DIRECT CLAIMS

"DIRECT CLAIMS" means any CLAIM that is not a THIRD-PARTY CLAIM. The SELLER will have a period of thirty (30) days following its receipt of the notice of a DIRECT CLAIM (the "DIRECT CLAIM RESPONSE PERIOD") to respond in writing to such DIRECT CLAIM. If the SELLER does not so respond within such DIRECT CLAIM RESPONSE PERIOD, the SELLER will be deemed to have rejected such claim, in which event the BUYER will be free to pursue such remedies as may be available to the BUYER on the terms and subject to the provisions of this AGREEMENT. If an objection is timely interposed by the SELLER, then the BUYER and the SELLER shall negotiate in good faith for a period of thirty (30) days from the date the BUYER receives such objection (such period, or such longer period as agreed in writing by the parties, is hereinafter referred to as the "NEGOTIATION PERIOD"). If the NEGOTIATION PERIOD has not resulted in a resolution of the DIRECT CLAIM that is the subject of the DIRECT CLAIM NOTICE prior to the expiration thereof, the BUYER or the SELLER may submit the dispute for resolution to a court of competent jurisdiction and each will be free to pursue such remedies as may be available to them on the terms and subject to the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

8.6 Treatment of Payments

Payments made by the Seller in accordance with Clause 7 to Clause 8 are to be treated as between the Buyer and the Seller as a reduction of the Purchase Price; payments made by the Seller to MCS are to be regarded as a contribution (*Einlage*) by the Buyer.

9. Taxes

9.1 Definition of Taxes

"Taxes" means for the purposes of this Agreement all taxes within the meaning of secs. 3 para. 1 and para. 3 AO (German Fiscal Code) or of the corresponding provisions of a foreign law imposed by a competent federal, state or municipal or similar foreign authority (hereinafter "Tax Authority/ies"), including incidental tax expenses (*steuerliche Nebenleistungen*) (e.g. interest, costs, surtaxes) within the meaning of sec. 3 para. 4 AO or of similar provisions of foreign law as well any liability for such taxes.

9.2 Tax Declarations and Tax Payments up to the Closing Date

The Seller guarantees by way of an indepedent guarantee, Clause 7.1 being applicable analogously, and subject to the scope and the limitations set out in Clause 8 and Clause 10, that

- 9.2.1 MCS has made all important tax declarations in time by the Closing Date or will make them in time (taking account of any extensions of deadlines granted by a Tax Authority), and
- 9.2.2 that all Taxes of MCS which are due were or will essentially be paid by the Closing Date.

9.3 Tax Indemnification

- 9.3.1 If and to the extend that the respective claim has not been taken into account according to Clause 3.2.2.6 when calculating the Financial Liabilities the Seller undertakes to indemnify the Buyer for all Taxes which concern time periods up to and including the Closing Date (hereinafter "Tax Indemnification").
 - 9.3.1.1 In relation to the Taxes of MCS assessed or collected for assessment or collection periods (*Veranlagungs-oder Erhebungszeiträume*) which begin before or on the Closing Date, and the assessment basis (*Bemessungsgrundlage*) of which is constituted by income, profits or sales, the share of the Taxes attributable to periods of time up to and including the Closing Date will be determined in such a way as if the assessment or collection period had ended on the Closing Date. Insofar as income, profits or sales result from business events before or on the Closing Date, such income, profits or sales shall be attributed to the time periods up to the Closing Date; insofar as they result from business events after the Closing Date, such income, profits or sales shall be attributed to the time periods after the Closing Date.

- 9.3.1.2 In relation to all other Taxes of MCS, the share of the Taxes attributable to periods of time up to and including the Closing Date will be determined pro rata temporis; the allocation quota relevant for this follows from the sum of the days up to and including the Closing Date, to be divided by the number of days of the entire assessment or collection period, the number for this purpose being 365 days for an assessment or collection period that coincides with the calendar year (*kalenderjahrgleichen Veranlagungs- oder Erhebungszeitraum*).
- 9.3.2 The Seller's Tax Indemnification is granted in accordance with the following principles:
 - 9.3.2.1 There is a Tax Indemnification obligation only if and insofar as the Taxes to be indemnified for exceed the specific reserves and liabilities shown for Taxes in the Annual Financial Statements, regardless of whether the reserves and liabilities were created for the Tax which justifies the claim to Tax Indemnification, and the Taxes were not paid or otherwise caused to become extinct (*zum Erlöschen gebracht*) in the time up to and including the Closing Date.
 - 9.3.2.2 The Tax Indemnification is to be reduced by all tax advantages which arise within a time period of maximum 5 years after the Closing Date gained by the Buyer, MCS, an undertaking affiliated with the Buyer within the meaning of secs. 15 et seq. AktG (German Stock Corporation Act) or any legal successor after the Closing Date. This shall apply in particular, but not exclusively, to advantages which result from, are connected with or brought about or caused (retroactively) by:
 - 9.3.2.2.1 an increase in the amounts shown in the tax balance sheet (*Aufstockung der steuerbilanziellen Ansätze*) for the assets subject to scheduled depreciation (*regelmäßige Absetzung*) for wear and tear (*Abnutzung*) (including the non-recognition of extraordinary write-offs) in time periods up to and including the CLOSING DATE, and/or
 - 9.3.2.2.2 the non-recognition for tax purposes (*steuerliche Nichtanerkennung*) of expenditures (*Aufwand*) in connection with the posting (*Buchung*) of liabilities, provisions (*Rücklagen*), reserves, latent tax obligations or other kind of costs or expenses for time periods up to and including the Closing Date

(hereinafter "Tax Advantage"), if the event which leads to the Tax Advantage leads at the same time to an increase in the amount of the taxable income (*Anstieg des zu versteuernden Einkommens*) of MCS for the time period up to and including the Closing Dates and the Tax Indemnification obligation exists on that basis. The reduction of the Tax Indemnification is made in the amount of the cash value (*Barwert*) of the Tax Advantage, to be determined by discounting the Tax Advantage with an interest rate amounting to 100 base points above EURIBOR, on the basis of a calculated total tax burden of 30 %.

- 9.3.2.3 The Seller shall not be liable for Taxes if and insofar as they are the consequence of
 - 9.3.2.3.1 changes of the accounting and taxation practices introduced after the Closing Date at MCS or a legal successor (including the practice of making the tax declarations), unless these are required by mandatory law, or
 - 9.3.2.3.2 of actions, declarations, omissions or other measures of the Buyer, MCS or a legal successor after the Closing Date (in particular change of a tax option to recognise as an asset (Änderung eines steuerlichen Ansatzwahlrechts), termination of a tax unit, consent to or implementation of conversion measures (Umwandlungsmaßnahmen) or sale of assets (Verkauf von Wirtschaftsgütern).
- 9.3.3 Payments owed by the Seller according to Clause 9 are to be made to the Buyer within 20 Bank Workdays after written Notice from the Buyer, provided that payments are due in this amount to the Tax Authorities. The Seller is in no case obliged to pay earlier than 2 Bank Workdays before the due date for the payment to the Tax Authorities. In case a tax liability is contested (bestritten) in accordance with Clause 9.5.4, the payment of this tax liability is to be regarded as due only if and when it has been established by final and legally unchallengeable decision either of the Tax Authority or of the competent tax courts, provided that the Tax Authority granted a payment exemption (Zahlungsfreistellung) up to the time of a final and legally unchallengeable decision. If that is not the case, the Seller is obliged to make advance payments accordingly to the Buyer for the tax indemnification claims, provided the Buyer provides security in the form of a guarantee given by a reputed bank for any subsequent refund claims of the Seller in accordance with the following provisions. If the final amount of the tax indemnification claim is lower than the Seller's advance payments, the Buyer must refund the difference and all interest payable.

9.4 Refund

If and to the extend that the respective claim has not been taken into account according to Clause 3.2.3.5 when calculation the Cash, the Buyer undertakes to pay to the Seller the following tax refunds, Tax Advantages and amounts as an additional cash payment (*zusätzliche Barzahlung*):

- 9.4.1 all tax refunds by the Tax Authorities in favour of MCS for time periods up to and including the Closing Date and regardless of whether the tax refunds are made in cash, by set-off from tax debts which the Seller need not indemnify the Buyer for, or in some other way,
- 9.4.2 the (remaining) Tax Advantage within the meaning of Clause 9.3.2.2 which cannot be set off from Tax Indemnifications in the assessment or collection periods (*Veranlagungs- oder Erhebungszeiträumen*) concerned, and
- 9.4.3 the amount by which the liabilities and reserves for Taxes in the Annual Financial Statements exceed the Taxes still to be paid in total for time periods up to and including the Closing Date, taking into account the provision in Clause 9.3.2.1.

9.4.4 Regarding tax refunds by the Buyer to the Seller, the allocation (*Zurechnungsregelungen*) rules in Clause 9.3.1 apply analogously.

9.5 Indemnification Procedure

- 9.5.1 The parties will cooperate in every respect in connection with Taxes relating to time periods up to and including the Closing Date; this applies in particular insofar as the preparation and filing of tax declarations and tax returns for time periods up to and including the Closing Date is concerned. The Buyer is obliged to take care that
 - 9.5.1.1 the Seller is given complete copies of all tax assessments (*Steuerfestsetzungen*) and tax assessment notices (*Steuerbescheide*) of MCS relating to to time periods up to and including the Closing Date, without any request for this being necessary, without undue delay after receipt of these tax assessments and tax assessment notices.
 - 9.5.1.2 the Seller or advisors of its choice, who must be bound by a professional confidentiality duty (referred to in this Clause 9 as "Advisors"), will have full access to all information, books, records and documents which are relevant to the tax treatment of MCS and relate (also) to time periods up to and including the Closing Date, and
 - 9.5.1.3 these books, records and documents are kept and archived in each case until all claims under this Clause 9 are time-barred.
- 9.5.2 Tax declarations and tax returns (*Steueranmeldung*) of MCS which (also) relate to time periods up to and including the Closing Date must not be filed, added to or changed by the Buyer or MCS without the Seller's prior written consent, which may not be unreasonably withheld.
- 9.5.3 Without any request for this being necessary, the Buyer must inform the Seller in writing without undue delay about all announced or on-going tax audits (*steuerliche Außenprüfung*) or other administrative or judicial proceedings which could trigger a Tax Indemnification or tax refund in favour of the Seller (hereinafter "Tax Procedure"), stating the subject matter of the audit or of any alleged tax liability. Copies of all documents of the Tax Authority or, as the case may be, of the court regarding the Tax Procedure or the alleged tax liability are to be attached to this information. The Buyer is obliged to take care that copies of all correspondence conducted during the Tax Procedure with the Tax Authorities or, as the case may be, with the court or other authorities involved in the Tax Procedure, in particular inquiries made by the auditors during a tax audit, are passed on to the Seller without undue delay and without any request for this being necessary. Information regarding MCS may be passed on to the Tax Authorities or, as the case may be, the courts for the purposes of a Tax Procedure only with the Seller's prior consent.
- 9.5.4 The Buyer guarantees that MCS will enable the Seller to take part in the Tax Procedure in accordance with the following rules:
 - 9.5.4.1 The Seller has the right, either itself or through Advisors, in each case in its own name on the basis of power of attorney and at its own expense, to carry out audits or to conduct administrative and court proceedings and to assert refund claims which are connected with any alleged Taxes and can lead to a Tax Indemnification (these audits, refund claims or proceedings in connection with an alleged tax liability hereinafter also referred to as "Tax Dispute").

- 9.5.4.2 If the Seller intends to conduct a Tax Dispute (itself or through Advisors), the Seller will inform the Buyer of this within 20 Bank Workdays after receipt of the Buyer's written Notice in accordance with Clause 9.5.1.2.
- 9.5.4.3 If the Seller decides to conduct a Tax Dispute, the Buyer must without undue delay give and have MCS give the representative and/or Advisor named by the Seller a power of attorney on the basis of which the Buyer or MCS or their legal successors can be represented in the Tax Dispute by the Seller or its Advisors.
- 9.5.4.4 The Buyer is obliged to collaborate with the Seller and to cause MCS or its legal successors to collaborate in all stages of the Tax Dispute at the Seller's expense.
- 9.5.4.5 If no Tax Dispute is conducted by the Seller or if the Buyer is not given Notice of this decision, the Buyer and MCS can pay the alleged tax liabilities, conclude a settlement agreement regarding them or contest them. Without regard to this, the Seller or its Advisors can participate in any Tax Dispute at the Seller's expense.

9.6 MISCELLANEOUS, LIMITATION

- 9.6.1 Additional profit and loss allocations (*Gewinn- und Verlustzuweisungen*) arising from tax audits relating (also) to time periods up to and including the Closing Date shall not lead to an increase or reduction of the Purchase Price and entitle neither the Seller to demand additional distributions of profits nor the Buyer or the Seller to make a Purchase Price Adjustment.
- 9.6.2 Claims of the Buyer according to Clause 9 shall be time-barred upon the expiry of six months after the final and legally unchallengeable assessment of the Taxes concerned.
- 9.6.3 A failure to give timely notice or to include any specified information in any notice as provided in this Clause 9 will not affect the rights or obligations of any party hereunder, except to the extent that (and only to such extent), as a result of such failure, any party which was entitled to receive such notice was materially and actually prejudiced as a result of such failure or the failure to notify continued until the expiration of the applicable survival limitations. Section 254 German Civil Code (*Mitverschulden*) remains unaffected.

10. Exclusion and Limitation of Liability

10.1 No Double-Counting

A claim of the the Buyer or MCS, as the case may be, arising from or in connection with this Agreement is excluded if and insofar as

- 10.1.1 the facts constituting the claim are already taken into account in the MCS-Accounts, the Annual Financial Statements or the Closing Date Financial Statement; or
- 10.1.2 the facts constituting the claim are already taken into account otherwise in the course of the determination of the Purchase Price; or
- 10.1.3 reserves (*Rückstellungen*) in the MCS-Account or in the Annual Financial Statements can be dissolved, a write-down of assets can be reversed or claims already entirely or partly value-adjusted are settled by debtors after the Closing Date; or
- 10.1.4 the claim is based on the following, taking place after the Closing Date:
 - 10.1.4.1 amendment of a law, a legal regulation, of by-laws, an administrative rule, a judgment, resolution, decision, permit, order or other (administrative) act or other legal provisions or
 - 10.1.4.2 a Tax increase.
- 10.2 No Liability in Case of Knowledge or Disclosure
 - 10.2.1 The Buyer or MCS, as the case may be, is not entitled to assert claims on the basis of or in connection with this Agreement insofar the Buyer knew the facts or circumstances forming the basis of the claim on the Closing Date.
 - 10.2.2 The Buyer had the opportunity before the Signing Date to carefully examine MCS as well as its respective business activities under commercial, financial and legal aspects. The Buyer more specifically had the possibility to examine the documents listed in Annex 10.2.2 and disclosed in the data room and to attend the Management Presentation on June 4, 2014 (together: "Disclosed Information"). Facts and circumstances which follow from the Disclosed Information or are designated in this Agreement or the Annexes thereto or were provable disclosed to the Buyer in some other way during the Due Diligence or in the course of the negotiations for this Agreement shall be deemed to be known to the Buyer
 - 10.2.3 The knowledge of the managers of the Buyer, of its advisors and of those employees who were involved in the Due Diligence in the time leading up to this Agreement or in the negotiations and the conclusion of this Agreement is attributed to the Buyer.
 - 10.2.4 Clause 10.2 does not apply to any given claims concerning the guarantees in 7.6.2 and 7.6.4 with regard to the Matsushita-complex.

- 10.3.1 The data room is contained on three DVDs of which for purpose of proof (*Beweiszwecke*) one has been deposited with the undersigned notary and one with each party.
- 10.3.2 The Parties have checked the content and the readability of the DVDs; the undersigned notary assumes no liability in this respect. The Parties instruct the notary, to keep his DVD in a sealed up container. The notary points out that the DVD will be stored in a safe or in a safe deposit box (*Bankschließfach*) and that he does not assume any liability for the special storage condition or the ability to duplicate the DVD (*Duplizierfähigkeit*) or the readability of the DVD. The Parties release the notary from any liability in this respect. Each party may at any time upon reasonable notice at ist own cost inspect and copy or print out the content of the DVD deposited with the undersigned notary, but has to provide the necessary equipment to do so and has to prove that such equipment provided does not and will not in any way modify, amend or destroy the DVD and its content.
- 10.3.3 The notary is entitleed to destroy the DVD, deposited with him, ten years after the Closing Date unless a party opposes within two weeks after having been informed in writing about the forthcoming destruction.
- 10.3.4 The Buyer confirms that it has had access to the information contained on the DVD and has undertaken a due diligence prior to the Signing Date.

10.4 No Liability if Caused by the BUYER

The Seller shall not be liable for facts and circumstances if and insofar as they would not have arisen without an arbitrary (*willkürlich*) act or omission by the Buyer, one of its affiliated undertakings or a member of the management, an employee or representative of the Buyer or of an undertaking affiliated with it. This applies in particular but not exclusively to major changes of the business activities of MCS and/or changes of the accounting and taxation practices of the Buyer or its affiliated undertakings which are caused by such persons and are introduced or become effective after the Closing Date.

10.5 Exempt Amount, Total Exempt Amount

The Buyer or MCS, as the case may be, has the right to assert claims under this Agreement only insofar as a claim exceeds 7.500 € (in words: seventhousandfivehundred Euro) (hereinafter: "Exempt Amount") and the sum of all such individual claims exceeds 75.000 € (in words: seventyfivethousand Euro) (hereinafter: "Total Exempt Amount"). If the Total Exempt Amount is exceeded, the Seller is liable for the entire amount of the claims, not only the partial amount which exceeds the Total Exempt Amount. The Exempt Amount shall not apply to Loss to the extent such Loss arises from or relate to (i) malicious deceit (arglistige Täuschung), intentional misrepresentation or a violation of any Fundamental Representations, (ii) Excluded Liabilities, or (iii) the Seller's liability under Clause 9. "Fundamental Representations" are the Seller's Guarantees in Clauses 7.2, 7.5, 7.11, 7.16, and 7.18.

10.6 Maximum Liability

The Seller's liability for claims arising from or in connection with this Agreement, including all claims arising from a violation of the Seller's Guarantees, is limited in total to the amount of 10 % of the Purchase Price (hereinafter: "Maximum Liability Amount"). The Maximum Liability Amount does not apply to Loss to the extent such Loss arises from or relate to (i) malicious deceit (arglistige Täuschung), intentional misrepresentation or a breach of any Fundamental Representations, (ii) Excluded Liabilities, or (iii) the Seller's liability under Clause 9. However, to the extent legally admissible, the Seller's liability according to this Agreement is limited in total to the amount of the Purchase Price.

10.7 Limitation

- 10.7.1 The Buyer's or MCS's, as the case may be, claims under this Agreement shall be time-barred upon the expiry of eighteen months after the Closing Date. Deviating from sentence 1:
 - 10.7.1.1 the Buyer's claims arising from der violation of the Seller's Guarantees according to Clauses 7.2, 7.5, 7.16 and 7.18 shall be time-barred upon the expiry of five years after the Closing Date;
 - 10.7.1.2 the BUYER's claims according to Clause 9 (Taxes) shall be time-barred in accordance with Clause 9.6.2;
 - 10.7.1.3 claims based on intentional acts of the Seller shall be time-barred in accordance with secs. 194 et seq. BGB.

10.8 No Further Legal Consequences

- 10.8.1 The parties agree that this Agreement fully deals with the legal consequences of any violation of a Seller's Guarantee and that, on the ground of any violation of a Seller's Guarantee and in view of any tax liability, the Buyer has only the claims set out in this Agreement with the legal consequences set out in this Agreement.
- 10.8.2 To the extent legally admissible, all of the Buyer's claims and rights going beyond the claims and rights dealt with in this Agreement are expressly excluded without regard to their origin, scope and legal basis. This applies in particular but not exclusively to claims based on precontractual breach of duty (secs. 311 para. 2 und 3, 241 para. 2 BGB) (culpa in contrahendo), breach of duty within a contractual relationship (in particular in accordance with secs. 280, 282, 241 BGB), frustration of contract (sec. 313 BGB), on the basis of statutory warranty rules (in particular in accordance with secs. 437 441, 453 BGB) and tort, and to all other claims which can in consequence of a cancellation, an avoidance or a reduction of payment or for other reasons lead to the termination, invalidity or reversal of this Agreement, to a change of its contents or to a repayment or reduction of the Purchase Price, unless the claim is based on an intentional act or malicious deceit by the Seller.

10.9 Balancing of Advantages; No Double Relief

- 10.9.1 Insofar as circumstances constituting a claim for the Buyer under this Agreement constitute a tax or other advantage including a reduction of the taxable income due to additional liabilities and costs for either MCS, the Buyer or the undertakings afiliated with it, this advantage shall be set off from the claim (balancing of advantages). Tax advantages within the meaning of the preceding sentence include relief in the area of corporation tax, trade tax, the solidarity surcharge (*Solidaritätszuschlag*) and other Taxes on earnings in accordance with the law applicable in each case.
- 10.9.2 If and to the extent that a Loss has been paid by the Seller the Loss shall not be recoverable more than once. That especially applies if compensation of the Loss can be claimed according to another provision of this Agreement.

10.10 Contributory Negligence

Section 254 BGB remains unaffected. The BUYER is in particular obliged to prevent the occurrence of damage or Loss and to minimise the extent of any damage or Loss that arises.

10.11 No Liability of Representatives

The parties agree by way of a genuine agreement for the benefit of a third party within the meaning of sec. 328 BGB (*echter Vertrag zugunsten Dritter*) that no member of a management board, managing director, employee or, advisor of the Seller or MCS and no shareholder of the Seller will be liable on the basis of this Agreement or in connection with the conclusion or implementation of this Agreement.

10.12 Liability for Wilful Intent

The Seller's liability for its own intentional actions and for malicious deceit remains unaffected.

10.13 Assignment of Claims Against Third Parties

If the Seller fully compensates a Loss the Buyer assigns concurrently (*Zug um Zug*) to the Seller any claims of the Buyer against any third party, including insurance companies, concerning the respective Loss.

11. Prohibition of Competition

- 11.1 The Seller undertakes for the duration of five (5) years after the Closing Date not to directly or indirectly engage in any activities which would result in direct or indirect competition with the current business of MCS existing on the Closing Date. In particular the Seller shall not establish, acquire or create a stake in a company or provide advice to such company that is in direct or indirect competition with the current business of MCS. This shall not apply to cases of acquisition of shares in publicly listed companies no higher than 5 percent.
- 11.2 Any activities described in 11.1 by either Karl-Heinz Boven or Andreas Möller shall be deemed as activities of the Seller.
- 11.3 If the Seller is in breach of any of the obligations under this Clause 11, the Seller is obliged to indemnify the Buyer for all Loss or damage arising from this.

12. BUYER'S GUARANTEES and Further Obligations of the BUYER

- 12.1 BUYER'S GUARANTEES AND INDEMNIFICATION
 - 12.1.1 The Buyer guarantees in the form of independent guarantees in accordance with sec. 311 para. 1 BGB that the following statements (hereinafter together the "Buyer's Guarantees" or each individually a "Buyer's Guarantee") are complete and accurate as of Closing Date:
 - 12.1.1.1 The BUYER was properly formed in accordance with the statutory provisions applicable to it and exists validly.
 - 12.1.1.2 The Buyer has the unrestricted right to conclude and implement this Agreement and the legal transactions provided for therein. The Buyer has obtained all consents necessary for the conclusion and implementation of this Agreement and the legal transactions provided for therein.
 - 12.1.1.3 The conclusion and the implementation of this Agreement violate neither the articles of association of the Buyer nor any legal provisions, judicial or administrative decisions, orders, decrees binding upon the Buyer or any other binding provisions.
 - 12.1.1.4 The Buyer is with the exception of the Matsushita-complex not aware on the basis of its Due Diligence of any facts or circumstances which could give rise to claims against the Seller in accordance with Clauses 7 9.
 - 12.1.1.5 The Buyer has sufficient and immediately available financial resources or has obtained binding financing commitments to be able to discharge when due all payment obligations arising from or in connection with this Agreement.
 - 12.1.2 If the Buyer violates a Buyer's Guarantee, it is obliged to indemnify the Seller for all Loss or damage arising from this.

The Buyer must ensure on its own responsibility that MCS will have the insurance cover after the Closing Date that the Buyer considers to be necessary.

- 12.3 Access to Financial Information; Archiving of Documents
 - 12.3.1 The Buyer guarantees that the Seller and its representatives will be granted access after the Closing Date to
 - 12.3.1.1 the business papers of MCS for the time period from August 1st 2013 up to the Closing Date;
 - 12.3.1.2 all information necessary for the preparation of tax declarations to be made by the Seller and to conduct announced or on-going tax audits or other administrative or court proceedings;
 - 12.3.1.3 all information needed by the Seller in order to verify the existence of any claims which are asserted by the Buyer, MCS or an undertaking affiliated with the Buyer under or in connection with this Agreement, as well as]
 - 12.3.1.4 all other financial or business information needed by the Seller in order to comply with information requests of administrative authorities and public representations which may be received concerning the time up to and including the Closing Date.
 - 12.3.2 The Buyer is obliged to ensure that the business papers of MCS and all other information named in Clause 12.3.1 will be kept for a period of ten years after the Closing Date and that the Seller will be granted reasonable access to and/or copies of such documents at its request during this period of time.

13. Confidentiality and Press Releases

- 13.1 Confidentiality, Disclosure; Return of Documents
 - 13.1.1 The parties undertake to strictly confidentially treat, and to effectively protect against access by third parties, the contents of this Agreement, the circumstances of the negotiations, its conclusion and its implementation as well as all information obtained in this connection about the other party and undertakings affiliated with it. This obligation does not extend to facts which are publicly known or become publicly known without any violation of this obligation or the disclosure of which is required by law or regulations relating to the capital markets. However, in such a case, the party is obliged to inform the other party prior to any disclosure and to restrict the disclosure to the minimum required by law or by the order of the public authority.
 - 13.1.2 If the legal transactions provided for in this Agreement are not put into effect, the Buyer is obliged to keep secret all information obtained in connection with this transaction about the Seller and/or MCS and their respective business operations, to effectively protect this information against access by third parties and not to use it for their own or third-party purposes, in particular not in competition with MCS. Furthermore, the Buyer is obliged to return to the Seller all documents and information embodied in some other form which they received from the Seller and/or MCS, including all copies, and to destroy all documents and information embodied in some other form to the extent prepared on the basis of information from the Seller, unless this information is publicly known without any violation of the confidentiality duty to the Seller. The Buyer has no right of retention regarding the documents and other information named above.

13.2 Disclosure of Information

The parties have the right to make information protected according to Clause 13.1 available to the undertakings affiliated with them within the meaning of secs. 15 et seq. AktG at the time concerned and to third parties insofar as that is necessary for the implementation of this Agreement and the legal transaction agreed on herein or otherwise necessary to pursue their legitimate interests. The parties are obliged before passing on such information to impose an obligation in writing upon the recipients of the information to maintain confidentiality in accordance with Clause 13.1.

13.3 Press Releases

The parties will consult each other prior to publication about the form and contents of any press release or similar voluntary announcement regarding this Agreement, its creation and implementation. If publications are required by law or by regulations relating to the capital markets, the parties will make efforts to agree thereon beforehand.

14. Costs and Sales Taxes

14.1 Costs and Sales Taxes

All sales taxes and other Taxes payable on the basis of the conclusion and implementation of this Agreement, the costs for the notarisation of this Agreement and the Reference Deed as well as all other fees and charges payable on the basis of the conclusion and implementation of this Agreement shall be borne by the Buyer. This applies also to all fees and other costs in connection with the antitrust proceedings and the observance of other regulatory provisions.

14.2 Advisor's Costs

Apart from that, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses, including the fees, costs and expenses of its advisors.

15. Notices

15.1 Form of Notices

All legally relevant declarations and notices (together "Notices" and each individually a "Notice") in connection with this Agreement must be given in writing except where a notarial record or some other form is required by mandatory law. The written form is observed by transmission by telefax or letter, but not any other transmission by telecommunication. The electronic form (e.g. email) does not constitute the written form.

15.2 Notices to the Seller

All Notices to the Seller in connection with this Agreement must be addressed to:

Multi Channel Systems Holding GmbH c/o Karl-Heinz Boven, Baumgartenstraße 13 72827 Wannweil/Germany

with a copy to its advisor

OPPENLÄNDER Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaft Rechtsanwalt Dr. Rolf Leinekugel Börsenplatz 1 70184 Stuttgart, Germany

15.3 Notices to the Buyer

All Notices to the Buyer in connection with this Agreement must be addressed to:

Biochrom Limited c/o Harvard Bioscience Attn: Jeffrey Duchemin 84 October Hill Road Holliston, Massachusetts 01746 USA

with a copy to its advisor

Rödl & Partner Rechtsanwalt Alexander Saueracker Äußere Sulzbacher Str. 100 90491 Nuremberg, Germany

15.4 Change of Address

The parties must notify the other party and their advisors in each case without undue delay and in writing, of any change of their addresses set out in Clauses 15.2 – 15.3. The current address remains relevant until such NOTICE is delivered.

- 15.5 Notices to Advisors
 - 15.5.1 The delivery of Notices in connection with this Agreement to the advisor of a party does not constitute or replace the delivery of the Notice to the party itself.
 - 15.5.2 For delivery of a Notice to a party, it is irrelevant whether the Notice was also received by this party's advisor or by the officiating notary (for his information).

16. Final Provisions

16.1 Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the substantive law of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG) is inapplicable.

16.2 Place of Jurisdiction

The exclusive place of jurisdiction for all disputes between the parties arising from and in connection with this Agreement and its implementation, including the Annexes, is Stuttgart.

16.3 Bank Workday

"Bank Workday" within the meaning of this Agreement is a day (with the exception of Saturdays and Sundays) on which the banks in Stuttgart are open for business.

16.4 Interest

Unless otherwise provided for in this AGREEMENT, each party must pay interest on payments to another party from the beginning of the day after the due date (or the other date which be fixed in this AGREEMENT as the day on which interest payments begin) up to the day of payment. The interest rate is 5 (five) base points above the European interbank rate for credit balances in Euros with interest periods of one month, shown on the Reuters pages 248, 249 at 11:00 o'clock CET on the first BANK WORKDAY of the month in which interest begins to accrue in accordance with the first sentence of this Clause 21.4 ("EURIBOR"). Interest accrued is to be calculated on the basis of the number of days having passed and of a 365-day year. The relevant EURIBOR is to be determined by reference to the first BANK WORKDAY of the month in which the liability fell due. The right to emand default interest and further damages caused by default is not excluded.

16.5 Amendments of the Agreement

Amendments of, additions to or the cancellation of this Agreement, including any change in this written-form requirement itself, require the written form except where mandatory law requires a stricter form.

- 16.6 Headings; References to German Legal Terms; References to Clauses
 - 16.6.1 Headings over Clauses, paragraphs and Annexes in this Agreement serve only for purposes of clarity. They shall be disregarded in any interpretation of the Agreement.
 - 16.6.2 References in this Agreement to legal forms or forms of participation, procedures, authorities or other institutions, rights, facilities, legal provisions or legal relations (hereinafter together "Legal Term(s)") of German law also extend to the functionally equivalent Legal Term of a foreign law insofar as facts and circumstances are to be evaluated in accordance with the law of that state. If no functionally equivalent Legal Term exists, the Legal Term which comes functionally closest to the German Legal Term shall apply.
 - 16.6.3 References in this Agreement to clauses without naming a particular law or contract are references to Clauses in this Agreement.

16.7 Annexes

All Annexes to this deed and the Reference Deed are a part of this Agreement.

All Annexes to this deed and the Reference Deed are an integral part of this Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entirety of the agreements between the parties with regard to the subject matter of the Agreement and replaces all oral or written negotiations, agreements and understandings previously reached by the contracting parties in view of the subject matter of the Agreement. No side agreements to this Agreement exist.

17. Severability

Should any provision of this Agreement be or become entirely or partly invalid, ineffective or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of all remaining provisions shall remain unaffected. The invalid, ineffective or unenforceable provision is to be replaced by the effective and enforceable provision which most effectively serves the commercial purpose of the invalid, ineffective or unenforceable provision in terms of subject matter, measure, time, place and scope of application. The same applies in order to fill any gaps in this Agreement.

18. Power of attorney

18.1 The Parties grant to the employees of the Notary

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18.1.1 Mrs. Sabine Metzger,
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18.1.2 Mrs. Stefanie Groß,

18.1.3 Mrs. Fidan Güntürkün,

18.1.4 Mrs. Aniela Vukalic,

18.1.5 Mr. Oliver Härer,

- each business-resident at 70469 Stuttgart, Rheinstahlstraße 3 -

- each individually -

power of attorney to make and receive any and all declarations and legal acts which are in their opinion necessary for the execution of this notarial deed.

18.2 The power of attorney in particular entitles them to amendments of and supplements to this record and to collect and receive any approvals necessary for this notarial deed. Exemption from the provisions of § 181 German Civil Code is granted to the extent required. Moreover, the annexes/enclosures to this deed as well as to the Reference Deed may be replaced and the drafts of the annexes/enclosures to this deed and the Reference Deed may be substituted in total. This power of attorney may only be used before the acting Notary, the Notary Rudolf Bezler with his official office in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt, the Notary Prof. Dr. Thomas Lang with his official office in Stuttgart or the respective representatives in office of one of these notaries. In case of ineffectiveness of the power of attorney, the agents are exempted from liability according to § 179 German Civil Code.

The persons appearing waived Annexes being read aloud, but inspected them and signed on each page instead. Apart from that, the notarial deed including the Annexes were read by the deputy notary to the persons appearing, approved by them and signed by them and the deputy notary in their own hands as follows:

STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Among

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

TRIANGLE BIOSYSTEMS, INC.

THE SELLERS PARTY HERETO

and

THE SELLERS' REPRESENTATIVE NAMED HEREIN

Dated as of October 1, 2014

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STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of October 1, 2014 (as amended or otherwise modified, this "<u>Agreement</u>") is among Harvard Bioscience, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Buyer</u>"), Triangle BioSystems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), each Person that has signed this Agreement as a "<u>Seller</u>" (collectively, the "<u>Sellers</u>") and James Morizio as the representative of the Sellers (the "<u>Sellers</u>' <u>Representative</u>").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Sellers are the record and beneficial owners of all of the outstanding shares of Capital Stock of the Company which, as of the date hereof, consist of 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Voting Common Stock, par value \$.0001, and 192,187 shares of the Company's Non-Voting Common Stock, par value \$.0001 (collectively, the "Shares"), such Shares being the only equity interests of the Company;

WHEREAS, the Sellers desire to sell, transfer and deliver, and Buyer desires to acquire, all of the Shares, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, at the Closing, the Buyer will purchase from the Sellers, and the Sellers will sell to the Buyer, all of the Shares, subject to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, to induce the Buyer to enter into this Agreement and consummate the transactions contemplated hereunder, each of the Sellers is willing to be bound by the Restrictive Covenants applicable to such Seller.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual promises herein made, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS; CERTAIN RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

As used herein, the following terms will have the following meanings:

"1933 Act" means the Securities Act of 1933.

"Accounts Receivable" means all accounts receivable of the Company, net of allowance for doubtful accounts, as determined in accordance with past practices of the Company.

"Accounts Receivable Adjustment Amount" is defined in Section 2.7.

"Accounts Receivable Referee" is defined in Section 2.6.

"Accounts Receivable Statement" is defined in Section 2.5.

"Accounts Receivable Target" means \$362,000.

"Action" means any claim, action, cause of action, suit (whether in contract or tort or otherwise) or audit, litigation (whether at law or in equity, whether civil or criminal), controversy, assessment, grievance, arbitration, investigation, opposition, interference, hearing, mediation, charge, complaint, demand, notice or proceeding to, from, by or before any Governmental Authority.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified Person at any time, (a) each Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person at such time, (b) each Person who is at such time an officer, manager or director of, or direct or indirect beneficial holder of at least 10% of any class of the equity interests of, such specified Person, (c) each Person that is managed by a common group of executive officers, managers and/or directors as such specified Person, (d) the members of the immediate family (i) of each officer, manager, director or holder described in clause (b) above and (ii) if such specified Person is an individual, of such specified Person and (e) each Person of which such specified Person or an Affiliate (as defined in the foregoing clauses (a) through (d)) thereof will, directly or indirectly, beneficially own at least 10% of any class of equity interests at such time.

- "Ancillary Agreements" means the Escrow Agreement, the Employment Agreement and the Morizio Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement.
- "Annual Financials" is defined in Section 3.6.1(a).
- "Assets" means, with respect to the Company, the Company's properties, rights and assets, whether real or personal and whether tangible or intangible, including all assets reflected in the Most Recent Balance Sheet or acquired after the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date (except for such assets which have been sold or otherwise disposed of since the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date in the Ordinary Course of Business).
 - "Authorized Action" is defined in Section 12.4.3.
 - "Business" means the businesses conducted by the Company.
 - "Business Day" means any weekday other than a weekday on which banks in Boston Massachusetts are authorized or required to be closed.
 - "Buyer Indemnified Person" is defined in Section 10.1.1.
- "Capital Stock" means any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock of a corporation and any and all ownership interests in a Person (other than a corporation), including membership interests, partnership interests, joint venture interests and beneficial interests and any and all warrants, options or rights to purchase any of the foregoing.
 - "Closing" is defined in Section 2.2.
- "Closing Cash" means the cash of the Company as of the Closing Date determined in accordance with GAAP, which shall be finally determined pursuant to Section 2.6.
 - "Closing Cash Adjustment Amount" is defined in Section 2.8.
 - "Closing Cash Target" means \$500,000.00.
 - "Closing Date" means the date on which the Closing actually occurs.
- "Closing Date Accounts Receivable" means the Accounts Receivable of the Company as of the Closing Date and calculated consistent with past practices, with Accounts Receivable greater than 120 days from the date of invoice valued at fifty (50%) of the face value thereof, which shall be finally determined pursuant to Section 2.6.

"Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Company Intellectual Property Rights" means all Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Company or used by the Company in connection with the Business, including all Intellectual Property Rights in and to Company Technology.

"Company Plan" is defined in Section 3.16.2.

"Company Registrations" is defined in Section 3.13.3.

"Company Technology" means any and all Technology used in connection with the Business.

"Compensation" means, with respect to any Person, all wages, salaries, commissions, compensation, remuneration, bonuses or benefits of any kind or character whatever (including issuances or grants of equity interests), required to be made or that have been made directly or indirectly by the Company to such Person or Affiliates of such Person.

"Contemplated Transactions" means, collectively, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including (a) the acquisition of the Shares and (b) the execution, delivery and performance of the Ancillary Agreements.

"Debt" means, with respect to any Person, all obligations (including all obligations in respect of principal, accrued interest, penalties, fees and premiums) of such Person (a) for borrowed money (including overdraft facilities) or in respect of loans or advances (including, any prepayment premiums due or arising as a result of the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions), (b) evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or similar contractual obligations, (c) for deferred rent or the deferred purchase price of property, goods or services (other than trade payables or accruals incurred in the Ordinary Course of Business and -with respect to trade payables incurred prior to the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date - reflected on the Financials, but including any deferred purchase price liabilities, earnouts, contingency payments, installment payments, seller notes, promissory notes, or similar Liabilities, in each case, related to past acquisitions and, in each case, whether or not contingent), (d) under capital leases (in accordance with GAAP), (e) in respect of letters of credit and bankers' acceptances (in each case whether or not drawn, contingent or otherwise), (f) in respect of deferred compensation for services (other than with respect to such compensation owed to salespeople on account of commissions and that are either (x) reflected on the Interim Financials or (y) incurred subsequent to the date thereof in the ordinary course and in a manner consistent with past practice) or in respect of any unsatisfied obligation for "withdrawal liability" to a "multiemployer plan" as such terms are defined under ERISA, (g) in respect of severance, change of control payments, stock appreciation rights payments, stay bonuses, retention bonuses, transaction bonuses and other bonuses and similar liabilities due or arising (either alone or in combination with any other event) as a result of the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions (and excluding any such liabilities that may arise as a result of actions taken by the Buyer or any of its Affiliates in connection with the Contemplated Transactions after the Closing Date), (h) any amounts owed to any Person under any noncompetition, consulting or similar arrangements, (i) for contractual obligations relating to interest rate protection, swap agreements and collar agreements and (j) in the nature of guarantees of the obligations described in the foregoing clauses (a) through (i) of any other Person (other than the Company), and (k) including for each of the foregoing clauses (a) through (j), any principal, premium, accrued and unpaid interest, related expenses, prepayment penalties, make-whole payments, commitment, breakage and other fees, sale or liquidity participation amounts, reimbursements, indemnities and all other amounts payable in connection therewith.

"Deductible" is defined in Section 10.1.2.

"Determination Date" is defined in Section 2.6.

- "Disclosed Contract" is defined in Section 3.18.2.
- "Dispute Notice" is defined in Section 2.6.
- "Employee Plan" is defined in Section 3.16.1.
- "Employment Agreement" means that certain employment agreement with James Morizio substantially in the form of Exhibit B.
- "Encumbrance" means any charge, community or other marital property interest, equitable interest, lien, license, option, pledge, security interest, mortgage, deed of trust, right of way, easement, encroachment, servitude, right of first offer or first refusal, buy/sell agreement and any other restriction, encumbrance or covenant with respect to, or condition governing the use, construction, voting (in the case of any security or equity interest), transfer, receipt of income or exercise of, any other attribute of ownership.
 - "Enterprise Value" is defined in Section 2.3.
- "Environmental Laws" means any Legal Requirement relating to (a) releases or threatened releases of Hazardous Substances, (b) pollution or protection of public health or the environment or (c) the manufacture, handling, transport, use, treatment, storage, or disposal of Hazardous Substances.
 - "ERISA" means the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
 - "Escrow Agent" means Burns & Levinson LLP.
 - "Escrow Amount" means \$250,000.
 - "Escrow Agreement" means that certain escrow agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A.
 - "Estimated Closing Adjustment Amount" is defined in Section 2.4.

"Excluded Liability" means individually, and "Excluded Liabilities" means collectively, all Liabilities of the Company or otherwise relating to or arising from the ownership or operation of the Business on or prior to the Closing Date (in each case, whether or not disclosed on the disclosure schedules hereto), including all Liabilities (i) arising from or relating to any violation of Law, (ii) arising from or relating to any product manufactured, distributed or sold prior to the Closing, other than ordinary course accounts payable as set forth below, (iii) arising from or relating to any pending or threatened Action, (iv) arising from or relating to any treatment, storage, disposal, transportation, handling, release of, or contamination by, any Hazardous Substance occurring or existing prior to the Closing, (v) under Environmental Laws arising from underlying facts, events, or conditions first existing or first occurring prior to the Closing, (vi) relating to or arising from the Employee Plan, (vii) for severance, retirement or deferred compensation benefits or relating in any manner to workman's compensation or related injuries or circumstances, (viii) all Debt of the Company outstanding as of immediately prior to, but assuming consummation of, the Closing, (ix) for Taxes attributable to a Pre-Closing Periods and the non-payment thereof, and (x) product liability claims (i.e., claim alleging defects in design or manufacture) until such time as evidence of the extension of the Company's existing product liability insurance through October 1, 2015, is provided to Buyer by the Sellers (and then such claims shall not be deemed to be "Excluded Liabilities" during any period when such insurance was in effect); provided that "Excluded Liabilities" shall not include and the Buyer is assuming (provided the same shall remain liabilities of the Company): (a) the current portion of ordinary course accounts payable and accrued expenses owed to third parties (e.g., excluding any intercompany accounts) (but expressly not to include any other Liabilities otherwise owed to such third parties relating to any failure to perform, improper performance, warranty or other breach, default or violation by the Company or any Sellers on or prior to the Closing, all of which shall be Excluded Liabilities); (b) performance obligations under contracts that are not terminated (other than Liabilities for breach, non-performance or default arising at or prior to the Closing, all of which shall be Excluded Liabilities); (c) the Tax Liability (as defined in Section 11.1); (d) product warranty claims that arise in the ordinary course of business and in amounts consistent with past practice and (e) product liability claims (i.e., claim alleging defects in design or manufacture) to the extent such clams are not covered by Seller's existing product liability insurance, provided that the Company's existing product liability insurance is extended through October 1, 2015 as provided above.

- "Facilities" means any buildings, plants, improvements or structures located on the Real Property.
- "Financials" is defined in Section 3.6.1(b).
- "Fundamental Representations" is defined in Section 10.3.
- "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as in effect from time to time.
- "Government Order" means any order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, stipulation, ruling, determination or award entered by or with any Governmental Authority.
- "Governmental Authority" means any United States federal, state or local or any foreign government, or political subdivision thereof, or any multinational organization or authority or any authority, agency or commission entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory or taxing authority or power, any court or tribunal (or any department, bureau or division thereof), or any arbitrator or arbitral body.
 - "Hazardous Substance" is defined in Section 3.17.
 - "Inbound IP Contracts" is defined in Section 3.13.4.
 - "Indemnity Claim" means a claim for indemnity under Sections 10.1 or 10.2, as the case may be.
 - "Indemnified Party" means, with respect to any Indemnity Claim, the Person asserting such claim under Sections 10.1 or 10.2, as the case may be.
- "Indemnifying Party" means, with respect to any Indemnity Claim, the Buyer Indemnified Person or the Seller Indemnified Person under Sections 10.1 or 10.2, as the case may be, against whom such claim is asserted.

"Intellectual Property Rights" means the entire right, title and interest in and to all proprietary rights of every kind and nature however denominated, throughout the world, including (a) patents, copyrights, mask work rights, confidential information, trade secrets, database rights and all other proprietary rights in Technology; (b) trademarks, trade names, service marks, service names, brands, trade dress and logos, and the goodwill and activities associated therewith; (c) domain names, rights of privacy and publicity, and moral rights; (d) any and all registrations, applications, recordings, licenses, common-law rights and contractual rights relating to any of the foregoing; and (e) all Actions and rights to sue at law or in equity for any past or future infringement or other impairment of any of the foregoing, including the right to receive all proceeds and damages therefrom, and all rights to obtain renewals, continuations, divisions, or other extensions of legal protections pertaining thereto.

"Interim Financials" is defined in Section 3.6.1(b).

- "IP Contracts" is defined in Section 3.13.4.
- "IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"<u>Legal Requirement</u>" means any United States federal, state or local or foreign law, statute, standard, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, resolution or promulgation, or any Government Order, or any license, franchise, permit or similar right granted under any of the foregoing, or any similar provision having the force or effect of law.

"<u>Liability</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any liability, debt, deficiency, interest, Tax, penalty, fine, claim, demand, judgment, cost or expense, cause of action, or other obligation or loss (including loss of benefit or relief), of such Person whether known or unknown, whether asserted or unasserted, whether determined, determinable or otherwise, whether absolute or contingent, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether incurred or consequential, whether due or to become due and whether or not required under GAAP to be accrued on the financial statements of such Person.

"Losses" is defined in Section 10.1.1.

"Material Adverse Effect" means any change in, or effect on, the Business, operations, Assets or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company which, when considered either individually or in the aggregate together with all other adverse changes or effects with respect to which such phrase is used in this Agreement, is, or is reasonably likely to be, materially adverse to the Business, operations, Assets or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company, taken as a whole, other than any one or more of the following: (i) the effect of any change in the United States or foreign economies or securities or financial markets in general; (ii) the effect of any change that generally affects any industry in which the Company operates; or (iii) any effect resulting from the public announcement of this Agreement, compliance with the terms of this Agreement or the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions, except, in each case of (i) or (ii), if the effect on the Company operates such effect shall be considered in determining whether there has been a Material Adverse Effect.

- "Material Contracts" is defined in Section 3.18.1.
- "Morizio" is defined in Section 10.1.1.
- "Most Recent Balance Sheet" is defined in Section 3.6.1(a).
- "Most Recent Balance Sheet Date" is defined in Section 3.6.1(a).

"Ordinary Course of Business" means an action taken by any Person in the ordinary course of such Person's business which is consistent with the past customs and practices of such Person (including past practice with respect to quantity, amount, magnitude and frequency, standard employment and payroll policies and past practice with respect to management of working capital) in the normal day-to-day operations of such Person.

"Outbound IP Contracts" is defined in Section 3.13.4.

"Permits" means, with respect to any Person, any license, accreditation, bond, franchise, permit, consent, approval, right, privilege, certificate or other similar authorization issued by, or otherwise granted by, any Governmental Authority or any other Person to which or by which such Person is subject or bound or to which or by which any property, business, operation or right of such Person is subject or bound.

"Permitted Encumbrance" means (a) statutory liens for current Taxes, special assessments or other governmental charges not yet due and payable or the amount or validity of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP, (b) mechanics', materialmen's, carriers', workers', repairers' and similar statutory liens arising or incurred in the Ordinary Course of Business that are not yet due and payable, (c) restrictions on the transfer of securities arising under federal and state securities laws; and (d) purchase money security interests arising in the Ordinary Course of Business, and as listed on Schedule 3.10.

"Person" means any natural person or any corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, joint stock or other company, business trust, trust, organization, Governmental Authority or other entity of any kind.

"Pre-Closing Periods" is defined in Section 11.1.

"Purchase Price" is defined in Section 2.3.

"Real Property" is defined in Section 3.12.1.

"Real Property Leases" is defined in Section 3.12.1.

"Representative" means, with respect to any Person, any director, officer, employee, agent, consultant, advisor, or other representative of such Person, including legal counsel, accountants and financial advisors.

"Restrictive Covenants" means the restrictive covenants applicable to the Sellers under Sections 6.3 and 6.5 hereof.

"Scheduled Intellectual Property Rights" is defined in Section 3.13.3.

"Sellers' Knowledge" (or similar phrase) means the actual knowledge of James Morizio, or such knowledge as would have been reasonably acquired by James Morizio in the conduct of his duties to the Company in the Ordinary Course of Business.

"Seller Indemnified Person" is defined in Section 10.2.

"Straddle Period" is defined in Section 11.3.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person of which such specified Person will, at the time, directly or indirectly through one or more Subsidiaries, (a) own at least 50% of the outstanding capital stock (or other shares of beneficial interest) entitled to vote generally, (b) hold at least 50% of the partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or similar interests or (c) be a general partner, managing member or joint venturer.

"Tax" or "Taxes" means any and all federal, state, local, or foreign income, gross receipts, license, payroll, employment, excise, severance, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, environmental, customs duties, capital stock, franchise, profits, withholding, social security (or similar, including FICA), unemployment, disability, real property, personal property, unclaimed property, sales, use, transfer, registration, value added, alternative or add-on minimum, estimated, or other tax of any kind or any charge of a similar nature to taxes, including any interest, penalty, or addition thereto, in each case whether disputed or not.

"Tax Liability" is defined in Section 11.3.

"<u>Tax Return</u>" means any return, declaration, report, or information return or statement required to be filed with a Governmental Authority with respect to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendment thereof.

"Technology" means all inventions, works, discoveries, innovations, know-how, information (including ideas, research and development, formulas, algorithms, compositions, processes and techniques, data, designs, drawings, specifications, customer and supplier lists, pricing and cost information, business and marketing plans and proposals, graphics, illustrations, artwork, documentation and manuals), databases, computer software, firmware, computer hardware, integrated circuits and integrated circuit masks, electronic, electrical and mechanical equipment, and all other forms of technology, including improvements, modifications, works in process, derivatives, or changes, whether tangible or intangible, embodied in any form, whether or not protectable or protected by patent, copyright, mask work right, trade secret law, or otherwise and all documents and other materials recording any of the foregoing.

"Third Party Claim" is defined in Section 10.4.1.

"Transaction Expenses" means the costs, fees and expenses (including legal, accounting, investment banking, advisory and other costs, fees and expenses) of the Company and the Sellers incurred or committed to in connection with the negotiation, execution and consummation of this Agreement and the Contemplated Transactions, including, without limitation, any costs and expenses in connection with redemptions required in connection with any Stock Restriction Agreements.

"Treasury Regulations" means the regulations promulgated under the Code by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Except as otherwise explicitly specified to the contrary, (a) references to a Section, Article, Exhibit or Schedule means a Section or Article of, or Exhibit or Schedule to, this Agreement, unless another agreement is specified, (b) the word "including" will be construed as "including without limitation," (c) references to a particular statute or regulation include all rules and regulations thereunder and any predecessor or successor statute, rules or regulation, in each case as amended or otherwise modified from time to time, (d) words in the singular or plural form include the plural and singular form, respectively and (e) references to a particular Person include such Person's successors and assigns to the extent not prohibited by this Agreement.

2. PURCHASE AND SALE OF SHARES.

2.1. <u>Purchase and Sale of Shares</u>. At the Closing, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Sellers will sell, transfer and deliver to the Buyer, and the Buyer will purchase from the Sellers, the Shares, free and clear of all Encumbrances, for the Purchase Price (as defined below).

2.2. The Closing.

The closing of the transactions set forth in <u>Section 2.1</u> (the "<u>Closing</u>") will take place at the offices of Burns & Levinson LLP at 125 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on the date hereof, or at such other place and on such other date as is mutually agreed upon by the Buyer and the Sellers' Representative. The purchase and transfer of the Shares shall be effective at 12:01 am EST, on the Closing Date.

2.3. Enterprise Value.

The aggregate consideration to be paid at Closing will be an amount equal to \$2,100,000.00 (the "Enterprise Value"), as adjusted in accordance with Section 2.4 with respect to the Estimated Closing Adjustment Amount and the Estimated Closing Cash Adjustment Amount, and such adjusted Enterprise Value, will be paid by wire transfer of immediately available federal funds to the accounts and in the amounts specified by the Sellers' Representative to the Buyer in a written flow of funds provided not fewer than two Business Days prior to the scheduled Closing Date (and the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that the Buyer will be entitled to rely on such specified instructions and allocations and, upon transfer of such funds pursuant to the instructions provided by the Sellers' Representative, except for any adjustments following the Closing in accordance with Sections 2.7 and 2.8 (and any payments made to the Sellers pursuant to Section 10.2, if applicable), the Buyer will have no further liability for the payment of any portion of the Enterprise Value), as follows: (a) first, to the holders of the Debt of the Company as of the Closing, the aggregate amount necessary to satisfy and extinguish all such Debt; (b) second, to those Persons designated by the Sellers' Representative, the aggregate amount required to pay and satisfy in full all Transaction Expenses; (c) third, to the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Amount for deposit pursuant to the Escrow Agreement; and (d) fourth, after payment of the amounts specified in clause (a) through (c) above, to the holders of the Shares, upon delivery to the Buyer of certificates evidencing the Shares duly endorsed (or accompanied by duly executed stock transfer powers) the remainder of the Enterprise Value (such aggregate amount payable to the holders of the Shares, the "Purchase Price").

2.4. Estimated Purchase Price.

No later than two Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Company has delivered to the Buyer a certificate of an officer of the Company, with supporting documentation, setting forth the Company's good faith estimate as of the Closing of (i) the Debt of the Company, (ii) the Transaction Expenses, (iii) the Closing Cash (the "Estimated Closing Cash") and the Estimated Closing Cash Adjustment Amount, and (iv) the Closing Date Accounts Receivable and the Estimated Closing Adjustment Amount (such certificate, the "Closing Certificate"). The Buyer and its Representatives have been given reasonable access to all of the Company's books and records relating to the preparation of the Closing Certificate. The "Estimated Closing Adjustment Amount," which may be positive or negative, means (i) the estimate of the Closing Date Accounts Receivable set forth in the Closing Certificate minus (ii) the amount of the Accounts Receivable Target. The "Estimated Closing Cash Adjustment Amount," which may be positive or negative, means (i) the estimate of the Closing Date Cash set forth in the Closing Certificate minus (ii) the amount of the Closing Cash Target. For purposes of the payment to be paid pursuant to Section 2.3 on the Closing Date, if the Estimated Closing Adjustment Amount is a positive number, then the Enterprise Value will be decreased by the absolute value of the Estimated Closing Adjustment Amount. For purposes of the payment to be paid pursuant to Section 2.3 on the Closing Date, if the Estimated Closing Cash Adjustment Amount is a positive number, then the Enterprise Value will be decreased by the Estimated Closing Cash Adjustment Amount is a negative number, the Enterprise Value will be decreased by the absolute value of the Estimated Closing Cash Adjustment Amount is a negative number, the Enterprise Value will be decreased by the absolute value of the Estimated Closing Cash Adjustment Amount.

2.5. Accounts Receivable Statement.

Within 120 days after the Closing Date, the Buyer (or the Company on behalf of the Buyer) will prepare or cause to be prepared, and will provide to the Sellers' Representative, a written statement (the "Accounts Receivable Statement") setting forth in reasonable detail its calculations of the (i) Closing Date Accounts Receivable and (ii) Closing Cash.

2.6. <u>Final Determination of Closing Date Accounts Receivable.</u>

The calculations of Closing Date Accounts Receivable and Closing Cash set forth in the Accounts Receivable Statement will be final, conclusive and binding on the parties hereto for purposes of this Article 2 unless the Sellers' Representative provides a written notice (a "Dispute Notice") to the Buyer no later than the thirtieth day after the Sellers' Representative's receipt of the Accounts Receivable Statement setting forth in reasonable detail (a) any item on the Accounts Receivable Statement which the Sellers' Representative believes has not been prepared in accordance with past practices of the Company and (b) the correct amount of such item in accordance with past practices of the Company. The Sellers' Representative and its Representatives will be given reasonable access to all of the Company's books, records, accounts, systems, facilities and employees relating to the preparation of the Accounts Receivable Statement. Any item or amount to which no dispute is raised in the Dispute Notice will be final, conclusive and binding on the parties hereto for purposes of this Article 2. The Buyer and the Sellers' Representative will attempt to resolve the matters raised in a Dispute Notice in good faith. Five (5) Business Days after delivery of the Dispute Notice, either the Buyer or the Sellers' Representative may provide written notice to the other that it elects to submit the disputed items to a nationally or regionally recognized independent accounting firm chosen jointly by the Buyer and the Sellers' Representative (the "Accounts Receivable Referee"). The Accounts Receivable Referee will promptly review only those items and amounts specifically set forth and objected to in the Dispute Notice and resolve the dispute with respect to each such specific item and amount in accordance with past practices of the Company (i.e., not on the basis of an independent review); provided, that the Accounts Receivable Referee will not assign a value to any item greater than the greatest value for such item, or lower than the lowest value of such item, claimed in any Dispute Notice presented to the Accounts Receivable Referee pursuant hereto. The fees and expenses of the Accounts Receivable Referee will be shared equally by the Sellers' Representative and the Buyer, and the decision of the Accounts Receivable Referee with respect to the items of the Accounts Receivable Statement submitted to it will be final, conclusive and binding on the parties hereto for purposes of this Article 2. Each of the Buyer and the Sellers' Representative agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Accounts Receivable Referee and to cause the Accounts Receivable Referee to resolve any dispute no later than thirty Business Days after submitting the disputed items to the Accounts Receivable Referee. The date on which the Closing Date Accounts Receivable and Closing Cash are finally determined in accordance with this Section 2.6 (whether by the Sellers' Representative's acceptance of the amounts set forth in the Accounts Receivable Statement, by agreement of the Sellers' Representative and the Buyer, or by determination of the Accounts Receivable Referee) is hereinafter referred as to the "Determination Date."

2.7. Payment of Accounts Receivable Adjustment.

The "Accounts Receivable Adjustment Amount," which may be positive or negative, shall mean (i) the Closing Date Accounts Receivable as finally determined pursuant to Section 2.6, minus (ii) the estimated Closing Date Accounts Receivable set forth in the Closing Certificate. Within 5 Business Days after the Determination Date: (a) if the Accounts Receivable Adjustment Amount is positive, then the Buyer will pay such amount to the Sellers by wire transfer of immediately available funds pursuant to the instructions on the written flow of funds previously provided by the Sellers' Representative in connection with the Closing; and (b) if the Accounts Receivable Adjustment Amount is negative, then an amount equal to the absolute value of the Accounts Receivable Adjustment Amount will be paid to the Buyer from the Escrow Amount in accordance with the terms of the Escrow Agreement.

2.8. Payment of Closing Cash Adjustment.

The "<u>Closing Cash Adjustment Amount</u>," which may be positive or negative, shall mean (i) the Closing Cash as finally determined pursuant to <u>Section 2.6</u>, minus (ii) the Estimated Closing Cash. Within 5 Business Days after the Determination Date: (a) if the Closing Cash Adjustment Amount is positive, then the Buyer will pay such amount to the Sellers by wire transfer of immediately available funds pursuant to the instructions previously provided by the Sellers' Representative; and (b) if the Closing Cash Adjustment Amount is negative, then an amount equal to the absolute value of the Closing Cash Adjustment Amount will be paid to the Buyer from the Escrow Amount in accordance with the terms of the Escrow Agreement.

2.9 <u>Insufficient Escrow</u>.

If because of claims that are resolved in the Buyer's favor hereunder or unresolved claims that have been made in good faith by the Buyer in accordance with this Agreement, the available amount of the Escrow Amount is less than the Accounts Receivable Adjustment Amount or the Closing Cash Adjustment Amount, applicable, to be paid to the Buyer in accordance with Sections 2.7 or 2.8, Morizio shall make payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Company of the amount of such difference.

3. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES REGARDING THE COMPANY.

The Company represents and warrants to the Buyer:

3.1. Organization.

Schedule 3.1 sets forth for the Company its correct legal name, jurisdiction of organization and a true and correct list of its directors and officers. The Company is (a) duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and (b) duly qualified to do business and in good standing in North Carolina and each other jurisdiction where such qualification is required, except where the failure to so qualify has not had, and is not reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect. The Sellers' Representative has delivered to the Buyer true, accurate and complete copies of (x) the organizational documents of the Company and (y) the minute books of the Company which contain records of all meetings held, and other corporate actions taken, by its stockholders or members, its board of directors or other governing body, and any committees appointed by its board of directors or other governing body.

3.2. Power and Authorization.

The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which it is a party and the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions related thereto are within the power and authority of the Company and have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Company. This Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which the Company is a party (a) has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and (b) is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms. The Company has the full power and authority necessary to own and use its Assets and carry on the Business.

3.3. Authorization of Governmental Authorities.

No action by (including any authorization, consent or approval), or in respect of, or filing with, or notice to, any Governmental Authority is required for, or in connection with, the valid and lawful (a) authorization, execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which it is a party or (b) the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions by the Company.

3.4. Noncontravention.

Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.4, neither the execution, delivery and performance by the Company or any Seller of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement to which he, she or it is a party nor the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions will: (a) violate any Legal Requirement applicable to the Company; (b) result in the modification, acceleration, termination, breach or violation of, or default under, any Disclosed Contract; (c) require any action by or in respect of, the Company under any Disclosed Contract; (d) result in the creation or imposition of an Encumbrance (other than a Permitted Encumbrance) upon, or the forfeiture of, any material Asset; or (e) result in a breach or violation of, or default under, the organizational documents of the Company.

3.5. <u>Capitalization of the Company</u>.

The entire authorized Capital Stock of the Company is as set forth on Schedule 3.5. All of the outstanding shares of Capital Stock of the Company have been duly authorized, validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable. None of the securities of the Company was issued in violation of (a) the 1933 Act, any state "blue sky" or securities laws or any similar Legal Requirement or (b) any preemptive or other similar rights of any Person in connection with the issuance or redemption of any of its equity interests. The Company holds no shares of its Capital Stock in its treasury. All of the outstanding equity interests of the Company are held of record and beneficially owned by the Persons and in the respective amounts set forth in Schedule 3.5. The Sellers have delivered to the Buyer true, accurate and complete copies of the stock ledger of the Company which reflects all issuances, transfers, repurchases and cancellations of shares of its Capital Stock. Schedule 3.5 lists all Restricted Stock Purchase Agreements entered into by all Sellers (each a "Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement"). The Company has no Subsidiaries. There are no preemptive rights or other similar rights in respect of any equity interests in the Company, which have not been waived by Sellers prior to the Closing Date. Except as imposed by applicable securities laws, there are no Encumbrances on, or other contractual obligations relating to, the ownership, transfer or voting of any equity interests in the Company, or otherwise affecting the rights of any holder of the equity interests in the Company, which will not be waived by Sellers prior to the Closing Date. Except for the Contemplated Transactions, there is no contractual obligation, or provision in the organizational documents of the Company which obligates it to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, or make any payment (including any dividend or distribution) in respect of, any equity interests in the Company and there are no existing rights with respect to registration under the 1933

3.6. Financial Matters.

- 3.6.1. Attached to <u>Schedule 3.6</u> are copies of each of the following:
- (a) the balance sheet of the Company as at July 31, 2014 (respectively, the "Most Recent Balance Sheet," and the "Most Recent Balance Sheet Date"), and the balance sheet of the Company as at December 31, 2013 and the related statements of income, stockholders' and member's equity and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended (collectively, the "Annual Financials");
- (b) the balance sheet of the Company as at July 31, 2014, and the related statement of income, and changes in equity of the Company for the seven (7) months then ended (the "Interim Financials" and collectively with the Annual Financials, the "Financials").
- 3.6.2. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.6.2</u>, the Financials (including any notes thereto) (a) have been prepared in accordance with the books and records of the Company on a basis consistent with the Annual Financials, (b) have been prepared via TBSI QuickBooks accounting program consistently applied (subject, in the case of the Interim Financials, to normal year-end audit adjustments, the effect of which will not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse and the absence of notes that, if presented, would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse) and (c) fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company as at the respective dates thereof and the consolidated results of the operations of the Company and their cash flows for the respective periods covered thereby.

3.6.3. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.6.3</u>, all inventory of the Company consists of a quality and quantity usable and salable in the Ordinary Course of Business, except for immaterial obsolete items and items of below standard quality which have been written off or written down by the Company. The inventory of the Company is located entirely in the Facilities.

3.7. Absence of Undisclosed Liabilities.

The Company has no Liabilities except for (a) liabilities set forth on the face of the Most Recent Balance Sheet, (b) liabilities incurred in the Ordinary Course of Business since the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date (none of which results from, arises out of, or relates to any tort or infringement or breach or violation of, or default under, a Disclosed Contract or Legal Requirement) and (c) Liabilities set forth on Schedule 3.7.

3.8. Absence of Certain Developments.

Since the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date, the Business has been conducted in the Ordinary Course of Business and, except for the matters disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.8</u>:

- 3.8.1. the Company has not (i) amended its organizational documents, (ii) amended any term of its outstanding equity interests or other securities or (iii) issued, sold, granted, or otherwise disposed of, any Capital Stock;
- 3.8.2. the Company has not become liable in respect of any guarantee nor has incurred, assumed or otherwise become liable in respect of any Debt, except for borrowings in the Ordinary Course of Business under credit facilities in existence on the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date:
- 3.8.3. the Company has not permitted any of its Assets to become subject to an Encumbrance other than a Permitted Encumbrance or sold, leased, licensed or otherwise disposed of any of its Assets, except for the sale of inventory in the Ordinary Course of Business, or terminated any contractual obligation that, if in place, would have been required to be disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.18</u>, or cancelled any material debts or claims;
- 3.8.4. the Company has not (i) discharged or satisfied any material Encumbrance or (ii) paid any material Liability, other than trade payables paid in the Ordinary Course of Business;
- 3.8.5. the Company has not (i) made any declaration, setting aside or payment of any dividend or other distribution with respect to, or any repurchase, redemption or other acquisition of, any of its Capital Stock, (ii) purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any Capital Stock or (iii) entered into, or performed, any transaction with, or for the benefit of, any Seller or any Affiliate of any Seller (other than Compensation payments made to officers, directors and employees in the Ordinary Course of Business);
- 3.8.6. there has been no material loss, destruction, damage or eminent domain taking (in each case, whether or not insured) affecting the Business or any material Asset;
- 3.8.7. the Company has not increased the Compensation payable or paid, whether conditionally or otherwise, to (i) any non-executive employee, former employee, consultant, former consultant, independent contractor, former independent contractor, or agent other than in the Ordinary Course of Business, (ii) any current or former executive officer, director or officer, (iii) any Seller other than in its capacity as an executive officer, director or officer, or (iv) any Affiliate of any Seller;

- 3.8.8. the Company has not made any loan or advance to, guarantee for the benefit of, or made any investment in, any Person (other than advances to an employee in the Ordinary Course of Business);
- 3.8.9. the Company has not entered into any material contractual obligation providing for the employment or engagement of any Person on a full-time, part-time, consulting, independent contractor or other basis or otherwise providing Compensation or other benefits to any officer, director, employee or consultant, in each case in excess of \$25,000;
- 3.8.10. the Company has not made any change in any method of accounting or accounting practices or policies (other than the change from cash based to accrual based accounting) or made any write down in the value of its inventory that is material or that is other than in the Ordinary Course of Business or reversed any accruals or reserves (whether or not in the Ordinary Course of Business);
- 3.8.11. the Company has not engaged in any promotional sale or discount or other activity with any customer (other than in the Ordinary Course of Business) that has or would reasonably be expected to have the effect of materially accelerating to pre-Closing periods sales that would otherwise be expected to occur in post-Closing periods (including any failure to market and sell its products in normal commercial quantities and through normal commercial channels prior to the Closing);
 - 3.8.12. the Company has not terminated or closed any material Facility, business or operation;
- 3.8.13. the Company has not adopted, amended or terminated any Employee Plan or collective bargaining agreement or other labor union contract or, except as required by the terms of the Employee Plan or applicable Legal Requirements, increased any material benefits under any Employee Plan;
 - 3.8.14. the Company has not written up or written down any of its material Assets or revalued its inventory;
- 3.8.15. the Company has not entered into any agreement or commitment relating to capital expenditures exceeding \$25,000 individually or in the aggregate;
 - 3.8.16. the Company has not entered into any commitment to do any of the things referred to elsewhere in this Section 3.8; and
 - 3.8.17. no event or circumstance has occurred which has had, or is reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

3.9. Debt.

The Company has no Liabilities in respect of Debt except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.9</u>. For each item of Debt, <u>Schedule 3.9</u> correctly sets forth the debtor and the creditor.

3.10. Ownership of Assets; Sufficiency.

The Company has sole and exclusive, good and marketable title to, or, in the case of property held under a lease or other contractual obligation, a sole and exclusive, enforceable leasehold interest in, or right to use, all of its material Assets (other than Real Property, which is addressed in Section 3.12). Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.10, none of the Assets (other than Real Property, which is addressed in Section 3.12) is subject to any Encumbrance other than any Permitted Encumbrances. The Assets comprise all of the assets, properties and rights of every type and description, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, used in or necessary to the conduct of the Business and are adequate and sufficient to conduct the Business. All of the Assets have been maintained in all material respects in accordance with all applicable Legal Requirements and in accordance with industry standards. The Company does not control, directly or indirectly, or own any direct or indirect equity interest in any Person.

3.11. Accounts Receivables and Inventory.

- 3.11.1. All accounts and notes receivable reflected on the Most Recent Balance Sheet and to be reflected on the Accounts Receivable Statement, have arisen or will arise in the Ordinary Course of Business, are collectible in full within 120 days from the date of invoice, and, to Seller's Knowledge there are no material disputes, contests, claims, counterclaims, or setoffs with respect to such Accounts Receivable that have not been reserved for in the Financials.
- 3.11.2. The inventory of the Company consists of material, products and supplies of a quantity and quality usable or saleable in the normal and ordinary course of its business as presently conducted and presently proposed to be conducted. The inventory is set forth on Schedule 3.11.2, and shall be true and correct in all material respects. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.11.2, the inventory of the Company is located entirely at the Company's Facilities. The Company is not committed to purchase inventories in amounts greater than are reasonably expected to be usable in the Ordinary Course of Business.

3.12. Real Property.

- 3.12.1. The Company does not own a fee simple interest in any real property. Schedule 3.12 sets forth a true, correct and complete list, including addresses, of each leasehold interest in real property leased, subleased, or licensed by, or for which a right to use or occupy has been granted to, the Company (the "Real Property"). Schedule 3.12 also identifies, with respect to each Real Property, each lease, sublease, license or other contractual obligation under which such Real Property is occupied or used, including the date of and legal name of each of the parties to such lease, sublease, license or other contractual obligation (the "Real Property Leases"). The Company has not entered into any written or oral subleases, licenses, concessions, occupancy agreements or other contractual obligations granting to any other Person the right of use or occupancy of the Real Property and there is no Person (other than any Company) in possession of the Real Property.
- 3.12.2. The Company has a valid leasehold interest in and to the Real Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances.
- 3.12.3. The current use of the Real Property is, in all material respects, in accordance with the certificates of occupancy relating thereto and the terms of any material Permits relating thereto. The Real Property and its current use, occupancy and operation by the Company and the Facilities located thereon do not (a) constitute a nonconforming use or structure under, and are not in breach or violation of, or default under, any applicable building, zoning, subdivision or other land use or similar Legal Requirements, or (b) otherwise violate or conflict with any covenants, conditions, restrictions or other contractual obligations, including the requirements of any applicable Encumbrances thereto.

- 3.12.4. There is no pending or, to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened appropriation, condemnation or similar Action affecting the Real Property. Within the past five years, there has been no material destruction, damage or casualty with respect to the Real Property.
- 3.12.5. The Facilities, including all buildings, structures, equipment and improvements that are located on or constitute part of the Real Property, are in good operating condition and repair (subject to normal wear and tear), and are adequate and sufficient in all material respects for the purposes for which such Facilities are used by the Company. All material Permits necessary in connection with any construction upon, and present use and operation of, the Real Property and the lawful occupancy thereof have been issued by the appropriate Governmental Authorities.

3.13. <u>Intellectual Property</u>.

- 3.13.1. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.13.1</u>, the Company owns or has the right to use all Company Technology and all Intellectual Property Rights therein without any conflict with, or infringement of, the rights of any third parties. Except for the Technology and Intellectual Property Rights licensed to the Company under the Inbound IP Contracts identified on <u>Schedule 3.13.4</u> or Off-the-Shelf Software and to the extent provided in such Inbound IP Contracts, none of the Company Technology or Company Intellectual Property Rights is in the possession, custody, or control of any third Person.
- 3.13.2. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.13.2</u>, the Company (a) has not interfered with, infringed upon, diluted, misappropriated, or has otherwise violated any Intellectual Property Rights of any Person, (b) has not received any written notice alleging interference, infringement, dilution, misappropriation, or violation of the Intellectual Property Rights of any Person (including any invitation to license or request or demand to refrain from using any Intellectual Property Rights of any Person in connection with the conduct of the Business or the use of the Company Technology), or (c) has not agreed to or has a contractual obligation to indemnify any Person for or against any interference, infringement, dilution, misappropriation or violation with respect to any Intellectual Property Rights. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.13.2</u>, to the Sellers' Knowledge, no Person has interfered with, infringed upon, diluted, misappropriated, or violated any Company Intellectual Property Rights.
- 3.13.3. Schedule 3.13.3 identifies all patents, patent applications, registered trademarks and copyrights, applications for trademark and copyright registrations, domain names, registered design rights and other forms of registered Intellectual Property Rights and applications therefor, validly owned by or exclusively licensed to the Company (collectively, the "Company Registrations"). Schedule 3.13.3 also identifies each trade name, each unregistered trademark, service mark, or trade dress owned or exclusively licensed by the Company that, in each case, is material to the Business. For purposes of this Agreement, all items listed on Schedule 3.13.3 will be called "Scheduled Intellectual Property Rights".
- 3.13.4. Schedule 3.13.4 identifies each agreement (a) under which the Company uses or licenses an item of Company Technology or Company Intellectual Property Rights that any Person besides the Company owns (the "Inbound IP Contracts") other than Off-the-Shelf Software non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business and (b) under which the Company has granted any Person any right or interest in Company Intellectual Property Rights including any right to use any item of Company Technology, other than non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business (the "Outbound IP Contracts" and together with the Inbound IP Contracts, the "IP Contracts"). For the purposes of the foregoing, "Off-the-Shelf Software" means software, other than open source software, obtained from a third party (i) on general commercial terms and that continues to be widely available on such commercial terms, (ii) that is not distributed with or incorporated in any product or services of the Company, (iii) that is used for business infrastructure or other internal purposes, and (iv) was licensed for fixed payments of less than \$25,000 in the aggregate or annual payments of less than \$10,000 per year.

3.13.5. The Company has maintained commercially reasonable practices to protect the confidentiality of the Company's confidential information and trade secrets.

3.14. <u>Legal Compliance; Illegal Payments; Permits</u>.

The Company is not in breach or violation of, or default under, and has not at any time during the previous three years been in breach or violation of, or default under: (a) its organizational documents nor is there a basis which could constitute such a breach, violation or default; (b) any material Legal Requirement nor, to Sellers' Knowledge, is there a basis which could constitute such a breach, violation or default, except for breaches, violation or defaults disclosed on Schedule 3.14. No written notices have been received by, and no claims have been filed against, the Company alleging a violation of any Legal Requirement, and, to the Sellers' Knowledge, the Company has not been subject to any adverse inspection, finding, investigation, penalty assessment, audit or other compliance or enforcement action. In the conduct of the Business, neither the Company nor, to the Sellers' Knowledge, any of its directors, officers, employees or agents, has (a) directly or indirectly, given, or agreed to give, any illegal gift, contribution, payment or similar benefit to any supplier, customer, governmental official or employee or other Person who was, is or may be in a position to help or hinder the Company (or assist in connection with any actual or proposed transaction) or made, or agreed to make, any illegal contribution, or reimbursed any illegal political gift or contribution made by any other Person, to any candidate for federal, state, local or foreign public office or (b) established or maintained any unrecorded fund or asset or made any false entries on any books or records for any purpose. The Company has been duly granted all material Permits under all Legal Requirements necessary for either (a) the conduct of the Business, or (b) the lawful occupancy of the Real Property and the present use and operation thereof. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.14, (a) such Permits are valid and in full force and effect, and (b) the Company is not in breach or violation of, or default under, any such Permit, and, to the Sellers' Knowledge, no basis exists which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute any such breach, violation nor default. The representations and warranties set forth in this Section 3.14 do not apply with respect to Taxes (which are addressed in Section 3.15), employee benefit matters (which are addressed in Section 3.16), or environmental matters (which are addressed in Section 3.17).

3.15. <u>Tax Matters</u>.

3.15.1. The Company has filed, or has caused to be filed on its behalf (in each case, taking into account all applicable extensions of time to file), all Tax Returns required to be filed by it in accordance with all Legal Requirements. The Company has not asked for any extension of time in order to file any Tax Return which extension is still in effect. All such Tax Returns were true, correct and complete in all material respects; provided, however, that regardless of what may be reported on any Tax Returns of the Company on or before the date of this Agreement or through the Closing Date, neither the Company nor any of the Sellers makes any representation regarding (i) the amount of any net operating losses that are available to the Company for purposes of income Tax or similar Taxes, or (ii) any limitation on use of the Company's net operating losses that might apply either before or after the Closing Date under Code Section 382 or under any other Tax law. All Taxes due by the Company (whether or not shown on any Tax Return) have been paid in full. No claim has been made in writing in the last seven years by an authority in a jurisdiction where the Company does not file Tax Returns that the Company is or may be subject to taxation by or required to filed Tax Returns in that jurisdiction. There are no Encumbrances with respect to Taxes upon any Asset other than Permitted Encumbrances.

- 3.15.2. The Company has deducted, withheld and timely paid to the appropriate Governmental Authority all Taxes required to be deducted, withheld or paid in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, stockholder or other third party, and the Company has complied in all material respects with all reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
- 3.15.3. There is no dispute, audit, investigation, proceeding or claim concerning any Tax Liability of the Company pending, being conducted, claimed or raised in writing to the Company by a Governmental Authority. The Company has provided, or made available, to the Buyer true, correct and complete copies of all Tax Returns, examination reports and statements of deficiencies filed, assessed against, or agreed to by the Company since January 1, 2009.
- 3.15.4. The Company has not waived any statute of limitations in respect of Taxes or Tax items which waiver is still in effect. The Company has not agreed to or is not a beneficiary of any extension of time with respect to any Tax deficiency, any Tax that may be assessed or collected, or any adjustment to any Tax Return that may be made, which extension of time is still in effect. The Company has not executed any power of attorney with respect to any Tax, other than powers of attorney that are no longer in force. No closing agreements, private letter rulings, technical advice memoranda or similar agreements or rulings relating to Taxes have been entered into or issued by any Governmental Authority with or in respect of the Company.
- 3.15.5. The unpaid Taxes of the Company (a) did not as of the Most Recent Balance Sheet Date exceed the reserve for Taxes (excluding any reserve for deferred Taxes established to reflect timing differences between book and Tax income) set forth on the face of the Most Recent Balance Sheet (rather than in any notes thereto) and (b) will not exceed that reserve as adjusted for the passage of time through the Closing Date in accordance with the past custom and practice of the Company in filing its Tax Returns.
- 3.15.6. The Company has not been a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" within the meaning of Code Section 355(a)(1)(A) in a transaction intended to qualify under Section 355.
- 3.15.7. The Company has never been a member of an "affiliated group" within the meaning of Code Section 1504(a) filing a consolidated federal income Tax Return (other than an "affiliated group" the common parent of which is the Company). The Company is not a party to any contractual obligation the principal purpose of which is Tax sharing or Tax allocation. The Company has no Liability for the Taxes of any Person under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign law), as a transferee or successor, by contract or otherwise.
- 3.15.8. The Company is not nor has been required to make any adjustment pursuant to Code Section 481(a) (or any predecessor provision) or any similar provision (including of state, local or foreign Tax law) by reason of any change in any accounting methods, or will not be required to make such an adjustment as a result of the Contemplated Transactions or to include any item in taxable income post-Closing (or exclude any item of deduction or loss post-Closing) as a result of such Code Section or similar provision, and there is no application pending with any Governmental Authority requesting permission for any changes in any of its accounting methods for Tax purposes. To the Sellers' Knowledge, no Governmental Authority has proposed any such adjustment or change in accounting method.

- 3.15.9. The Company will not be required to include any amount in taxable income or exclude any item of deduction or loss from taxable income for any taxable period (or portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date as a result of (a) any "closing agreement" as described in Code Section 7121 (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or foreign income Tax law) executed on or prior to the Closing Date, (b) any deferred intercompany gain or excess loss account described in Treasury Regulations under Code Section 1502 (or any corresponding or similar provision or administrative rule of federal, state, local or foreign income Tax law), (c) installment sale or open transaction disposition made on or prior to the Closing Date, or (d) any prepaid amount received on or prior to the Closing Date.
- 3.15.10. The Company has not participated in or is not currently participating in any "listed transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4 or any "tax shelter" within the meaning of Code Section 6662.
- 3.15.11. Since January 1, 2010, the Company has not made, changed or revoked any material Tax election, elected any new or changed any method of accounting for Tax purposes, amended any Tax Return, or settled or compromised any Action in respect of Taxes.

3.16. <u>Employee Benefit Plans</u>.

- 3.16.1. For purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Employee Plan</u>" means any plan, program, agreement, policy or arrangement, whether or not reduced to writing, and whether covering a single individual or a group of individuals, that is (a) a welfare plan within the meaning of Section 3(1) of ERISA, (b) a pension benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(2) of ERISA, (c) a stock bonus, stock purchase, stock option, restricted stock, phantom stock, stock appreciation right or similar equity-based plan or (d) any other deferred-compensation, retirement, welfare-benefit, bonus, incentive or fringe-benefit plan, program or arrangement.
- 3.16.2. Schedule 3.16.2 lists all Employee Plans as to which the Company sponsors, maintains, contributes or is obligated to contribute, or under which the Company has or may have any Liability, or which benefits any current or former employee, director, consultant or independent contractor of the Company or the beneficiaries or dependents of any such Person (each a "Company Plan"). With respect to each Company Plan, the Sellers have delivered to the Buyer true, accurate and complete copies of each of the following: (a) the plan document together with all amendments thereto, (b) if applicable, copies of any trust agreements, custodial agreements, insurance policies, administrative agreements and similar agreements, and investment management or investment advisory agreements, (c) copies of current summary plan descriptions and each summary of material modifications thereto, (d) in the case of any plan that is intended to be qualified under Code Section 401(a), a copy of the most recent determination or opinion letter from the IRS, and, with respect to a request for a determination letter, a copy of any pending request for such determination, (e) in the case of any funding arrangement intended to qualify as a VEBA under Code Section 501(c)(9), a copy of the IRS letter determining that it so qualifies and (f) in the case of any plan for which Forms 5500 are required to be filed, a copy of the most recently filed Forms 5500, with schedules attached.
- 3.16.3. Neither the Company nor any other Person that would be considered a single employer with the Company under the Code or ERISA has in the last six years maintained a plan subject to Title IV of ERISA or Code Section 412, including any "multiemployer plan" as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

- 3.16.4. Each Company Plan that is intended to be qualified under Code Section 401(a) is so qualified. Each Company Plan, including any associated trust or fund, has been administered in all material respects, in accordance with its terms and with applicable Legal Requirements.
- 3.16.5. All material contributions to, and premium payments on account of, each Company Plan as are required of the Company have been made on a timely basis.
- 3.16.6. There is no pending or, to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened Action relating to a Company Plan, other than routine claims in the Ordinary Course of Business for benefits provided for by the Company Plans. No Company Plan is or, within the last six years, has been the subject of an examination or audit by a Governmental Authority, is the subject of an application or filing under, or is a participant in, a government-sponsored amnesty, voluntary compliance, self-correction or similar program.
- 3.16.7. Except as required under Section 601 *et seq.* of ERISA or as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16.7</u>, no Company Plan provides benefits or coverage in the nature of health, life or disability insurance following retirement or other termination of employment.
- 3.16.8. Each "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" (as defined in Code Section 409A(d)(1) and applicable Treasury Regulations) with respect to any service provider to the Company complies and has been operated in material compliance with the applicable requirements of Code Section 409A and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 3.16.9. The Company, and the relevant plan administrator if other than the Company, have at all relevant times properly classified each provider of services to the Company as an employee or independent contractor, as the case may be, for all purposes relating to each Company Plan for which such classification could be relevant. The Company has not incurred, and to the Sellers' Knowledge, no circumstances exist under which the Company would reasonably be expected to incur, any Liability arising from the misclassification of employees as consultants or independent contractors, from the misclassification of employees for wage and hour purposes.

3.17. <u>Environmental Matters</u>.

Except as set forth in Schedule 3.17, (a) the Company is, and has been, in material compliance with all Environmental Laws, (b) there has been no release or threatened release of any pollutant, petroleum or any fraction thereof, contaminant or toxic or hazardous material (including toxic mold or asbestos), substance or waste (each a "Hazardous Substance") by Company, and to the Knowledge of Seller by any third party, on, upon, into or from any site currently or heretofore owned, leased or otherwise used by the Company, (c) there have been no Hazardous Substances generated by the Company that have been disposed of or come to rest at any site that has been included in any published U.S. federal, state or local "superfund" site list or any other similar list of hazardous or toxic waste sites published by any Governmental Authority in the United States, (d) to the Sellers' Knowledge, there are no underground storage tanks located on, no PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) or PCB-containing Equipment used or stored on, and no hazardous waste as defined by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act stored on, any site owned or operated by the Company except for the storage of hazardous waste in compliance with Environmental Laws and (e) the Sellers have provided to the Buyer (to the extent that the Sellers possess such items) true, accurate and complete copies of all material environmental records, reports, notifications, certificates of need, permits, pending permit applications, correspondence, engineering studies and environmental studies or assessments, in each case as amended and in effect. The representations and warranties of this Section 3.17 constitute the Sellers' sole representations and warranties with respect to the Company's or the Real Property's compliance with Environmental Laws or the presence of Hazardous Substances.

3.18. Contracts.

- 3.18.1. Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.18</u> (such documents, agreements and instruments disclosed thereon are referred to as the "<u>Material Contracts</u>", the Company is not bound by or a party to:
 - (a) any contractual obligation (or group of related contractual obligations) for the purchase or sale of inventory, raw materials, commodities, supplies, goods, products, equipment or other personal property, or for the furnishing or receipt of services, in each case, the performance of which will extend over a period of more than one year or which provides for aggregate payments to or by the Company in excess of \$25,000;
 - (b) (i) any capital lease or (ii) any other lease or other contractual obligation relating to equipment providing for aggregate rental payments in excess of \$25,000, under which any equipment is held or used by the Company;
 - (c) any contractual obligation, other than Real Property Leases or leases relating to equipment, relating to the lease or license of any material Asset, including Technology and Intellectual Property Rights (and including all customer license and maintenance agreements) that is not included on <u>Schedule 3.13.4</u>;
 - (d) any contractual obligation relating to the acquisition or disposition of (i) any business of the Company (whether by merger, consolidation or other business combination, sale of securities, sale of assets or otherwise) or (ii) any asset other than in the Ordinary Course of Business;
 - (e) any contractual obligation under which the Company is, or may become, obligated to pay any amount in respect of indemnification obligations, purchase price adjustment or otherwise in connection with any (i) acquisition or disposition of assets or securities (other than the sale of inventory in the Ordinary Course of Business), (ii) merger, consolidation or other business combination or (iii) series or group of related transactions or events of the type specified in clauses (i) and (ii) above.
 - (f) any contractual obligation concerning or consisting of a partnership, limited liability company or joint venture agreement;
 - (g) any contractual obligation that grants, or agrees to grant, any customer a right to "most favored nation" pricing terms:
 - (h) any contractual obligation (or group of related contractual obligations) (i) under which the Company has created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed any Debt, (ii) under which an Encumbrance has been placed on any Asset or (iii) under which any other Person has guaranteed any Debt of the Company;
 - (i) any contractual obligation relating to confidentiality (except for nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements entered into in the Ordinary Course of Business) or non-competition restrictions or that otherwise restricts the conduct of the Business by the Company or limits the freedom of the Company to sell any product or provide any service, to engage in any line of business or to compete with any Person in any geographic area or to hire, solicit or retain any Person (whether the Company is subject to or the beneficiary of such obligation);

- (j) any contractual obligation under which the Company is, or may become, obligated to incur any severance pay or other Compensation obligations which would become payable, directly or indirectly, by reason of this Agreement or the Contemplated Transactions (other than as a result of actions taken by the Buyer or any of its Affiliates in connection with the Contemplated Transactions at or after the Closing);
- (k) any contractual obligation under which the Company is, or may, have any Liability to any investment bank, broker, financial advisor, finder's agreement or other similar Person (including an obligation to pay any legal, accounting, brokerage, finder's, or similar fees or expenses in connection with this Agreement or the Contemplated Transactions);
- (l) any pension, profit sharing, stock option, stock purchase, stock appreciation, deferred compensation, severance, or other plan or arrangement for the benefit of the Company's current or former directors, officers, employees, independent contractors or consultants;
- (m) any contractual obligation providing for the employment or consultancy with an individual on a full-time, parttime, consulting, independent contractors or other basis or otherwise providing Compensation or other benefits, including severance or change of control benefits, to any officer, director, employee, independent contractors or consultant (other than an Employee Plan);
 - (n) any agency, dealer, distributor, sales representative, marketing or other similar agreement;
- (o) any contractual obligation under which the Company has advanced or loaned an amount to any Person (other than to any of its Affiliates or employees in the Ordinary Course of Business);
- (p) any contractual obligation with any Governmental Authority (including any contract or arrangement under which the Company has a "small business" or similar designation); and
- (q) any other contractual obligation (or group of related contractual obligations) the performance of which involves consideration in excess of \$25,000 over the life of such contractual obligation.
- 3.18.2. Each Material Contract and each contractual obligation required to be disclosed on Schedule 3.9 (Debt), 3.12 (Real Property), or 3.13 (Intellectual Property) or with a customer or supplier required to be disclosed on Schedule 3.20 (each, a "Disclosed Contract") is enforceable against the Company, and to the Sellers' Knowledge against any other Person that is party thereto, and is in full force and effect. Neither the Company nor, to the Sellers' Knowledge, any other party to any Disclosed Contract is currently in breach or violation of, or default under, or has repudiated any provision of, any Disclosed Contract nor has any event occurred that with the lapse of time, or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default under any Disclosed Contract. The Company has delivered to the Buyer true, accurate and complete copies of each written Disclosed Contract, in each case, as amended or otherwise modified and in effect. The Company has delivered to the Buyer a written summary setting forth the terms and conditions of each oral Disclosed Contract.

3.19. <u>Affiliate Transactions</u>.

Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.19</u>, no officer, director, manager, employee, shareholder (including any Seller), member or Affiliate of the Company, or, to the Sellers' Knowledge, any individual related by blood, marriage or adoption to any of the foregoing individuals or any entity in which any of the foregoing Persons owns any material beneficial interest, is a party to any contractual obligation with, the Company or has any interest in any of the Assets used in, or necessary to, the Business. <u>Schedule 3.19</u> contains a description of all services provided to or on behalf of the Company by any Seller or their Affiliates (other than the Company) and the costs associated therewith.

3.20. <u>Customers and Suppliers</u>.

Schedule 3.20 sets forth a list of the Company's top five customers and top five suppliers for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2013. Except as described on Schedule 3.20, the Company has not received notice, and to the Sellers' Knowledge, that (a) any customer or supplier is considering or intends, anticipates or otherwise plans or expects to stop or materially decrease the amount of business done with the Company, (b) any customer has requested or received a decrease in the prices paid to the Company that is inconsistent with the terms of its existing agreement or order with the Company or (c) any supplier has requested or received an increase in the prices charged to the Company that is inconsistent with the terms of its existing supply agreement with the Company. In addition, except as described on Schedule 3.20, the Company is not involved in any material claim or dispute with any customer or supplier of the Company. Each agreement relating to such top five customers and suppliers is listed on Schedule 3.18 (Contracts). There is no supplier of product to the Company for which practical alternative sources of supply are not generally available in the marketplace on comparable terms.

3.21. Employees.

Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.21, there are no labor troubles (including any arbitration, grievance, work slowdown, lockout, stoppage, picketing or strike) pending, or to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened between the Company, on the one hand, and any employee, on the other hand, and there have been no such troubles at any time during the past five years. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.21, (a) no employee of the Company is represented by a labor union, (b) the Company is not a party to, or otherwise subject to, any collective bargaining agreement or other labor union contract, (c) no petition has been filed or proceedings instituted by or on behalf of an employee or group of employees of the Company with any labor relations board seeking recognition of a bargaining representative and there are no pending or threatened charges or complaints before the National Labor Relations Board or any analogous state or foreign Governmental Authority, (d) the Company has not, or is not currently, engaged in any unfair labor practice and (e) to the Sellers' Knowledge, there is no organizational effort currently being made or threatened by, or on behalf of, any labor union to organize employees of the Company and no demand for recognition of employees of the Company has been made by, or on behalf of, any labor union. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.21, no executive officer's or other key employee's employment with the Company has been terminated for any reason nor has any such officer or employee notified the Company of his or her intention to resign or retire at any time during the past three years. The Company has not implemented any plant closings or layoff of employees that would constitute a "plant closing" or "mass layoff" within the meaning of the WARN Act or any State or local analogy thereto. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions will (i) result in any payment (whether of severance pay of otherwise) becoming due to any employee, officer, consultant, independent contractor, agent or director of any Seller or the Company, (ii) increase any benefit under any Employee Plan or (iii) result in the acceleration of the time of payment or vesting of any such payments or benefits. The Company is in material compliance with all written employee and human resources personnel policies, handbooks and manuals (to the extent they contain enforceable obligations), and severance and separation agreements.

3.22. <u>Litigation; Government Orders</u>.

There are no Actions (a) pending, or, to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened against or affecting, or pending or threatened by, the Company, or (b) pending, or, to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened against or affecting, the Company's officers, directors or employees with respect their business activities, and to the Sellers' Knowledge there are no facts making the commencement of any Action described in the foregoing clauses (a) or (b) reasonably likely. The Company is not (i) the subject of any judgment, decree, injunction or Government Order nor (ii) plans to initiate any Action.

3.23. Product Warranties; Product Liability.

3.23.1. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.23.1, the Company does not provide guarantees, warranties or indemnities with respect to the performance or integrity of any of the products sold, manufactured, distributed or delivered by the Company. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.23.1, the suppliers of products to the Company do not provide warranties with respect to such products or permit the Company to "pass through" any warranties to the Company's customers upon the sale, distribution or delivery of such products by the Company. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.23.1 (and except for other liabilities for which there is a reserve reflected in the Financials), there are no claims outstanding, pending or, to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened, and during the previous three (3) years no claims have been submitted to the Company, for breach of any guarantee or warranty relating to any products sold, manufactured, distributed or delivered by the Company and, to the Sellers' Knowledge, there is no reasonable basis for any present or future claim giving rise to any such liability. To the Sellers' Knowledge, there is no material design defect with respect to any of the Company's products.

3.23.2. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.23.2 (and except for other liabilities for which there is a reserve reflected in the Financials), there are no claims outstanding, pending, or, to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened, and during the previous three (3) years no claims have been submitted, alleging that the Company has any liability arising out of or relating to any injury to individuals or property as a result of the ownership, possession or use of any products sold, manufactured, distributed or delivered by the Company and, to the Sellers' Knowledge, there is no reasonable basis for any present or future claim giving rise to any such liability.

3.24. <u>Insurance</u>.

Schedule 3.24 sets forth a true and complete list of all insurance policies in force with respect to the Company. The list includes for each insurance policy the type of insurance policy, form of coverage, policy number and name of insurer. All such policies are in full force and effect, all premiums with respect thereto covering all periods up to and including the Closing will have been paid, the Company is not in default thereunder and no notice of cancellation or termination has been received by the Company with respect to any such insurance policy. Schedule 3.24 also describes any self-insurance or co-insurance arrangements by or affecting the Company, including any reserves established thereunder. In addition, Schedule 3.24 contains a list of all pending claims and all material claims submitted during the previous three (3) years under any insurance policy maintained by the Company. No insurer has (a) questioned, denied or disputed (or otherwise reserved its rights with respect to) the coverage of any claim pending under any insurance policy or (b) to the Sellers' Knowledge, threatened to cancel any insurance policy. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.24, the Company has not received notice from any insurer of any scheduled increase in premiums or material alteration of coverage, and none of such insurance policies provides for any retrospective premium adjustment or other experience-based liability on the part of the Company.

3.25. <u>Powers of Attorney.</u>

Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.25, The Company has no general or special powers of attorney outstanding (whether as grantor or grantee thereof).

3.26. No Brokers.

The Company has no Liability of any kind to, or is subject to any claim of, any broker, finder or agent in connection with the Contemplated Transactions.

4. INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE SELLERS.

Each Seller hereby represents and warrants to the Buyer:

4.1. Power and Authorization.

The execution, delivery and performance by Seller of this Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which he or she is a party and the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions related thereto are within the power and authority of such Seller and, if applicable, have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of such Seller. This Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which such Seller is a party (a) has been duly executed and delivered by such Seller and (b) is a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Seller, enforceable against such Seller in accordance with its terms.

4.2. <u>Authorization of Governmental Authorities</u>.

No action by (including any authorization, consent or approval), or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Authority is required for, or in connection with, the valid and lawful (a) authorization, execution, delivery and performance by Seller of this Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which he or she is a party or (b) the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions by Seller.

4.3. <u>Noncontravention</u>.

Except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 4.3</u>, neither the execution, delivery and performance by Seller of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement to which such Seller is a party nor the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions will: (a) violate any provision of any Legal Requirement applicable to such Seller; (b) result in a breach or violation of, or default under, any contractual obligation of such Seller; (c) require any action by or in respect of, any Person under any contractual obligation; or (d) if not an individual, result in a breach or violation of, or default under, such Seller's organizational documents.

4.4. <u>Title</u>.

Each Seller is the record and beneficial owner of the outstanding Shares set forth opposite such Seller's name on Schedule 3.5 and has good and marketable title to such Shares, free and clear of all Encumbrances except as are imposed by applicable securities laws and Seller's applicable Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement. Each Seller has full right, power and authority to transfer and deliver to the Buyer valid title to the Shares held by such Seller, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than any restrictions imposed under the 1933 Act and applicable state securities Legal Requirements and restrictions on transfer as set forth in Seller's applicable Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement). The assignments, endorsements, stock powers and other instruments of transfer delivered by Seller to Buyer at the Closing will be sufficient to transfer such Seller's entire interest, legal and beneficial, in such Seller's Shares and, immediately following the Closing, the Buyer will be the record and beneficial owner of such Shares, and have good and marketable title to such Shares, free and clear of all Encumbrances except as are imposed by applicable securities laws or created by the Buyer. Except pursuant to this Agreement and Seller's applicable Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement, there is no contractual obligation pursuant to which any Seller has, directly or indirectly, granted any option, warrant or other right to any Person to acquire or vote any Shares or other equity interests in the Company.

4.5. No Brokers.

Seller has no any Liability of any kind to, or is subject to any claim of, any broker, finder or agent in connection with the Contemplated Transactions.

5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE BUYER.

The Buyer represents and warrants to the Sellers:

5.1. Organization.

The Buyer is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and (b) duly qualified to do business and in good standing in each jurisdiction where such qualification is required, except where the failure to so qualify has not had, and is not reasonably likely to have, a material adverse effect.

5.2. <u>Power and Authorization</u>.

The execution, delivery and performance by the Buyer of this Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which it is a party and the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions are within the power and authority of the Buyer and have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Buyer. This Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which the Buyer is a party (a) has been duly executed and delivered by the Buyer and (b) is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Buyer, enforceable against the Buyer in accordance with its terms. The Buyer has the full power and authority necessary to own and use its assets and carry on the business currently conducted by it and to carry out the Contemplated Transactions.

5.3. <u>Authorization of Governmental Authorities</u>.

5.4. No action by (including any authorization, consent or approval), or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Authority is required for, or in connection with, the valid and lawful (a) authorization, execution, delivery and performance by the Buyer of this Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement to which it is a party or (b) the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions by the Buyer.

5.4 <u>Noncontravention</u>.

Neither the execution, delivery and performance by the Buyer of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement to which it is a party nor the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions will: (a) violate any provision of any Legal Requirement applicable to the Buyer; (b) result in a breach or violation of, or default under, any contractual obligation of the Buyer; (c) require any action by or in respect of, any Person under any contractual obligation; or (d) result in a breach or violation of, or default under, the Buyer's organizational documents.

5.5. No Brokers.

The Buyer has no Liability of any kind to, nor is subject to any claim of, any broker, finder or agent in connection with the Contemplated Transactions for which the Sellers or the Company could be Liable.

6. COVENANTS.

6.1. <u>Transaction Expenses; Debt.</u>

At or prior to the Closing, the Sellers will cause to be paid and satisfied in full (a) any and all Transaction Expenses and (b) all Debt required to be identified on <u>Schedule 3.9</u>. At or prior to Closing, each Seller will, and will cause each of his or her Affiliates, to satisfy all liabilities he or she has to the Company in respect of Debt.

6.2. Sellers' Release and Termination of Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement.

Effective as of the Closing, each Seller hereby releases, remises and forever discharges any and all rights and claims that he, she or it has had, now has or might now have against the Company except for (a) rights and claims arising from or in connection with this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and (b) rights and claims arising from or in connection with claims asserted against such Seller by third parties for which the Buyer Indemnified Persons are not entitled to indemnification by such Seller pursuant to Section 10.2. Effective as of the Closing, each Seller and Company hereby agree to terminate the Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement entered into by Seller, which is listed on Schedule 3.5 and such agreement shall be of no further force or effect.

6.3. Confidentiality.

Each of the Sellers hereby agrees that such Seller will not, and that such Seller will cause his or her Affiliates not to, at any time on or after the Closing Date, directly or indirectly, disclose or use in any manner, any confidential or proprietary information of the Company or the Business, without the prior written consent of the Buyer in each instance, unless required for the performances of services to the Company following the Closing to the extent such Seller remains employed by the Company.

6.4. Publicity.

No public announcement or disclosure will be made by any party with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement or the Contemplated Transactions without the prior written consent of the Buyer and the Sellers' Representative; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section 6.10 will not prohibit (a) any disclosure required by any applicable Legal Requirements, (b) any disclosure made in connection with the enforcement of any right or remedy relating to this Agreement or the Contemplated Transactions and (c) any disclosure by the Sellers and the Buyer to report and disclose the status of this Agreement and the Contemplated Transactions in the Ordinary Course of Business to their limited partners and Affiliates, so long as each such recipient is under an obligation to keep such disclosed information confidential. For the avoidance of any doubt, each Seller acknowledges that the Buyer is a public company registered under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and may be required to file this Agreement and a description of the material terms thereof (including the purchase price) in its current and period filings with the SEC, including on a Form 8-K following the Closing Date, and consents to any such required filing.

6.5. Noncompetition and Nonsolicitation.

James C. Morizio shall enter into a Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto (the "Morizio Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement").

6.6. Further Assurances.

From and after the Closing Date, upon the request of either the Sellers' Representative or the Buyer, each of the parties hereto will do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be done, executed, acknowledged or delivered, all such further acts, assurances, deeds, assignments, transfers, conveyances and other instruments and papers as may be reasonably required or appropriate to carry out and/or evidence the Contemplated Transactions.

7. DELIVERIES OF THE SELLERS AT THE CLOSING.

At the Closing, the Sellers shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Buyer the following:

7.1. Transfer Materials.

The Sellers will have delivered to the Buyer evidence, reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer of the transfer of the Shares to the Buyer.

7.2. <u>Resolutions</u>.

The Company will have delivered to the Buyer certified copies of the resolutions of the Company's board of directors authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby and the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions.

7.3. Good Standing Certificates.

The Company will have delivered to the Buyer good standing certificates for the Company from its jurisdiction of organization and each jurisdiction in which the Company is qualified to do business as a foreign entity, in each case dated as of a recent date prior to the Closing Date.

7.4. Consents, etc.

All actions by (including any authorization, consent or approval) or in respect of (including notice to), or filings with, any Governmental Authority or other Person that are required to consummate the Contemplated Transactions, as set forth on Schedule 7.4 or as otherwise reasonably requested by the Buyer, will have been obtained or made, in a manner reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Buyer, and no such authorization, consent or approval will have been revoked.

7.5. FIRPTA Certificate.

Each of the Sellers will have delivered to the Buyer a certification (in such form as may be reasonably requested by counsel to the Buyer) to the effect that such Seller is not a foreign Person for purposes of Section 1445 of the Code.

7.6. Ancillary Agreements.

Each of the Ancillary Agreements will have been executed and delivered to the Buyer by each of the Sellers' Representative, as applicable.

7.7. <u>Resignations</u>.

The Buyer will have received the resignations, effective as of the Closing, of each officer and director of the Company specified on Schedule 7.7.

7.8. Pay-off Letters and Lien Releases.

At or prior to the Closing, the Sellers will have delivered to the Buyer (a) payoff letters relating to all Debt of the Company required to be set forth on Schedule 3.9, which such payoff letters will include a process for release of related Encumbrances as of the Closing and (b) acknowledgements of payment in full from any Person that shall be paid Transaction Expenses pursuant to Section 2.3, in each case reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer.

7.9. Terminations.

The Sellers will have provided written evidence of the termination of all agreements (if any) listed on <u>Schedule 7.9</u>, in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer.

7.10. <u>Employment Agreement</u>.

James Morizio will have executed and delivered to the Buyer the Employment Agreement.

7.11. Real Property.

James Morizio will have executed and delivered a Lease for the Real Property owned by James Morizio in favor of the Company as a tenant in the form mutually agreed to by and between Mr. Morizio and the Buyer (the "Lease").

8. DELIVERIES OF THE BUYER AT THE CLOSING.

At the Closing, the Buyer shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Sellers the following:

8.1. Proceeds at Closing.

The Buyer will have delivered to the Sellers' Representative the Enterprise Value, as adjusted in accordance with Section 2.4.

8.2. Resolutions.

The Buyer will have delivered to the Sellers' Representative certified copies of the resolutions of the Buyer's board of directors authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby and the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions.

8.3. Consents, etc.

All actions by (including any authorization, consent or approval) or in respect of (including notice to), or filings with, any Governmental Authority that are disclosed in Schedule 8.3 will have been obtained or made and no such authorization, consent or approval will have been revoked.

8.4. Escrow Agreement.

The Buyer will have executed and delivered to the Sellers' Representative the Escrow Agreement.

8.5. <u>Real Property</u>.

The Buyer will have executed and delivered the Lease.

9. CONDITIONS TO CLOSING.

9.1. <u>Conditions to Obligations of Buyer</u>. The obligations of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be subject to the fulfillment or Buyer's waiver, at or prior to Closing; of the following condition: each of Vinson Go, Lance Williams, Zeb Barrow, John McIntyre and Jacobus Mouton will enter into the Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreements substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit D</u> hereto.

10. INDEMNIFICATION.

10.1. <u>Indemnification by the Sellers</u>.

10.1.1. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Sellers acknowledge and agree that the Buyer is entering into this Agreement and effecting the Contemplated Transactions specifically on the condition that the Sellers indemnify the Buyer in the manner set forth in Article 10. Therefore, subject to the limitations set forth in this Article 10, (i) the Sellers, jointly and severally solely in respect of and to the extent of the Escrow Amount, and (ii) James Morizio in his capacity as a Seller ("Morizio"), agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Buyer and each of its Affiliates (including, after the Closing, the Company) and their respective directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, employees, agents, consultants and advisors, and the Representatives and Affiliates of each of the foregoing Persons (each, a "Buyer Indemnified Person"), from, against and in respect of any and all Liabilities, losses, damages, bonds, dues, assessments, fines, penalties, fees, costs (including costs of investigation, defense and enforcement of this Agreement), expenses or amounts paid in settlement (in each case, including reasonable attorneys' and experts fees and expenses), but excluding any liquidated, special, indirect, punitive or consequential damages, diminution in value, or lost profits (except to the extent payable in connection with a Third Party Claim) (collectively, "Losses"), which any such Buyer Indemnified Person may suffer, sustain or incur as a result of, arising out of or directly or indirectly relating to: (a) any breach of, or inaccuracy in, any representation or warranty made by the Company or any Seller, other than a Fundamental Representation, in this Agreement, any Ancillary Agreement or in any document, Schedule, instrument or certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement (in each case, as such representation or warranty would read if all qualifications as to materiality, including each reference to the defined term "Material Adverse Effect," were deleted therefrom); (b) any breach of, or inaccuracy in, any Fundamental Representation (in each case, as such representation or warranty would read if all qualifications as to materiality, including each reference to the defined term "Material Adverse Effect," were deleted therefrom); (c) any fraud, intentional misrepresentation or willful misconduct of the Company or any Seller related to this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement; (d) any breach or violation of any covenant or agreement of the Company or any Seller pursuant to this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, and (e) any Excluded Liability or Excluded Liabilities.

- 10.1.2. Source of Payment and Indemnification Limitations. All amounts owing to the Buyer Indemnified Parties pursuant to Section 10.1.1 will be paid (i) first through distributions from the then remaining balance of the Escrow Amount (if any) in accordance with this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement, and (ii) second, following the earlier of the exhaustion of the Escrow Amount or the disbursement of the then remaining Escrow Amount to the Sellers, by Morizio up to the Morizio Cap. The Sellers, other than Morizio, have no obligation to indemnify the Buyer Indemnified Persons except in respect of, and to the extent of, the Escrow Amount pursuant to the Escrow Agreement. In addition to the immediately preceding sentence, Morizio has no obligation to indemnify the Buyer Indemnified Persons except to the extent of the Morizio Cap. "Morizio Cap" means an amount equal to the sum of (a) the portion of the Purchase Price actually paid to Morizio pursuant to Section 2.3 (but in any event for the purposes of calculating the Morizio Cap, not less than \$1,764,000), plus any payments made to Morizio under the Lease, minus any payments Morizio makes to the Company pursuant to Section 2.9. The aggregate amount of Losses in excess of the Deductible Amount for which the Buyer Indemnified Parties shall be entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 10.1.1 shall not exceed the amount equal to the sum of any amounts recovered from the Escrow Amount plus the Morizio Cap, except in the case of Losses related to fraud.
- 10.1.3. <u>Deductible</u>. The Sellers will have no obligation to indemnify the Buyer Indemnified Persons pursuant to <u>Section 10.1.1(a)</u> in respect of Losses arising from the breach or inaccuracy in any representation or warranty described therein unless the aggregate amount of all such Losses incurred or suffered by the Buyer Indemnified Persons exceeds \$50,000 (the "<u>Deductible</u>") (at which point the Sellers will indemnify the Buyer Indemnified Persons for all such Losses in excess of such amount in accordance with and subject to the limitations set forth in <u>Section 10.1.2</u>.

10.2. <u>Indemnification by the Buyer.</u>

- 10.2.1. <u>Indemnification</u>. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Article 10, the Buyer will indemnify and hold harmless each Seller and each Seller's respective Affiliates, and the Representatives and Affiliates of each of the foregoing Persons (each, a "<u>Seller Indemnified Person</u>"), from, against and in respect of any and all Losses which any such Seller Indemnified Person may suffer, sustain or incur as a result of, arising out of or directly or indirectly relating to: (a) any breach of, or inaccuracy in, any representation or warranty made by the Buyer in this Agreement, any Ancillary Agreement or in any document, Schedule, instrument or certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement (in each case, as such representation or warranty would read if all qualifications as to materiality, including each reference to the defined term "Material Adverse Effect," were deleted therefrom); or (b) any fraud, intentional misrepresentation or willful misconduct of the Buyer or any breach or violation of any covenant or agreement of the Buyer or any covenant or agreement of the extent required to be performed or complied with by the Company after the Closing, in either case in or pursuant to this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement.
- 10.2.2. <u>Monetary Limitations</u>. The Buyer will have no obligation to indemnify the Seller Indemnified Persons pursuant to <u>Section 10.2.2(a)</u> in respect of Losses arising from the breach of, or inaccuracy in, any representation or warranty described therein unless and until the aggregate amount of all such Losses incurred or suffered by the Seller Indemnified Persons exceeds the Deductible (at which point the Buyer will indemnify the Seller Indemnified Persons for all such Losses in excess of such amount), and the Buyer's aggregate liability in respect of claims for indemnification pursuant to <u>Section 10.2.2(a)</u>will not exceed \$50,000. Claims for indemnification described in clause (b) of Section 10.2.1 are not subject to the limitations set forth in this <u>Section 10.2.2</u>.

10.3. <u>Time for Claims</u>.

No claim may be made or suit instituted seeking indemnification pursuant to Sections 10.1.1(a), 10.1.1(b), or 10.2.1(a) for any breach of, or inaccuracy in, any representation or warranty unless a written notice describing such breach or inaccuracy in reasonable detail in light of the circumstances then known to the Indemnified Party, is provided to the Indemnifying Party (in the case of the Sellers, to the Sellers' Representative) at any time prior to the twenty four month anniversary of the Closing Date, except that the representations and warranties set forth in (i) the first and second sentences of Section 3.10 (Ownership of Assets, Sufficiency) and in Section 3.1 (Organization), Section 3.2 (Power and Authorization), Section 3.3 (Noncontravention), Section 3.5 (Capitalization), Section 3.9 (Debt), and Section 3.26 (Brokerage) shall survive indefinitely and claims may be made at any time, and (ii) Section 3.15 (Tax Matters), Section 3.17 (Environmental Matters), and Section 3.21 (Employees) shall survive until thirty (30) days following the expiration of any applicable statutes of limitations (including extensions thereof) and claims may be initiated at any time during such period (collectively, the sections referred to in clauses (i) and (ii), the "Fundamental Representations").

Claims for breach or violation of covenants pursuant to <u>Sections 10.1.1(c)</u>, <u>10.1.1(d)</u> and <u>10.1.1(e)</u> or <u>Section 10.2.1(b)</u> are not subject to the foregoing time limitations set forth in this <u>Section 10.3</u>; <u>rather</u>, a claim for breach of a particular covenant or agreement may be made any time during the period in which such covenant or agreement survives in accordance with the term specified in this Agreement or the particular Ancillary Agreement, as applicable (or until the applicable statute of limitations has expired, if no term is specified).

For the avoidance of doubt, other than survival limitations for breaches of representations and warranties and covenants as set forth in this Section 10.3, there shall be no time limitation for bringing any other claim for indemnification pursuant to this Article 10.

10.4. Third Party Claims.

10.4.1. Notice of Claim. If any third party notifies an Indemnified Party with respect to any matter which may give rise to an Indemnified Claim against an Indemnifying Party under this Article 10 (a "Third Party Claim"), then the Indemnified Party will promptly give written notice to the Indemnifying Party of such Third Party Claim; provided, however, that so long as such notice is delivered to the Indemnifying Party within the applicable time for claims set forth in Section 10.3, no delay on the part of the Indemnified Party in notifying the Indemnifying Party will relieve the Indemnifying Party from any obligation under this Article 10 except to the extent such delay actually and materially prejudices the Indemnifying Party; and, provided, further, that the Buyer may give notice of such claim to the Sellers' Representative and deal solely with the Sellers' Representative to resolve such claim (as opposed to dealing with any individual or particular Seller).

10.4.2. Assumption of Defense, etc. 1.1.1. The Indemnifying Party, at its sole cost and expense, will be entitled to control the defense of any Third Party Claim and will have the right to defend the Indemnified Party against the Third Party Claim by appointing reputable counsel reasonably acceptable to the Indemnified Party, but only, in the case of Third Party Claims other than with respect to Taxes, so long as (a) the Indemnifying Party gives written notice to the Indemnified Party within fifteen days that it will indemnify the Indemnified Party from and against the entirety of any and all Losses the Indemnified Party may suffer resulting from, arising out of, relating to, in the nature of, or caused by the Third Party Claim, (b) the Third Party Claim involves only claims for monetary damages and does not seek an injunction or other equitable relief against the Indemnified Party, (c) the Indemnified Party has not been advised by counsel that a conflict exists between the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party in connection with the defense of the Third Party Claim, (d) the Third Party Claim does not relate to or otherwise arise in connection with any criminal or regulatory enforcement action, (e) settlement of, an adverse judgment with respect to or the Indemnified Party's conduct of the defense of the Third Party Claim is not, in the good faith judgment of the Indemnified Party, likely to be adverse to the Indemnified Party may reputation or continuing business interests (including its relationships with current or potential customers, suppliers or other parties material to the conduct of its business) and (f) the Indemnifying Party conducts the defense of the Third Party Claim actively and diligently. The Indemnified Party may retain separate co-counsel at its sole cost and expense and participate in the defense of the Third Party Claim; provided, however, that the Indemnifying Party will pay the reasonable fees and expenses of separate co-counsel retained by the Indemnified Party that are incurred p

10.4.3. <u>Limitations on Indemnifying Party</u>. The Indemnifying Party will not consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any compromise or settlement with respect to a Third Party Claim without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party unless such judgment, compromise or settlement (a) provides for the payment by the Indemnifying Party of money as the sole relief for the claimant, (b) results in the full and general release of the Buyer Indemnified Persons or Seller Indemnified Persons, as applicable, from all liabilities arising or relating to, or in connection with, the Third Party Claim and (c) involves no finding or admission of any violation of Legal Requirements or the rights of any Person and no effect on any other claims that may be made against the Indemnified Party.

10.4.4. Indemnified Party's Control. If the Indemnifying Party does not deliver the notice contemplated by clause (a) of Section 10.4.2 within fifteen days after the Indemnified Party has given notice of the Third Party Claim, at any time fails to conduct the defense of the Third Party Claim actively and diligently or is or becomes unable to conduct the defense of the Third Party Claim pursuant to Section 10.4.2, the Indemnified Party may defend. If such notice is given on a timely basis and the Indemnifying Party conducts the defense of the Third Party Claim actively and diligently but any of the other conditions in Section 10.4.2 is or becomes unsatisfied, the Indemnified Party may defend, and may consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any compromise or settlement with respect to, the Third Party Claim; provided, however, that the Indemnifying Party will not be bound by the entry of any such judgment consented to, or any such compromise or settlement effected, without its prior written consent (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). In the event that the Indemnified Party conducts the defense of the Third Party Claim pursuant to this Section 10.4.4, the Indemnifying Party will remain responsible for any and all other Losses that the Indemnified Party may incur or suffer resulting from, arising out of, relating to, in the nature of or caused by the Third Party Claim to the fullest extent provided in this Article 10.

10.5. No Circular Recovery.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, each Seller hereby agrees that he, she or it will not make any claim for indemnification against the Buyer, any Buyer Indemnified Person or the Company by reason of the fact that such Seller was a controlling person, director, employee or representative of the Company with respect to any claim brought by a Buyer Indemnified Person against any Seller relating to this Agreement or any of the Contemplated Transactions or that is based on any facts or circumstances that form the basis for an Indemnity Claim by a Buyer Indemnified Person hereunder.

10.6. Manner of Payment.

Any payment to be made by Sellers or the Buyer, as the case may be, pursuant to this Article 10 will be effected by wire transfer of immediately available funds from the Seller or the Buyer, as the case may be, to an account designated by the Sellers' Representative or the Buyer, as the case may be, within five days after the determination thereof. The Buyer Indemnified Persons will also be entitled to (but will not be required to) set off any amounts due or payable to any of the Buyer Indemnified Persons by Sellers pursuant to this Article 10 by setting off against any amounts otherwise due and payable by an of the Buyer Affiliated Person or any of their Affiliates under the Lease.

10.7. Remedies Exclusive.

Except (a) for remedies that cannot be waived as a matter of Legal Requirement, (b) for specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies, including, without limitation, in connection with breaches by a Seller of Sections 6.3 or 6.5 or the Ancillary Agreements, or (c) in respect of claims based on fraud or criminal acts committed by or on behalf of a Seller, the indemnification provisions of this <u>Article 10</u> shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for any breach of this Agreement from and after the Closing.

10.8. <u>Tax Treatment</u>.

All indemnification and other payments under this Article 10 will, to the extent permitted by law, be treated for all income Tax purposes as adjustments to the Purchase Price. Neither the Buyer nor the Sellers will take any position on any Tax return, or before any Governmental Authority, that is inconsistent with such treatment unless otherwise required by any applicable Legal Requirement.

- 10.9. <u>Mitigation</u>. An Indemnified Party shall take commercially reasonable steps to mitigate indemnifiable Losses to the extent required to do so by applicable Legal Requirements.
- 10.10. <u>Knowledge and Investigation; Waiver</u>. The right of any Buyer Indemnified Person or Seller Indemnified Person to indemnification pursuant to this Article 10 will not be affected by any investigation conducted for or on behalf of any party, or knowledge acquired (or capable of being acquired) at any time by any party or any party's Representatives, whether before or after the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Closing, with respect to the accuracy of any representation or warranty, or performance of or compliance with any covenant or agreement.

11. TAX MATTERS

11.1. Pre-Closing Income Tax Returns.

The Sellers shall cause to be prepared all income Tax Returns required to be filed by the Company for all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date ("<u>Pre-Closing Periods</u>"), and the Buyer shall file or cause to be filed all such Tax Returns as so prepared. All such income Tax Returns for Pre-Closing Periods shall be prepared in accordance with the past practices of the Company and in compliance with all Legal Requirements. Prior to filing any such income Tax Returns, the Sellers' Representative shall provide drafts thereof for review and comment by the Buyer not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date such Tax Returns are due. The Sellers shall not file any such Tax Returns without the written consent of the Buyer, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. The Buyer agrees to pay all federal income taxes due and payable by the Company, which are calculated consistent with past practices and attributable to the period from January 1, 2014 through the Closing Date, up to a maximum amount of \$175,000 (the "Tax Liability").

11.2. Pre-Closing Non-Income Tax Returns and Straddle Returns.

Buyer shall prepare or cause to be prepared and timely file or cause to be filed any Tax Returns of the Company for Straddle Periods and any Tax Returns of the Company for Pre-Closing Periods that are not income Tax Returns that are first due after the Closing Date (and have not been previously filed). Prior to filing any such Tax Returns, Buyer shall provide drafts thereof for review and comment by the Sellers' Representative not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date such Tax Returns are due. Buyer shall not file any such Tax Returns without the written consent of the Sellers' Representative, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

11.3. Allocations.

If the Company is permitted but not required under applicable state, local or foreign income Tax Legal Requirement to treat the day before the Closing Date as the last day of a taxable period, then the parties shall treat that day as the last day of a taxable period. For the Company, in the case of any taxable period that includes (but does not end on) the Closing Date (a "Straddle Period"), the amount of any Taxes of the Company based upon or measured by net income, gain, receipts or expenses (e.g., payroll Taxes) for the portion of the period ending on the Closing Date will be determined based on an interim closing of the books as of the close of business on the Closing Date. The amount of Taxes for a Straddle Period, other than Taxes of the Company based upon or measured by net income, gain, receipts or expense, which relate to the portion of the period ending on the Closing Date will be deemed to be the amount of such Taxes for the entire taxable period multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the taxable period ending on the Closing Date and the denominator of which is the number of days in such Straddle Period.

11.4. Tax Sharing Agreements.

All agreements the principal purpose of which is Tax sharing or Tax allocation with respect to or involving the Company will be terminated by the Sellers at Closing and, after the Closing, the Company will not be bound thereby or have any Liability thereunder.

11.5. <u>Certain Taxes and Fees</u>.

All transfer, documentary, sales, use, stamp, registration, real property transfer, recording, stock transfer and other similar Taxes and fees, and any conveyance fees or recording charges incurred in connection with the Contemplated Transactions, will be shared equally by the Buyer and Sellers (any such amounts not properly paid when due by the Sellers shall be considered an Excluded Liability hereunder). The Buyer will, at its own expense, file all necessary Tax Returns and other documentation with respect to all such Taxes, fees and charges and, if required by applicable Legal Requirements, the Sellers will join in the execution of any such Tax Returns and other documentation.

11.6. Cooperation on Tax Matters.

From and after the Closing Date, the Buyer, the Company, and the Sellers will cooperate fully and promptly, as and to the extent reasonably requested by any of the other parties, in connection with any Tax matters relating to the Company (including by the provision of reasonably relevant records or information). The party requesting such cooperation will pay the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the assisting party or parties.

11.6.1. The Buyer shall not, nor shall it permit or cause any of its Affiliates or the Company to, amend, file, refile, revoke or otherwise modify any Tax Return or Tax election of the Company with respect to Tax periods that begin on or prior to the Closing Date, without the prior written consent of the Sellers' Representative, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned as long as such amendment or other modification will not and could not cause or increase any Seller's Liability or amount of indemnification obligation to any of the Buyer Indemnified Parties, unless such amendment or modification is required to comply with applicable Legal Requirements.

- 11.6.2. Any refunds (and any interest thereon) of Taxes received by or with respect to the Company (or benefit of crediting an overpayment or over-accrual of Taxes and any interest thereon) that relate to a period (or a portion of a period) that ends on or prior to the Closing Date shall be for the account of the Sellers, and the Buyer shall pay or cause to be paid over to the Sellers' Representative (for the benefit of the Sellers) any such amounts within thirty (30) days of receipt of such.
- 11.6.3. None of the Buyer or any of its Affiliates (including the Company) shall file or cause or permit to be filed any election under Section 338 of the Code (or comparable provision of other Legal Requirement) with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. None of the Buyer Indemnified Parties shall be entitled to any indemnification, and no Seller shall have any liability or obligation with respect to any indemnification, for or with respect to any Taxes or other costs that might arise or accrue to the Company, the Buyer, or any other Person by reason of, or in connection with, any breach of the first sentence of this paragraph by the Buyer or any of its Affiliates.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1. Notices.

All notices, requests, demands, claims and other communications required or permitted to be delivered, given or otherwise provided under this Agreement must be in writing and must be delivered, given or otherwise provided: (a) by hand (in which case, it will be effective upon delivery); (b) by U.S. certified or registered mail, return receipt requested (in which case, it will be effective upon delivery); or (c) by overnight delivery by a nationally recognized courier service (in which case, it will be effective upon delivery), in each case, to the address (or facsimile number) listed below:

If to any Seller, to the address set forth on the signature pages attached hereto, and if to the Sellers' Representative, to:

Dr. James Morizio President Triangle BioSystems, Inc. 2224 Page Road, Suite 108 Durham, NC 27703

Telephone number: (919) 361-2663

in either case, with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice to any Seller or the Sellers' Representative):

Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP 4101 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 300 Raleigh, NC 27607 Telephone number: (919) 781-4000

Facsimile number: (919) 781-4865 Attention: John M. Fuscoe, Esq. If to the Buyer or the Company (after the Closing), to:

Harvard Bioscience, Inc. 84 October Hill Road Holliston, MA 01746

Telephone number: (508) 893-8999

Facsimile: (508) 492-5732 Attention: Chief Executive Officer

with copies to:

Burns & Levinson LLP 125 Summer Street Boston, Massachusetts 02110 Facsimile: (617) 345-3299 Attention: Chad Porter, Esq.

Each of the parties to this Agreement may specify a different address or facsimile number by giving notice in accordance with this <u>Section 12.1</u> to each of the other parties hereto.

12.2. Succession and Assignment; No Third-Party Beneficiary.

Subject to the immediately following sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, each of which such successors and permitted assigns will be deemed to be a party hereto for all purposes hereof. No party may assign, delegate or otherwise transfer either this Agreement or any of his, her or its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of the other parties; provided, however, that the Buyer may (a) assign any or all of its rights and interests hereunder to one or more of its Affiliates or to any of its lenders, (b) designate one or more of its Affiliates to perform its obligations hereunder and (c) assign any or all of its rights or obligations hereunder to any purchaser of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Buyer, provided that in the case of each of clauses (a) through (c), no such assignment shall release the assigning party of its obligations hereunder. Except as expressly provided herein, this Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and permitted assignees and nothing herein expressed or implied will give or be construed to give any Person, other than the parties hereto and such successors and assignees, any legal or equitable rights hereunder, including any right to employment or continued employment for any period of time by reason of this Agreement, or any right to a particular term or condition of employment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, no provision of this Agreement is intended to, or does, constitute the establishment of, or an amendment to, any Company Plan or any other employee benefit plan of the Company.

12.3. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>.

No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement will be valid and binding unless it is in writing and signed, in the case of an amendment, by Buyer, the Company and the Sellers' Representative, or in the case of a waiver, by the party (in the case of the Sellers, by the Sellers' Representative) against whom the waiver is to be effective. No waiver by any party of any breach or violation of, default under or inaccuracy in any representation, warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent breach, violation, default of, or inaccuracy in, any such representation, warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence. No delay or omission on the part of any party in exercising any right, power or remedy under this Agreement will operate as a waiver thereof.

12.4. <u>Provisions Concerning Sellers' Representative.</u>

- 12.4.1. Each Seller hereby appoints James Morizio as the agent, proxy and attorney-in-fact for such Seller for all purposes under this Agreement (including full power and authority to act on the Sellers' collective behalf). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sellers' Representative will be authorized to: (a) in connection with the Closing, execute and receive all documents, instruments, certificates, statements and agreements on behalf of and in the name of the Sellers necessary to effectuate the Closing and consummate the Contemplated Transactions; (b) take all actions on behalf of the Sellers with respect to the matters set forth in Sections 2.36, 2.7, and 2.48; (c) take all actions on behalf of the Sellers in connection with any claims made under Article 10, to defend or settle such claims, and to make payments in respect of such claims; (d) take all actions on behalf of the Sellers in connection with the escrow account established pursuant to the Escrow Agreement (including giving any instructions to the Escrow Agent, on behalf of the Sellers, to pay from such escrow account any amounts owed by Sellers pursuant to this Agreement); (e) execute and deliver, should it elect to do so in its sole discretion, on behalf of the Sellers, any amendment to this Agreement; and (f) take all other actions to be taken by or on behalf of the Sellers and exercise any and all rights which the Sellers are permitted or required to do or exercise under this Agreement.
- 12.4.2. The Sellers' Representative will not be liable to any Seller for any action taken by it in good faith pursuant to this Agreement, and the Sellers will jointly and severally indemnify the Sellers' Representative from any Losses arising out of its serving as the Sellers' Representative hereunder. The Sellers' Representative is serving in that capacity solely for purposes of administrative convenience, and is not personally liable in such capacity for any of the obligations of the Sellers hereunder, and the Buyer agrees, on behalf of itself, its Affiliates, and any Buyer Indemnified Party, that it will not look (nor shall any of its Affiliates or Any Buyer Indemnified Party be entitled to look) to the personal assets of the Sellers' Representative, for any actions taken or not taken while acting in such capacity, for the satisfaction of any obligations to be performed by the Sellers hereunder.
- 12.4.3. Each Seller agrees that the Buyer will be entitled to rely on any action taken by the Sellers' Representative, on behalf of the Sellers, pursuant to Section 12.4.1 above (each, an "Authorized Action"), and that each Authorized Action will be binding on each Seller as fully as if such Seller had taken such Authorized Action.
- 12.4.4. Upon the resignation, death, disability or incapacity of the initial Sellers' Representative appointed pursuant to Section 12.4.1 above, the Sellers will be permitted by majority rule (voting on the basis of the percentages set forth on Schedule 3.5) to appoint a replacement reasonably believed to be capable of carrying out the duties and performing the obligations of the Sellers' Representative hereunder (which will be subject to the approval of the Buyer, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld).

12.5. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement, together with the Ancillary Agreements, and the schedules and the exhibits attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior discussions, negotiations, proposals, undertakings, understandings and agreements, whether written or oral, with respect thereto, including, that certain letter of intent dated August 5, 2014, by and among Buyer and the Company.

12.6. Schedules.

Any fact or item disclosed on any Schedule shall be deemed disclosed on all other Schedules to which it is reasonably apparent from the text of the disclosure that such fact or item applies to another Schedule. The inclusion of information in any Schedule shall not be construed as or constitute an admission or agreement that a violation, right of termination, default, liability or other obligation of any kind exists with respect to any item, nor shall it be construed as or constitute an admission or agreement that such information is material to the Sellers or the Company. Neither the specifications of any dollar amount in any representation, warranty or covenant contained in the Agreement nor the inclusion of any specific item in the Schedules is intended to imply that such amount, or higher or lower amounts, or the item so included or other items, are or are not material.

12.7. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile transmission, pdf or other means of electronic signature) in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute but one and the same instrument.

12.8. Severability.

Any term or provision of this Agreement that is invalid or unenforceable in any situation in any jurisdiction will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation or in any other jurisdiction. In the event that any provision hereof would, under applicable Legal Requirements, be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, each party hereto intends that such provision will be construed by modifying or limiting it so as to be valid and enforceable to the maximum extent compatible with, and possible under, applicable Legal Requirements and to otherwise give effect to the intent of the parties.

12.9. Headings.

The headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience purposes only and will not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation hereof.

12.10. Construction.

The parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement will be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto and no presumption or burden of proof will arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement. The parties hereto intend that each representation, warranty, covenant and agreement contained herein will have independent significance.

12.11. Governing Law.

This Agreement, the negotiation, terms and performance of this Agreement, the rights of the parties under this Agreement, and all Actions arising in whole or in part under or in connection with this Agreement, will be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic substantive laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule that would cause the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

12.12. <u>Jurisdiction; Venue; Service of Process</u>.

12.12.1. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.6, solely with respect to the disputes referred to therein, each party to this Agreement, by its, his or her execution hereof, (a) hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the state courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States District Court located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of any Action between any of the parties hereto arising in whole or in part under or in connection with this Agreement, any Ancillary Agreement, the Contemplated Transactions or the negotiation, terms or performance hereof or thereof, (b) hereby waives to the extent not prohibited by applicable Legal Requirements, and agrees not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise, in any such Action, any claim that it, he or she is not subject personally to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, that venue in any such court is improper, that its, his or her property is exempt or immune from attachment or execution, that any such Action brought in one of the above-named courts should be dismissed on grounds of forum non conveniens or improper venue, that such Action should be transferred or removed to any court other than one of the above-named courts, that such Action should be stayed by reason of the pendency of some other Action in any other court other than one of the above-named courts or that this Agreement or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such court and (c) hereby agrees not to commence or prosecute any such Action other than before one of the above-named courts. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, a party hereto may commence any Action in a court other than the above-named courts solely for the purpose of enforcing an order or judgment issued by one of the above-named courts.

12.12.2. Each party hereto hereby (a) consents to service of process in any Action between any of the parties hereto arising in whole or in part under or in connection with this Agreement, any Ancillary Agreement, the Contemplated Transactions or the negotiation, terms or performance hereof or thereof, in any manner permitted by Massachusetts law, (b) agrees that service of process made in accordance with clause (a) or made by overnight delivery by a nationally recognized courier service at its, his or her address specified pursuant to Section 12.1 will constitute good and valid service of process in any such Action and (c) waives and agrees not to assert (by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise) in any such Action any claim that service of process made in accordance with clause (a) or (b) does not constitute good and valid service of process.

12.13. Specific Performance.

Each of the parties hereto acknowledges and agrees that the other parties hereto would be damaged irreparably in the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are not performed in accordance with their specific terms or otherwise are breached or violated. Accordingly, each of the parties hereto agrees that, without posting bond or other undertaking, the other parties hereto will be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches or violations of the provisions of this Agreement and to enforce specifically this Agreement and the terms and provisions hereof in any Action instituted in any court specified in Section 12.12.1 in addition to any other remedy to which it, he or she may be entitled, at law or in equity. Each party hereto further agrees that, in the event of any action for an injunction or specific performance in respect of any such threatened or actual breach or violation, it, he or she will not assert that a remedy at law would be adequate.

12.14. Waiver of Jury Trial.

TO THE EXTENT NOT PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW THAT CANNOT BE WAIVED, THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVE, AND COVENANT THAT THEY WILL NOT ASSERT (WHETHER AS PLAINTIFF, DEFENDANT OR OTHERWISE), ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, ANY ANCILLARY AGREEMENT, THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTIONS OR THE NEGOTIATION, TERMS OR PERFORMANCE HEREOF OR THEREOF, WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING, AND WHETHER SOUNDING IN CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE. THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE THAT ANY OF THEM MAY FILE A COPY OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE KNOWING, VOLUNTARY AND BARGAINED-FOR AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES HERETO. THE PARTIES HERETO FURTHER AGREE TO IRREVOCABLY WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY PROCEEDING AND ANY SUCH PROCEEDING WILL INSTEAD BE TRIED IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION BY A JUDGE SITTING WITHOUT A JURY.

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THE BUYER: HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC. By: /s/ Robert E. Gagnon Name: Robert E. Gagnon Title: Chief Financial Officer THE COMPANY: TRIANGLE BIOSYSTEMS, INC. By: /s/ James C. Morizio Name: James C. Morizio Title: President THE SELLERS' REPRESENTATIVE: By: /s/ James C. Morizio James C. Morizio THE SELLERS: /s/ James C. Morizio /s/ Vinson Go James C. Morizio Vinson Go /s/ Joe Krallinger /s/ Pedro Irazoqui-Pastor Joe Krallinger Pedro Irazoqui-Pastor /s/ Lance Williams /s/ Steve Makgill Steve Makgill Lance Williams /s/ Zeb Barrow /s/ John Bender Zeb Barrow John Bender /s/ John McIntyre /s/ Jacobus Mouton

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Harvard Bioscience Acquires Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH and Triangle BioSystems, Inc.

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Acquisitions of Life Science Companies in Germany and North Carolina Substantially Expands Harvard Bioscience's Electrophysiology Product Line

HOLLISTON, Mass., Oct. 1, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (Nasdaq:HBIO), a global developer, manufacturer and marketer of a broad range of solutions to advance life science, has acquired two privately held life science companies: Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH, headquartered in Reutlingen, Germany, and Triangle BioSystems, Inc., based in Durham, North Carolina, for a total of approximately \$11 million in cash. Both companies are key developers of equipment in the field of electrophysiology, and their acquisitions substantially bolster Harvard Bioscience's leadership within the electrophysiology market.

Together, the acquisitions are expected to add \$7.5 million to \$8.5 million in revenue in 2015 and these acquisitions are expected to be accretive to 2015 earnings.

Multi Channel Systems MCS, or MCS, was acquired for approximately 7.5 million euros in cash. MCS is a developer, manufacturer and marketer of instrumentation for extracellular recording and stimulation.

Triangle BioSystems, Inc., or TBSI, was acquired for cash proceeds of approximately \$1.6 million, net of acquired cash, and is a developer, manufacturer and marketer of wireless neural interface equipment to aid *in vivo* neuroscience research, especially in the fields of electrophysiology, psychology, neurology and pharmacology.

Further details of the acquisitions can be found in Harvard Bioscience's Form 8-K to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about October 1, 2014.

Jeffrey A. Duchemin, CEO and President of Harvard Bioscience, said, "With the acquisitions of MCS and TBSI, Harvard Bioscience becomes a true global leader in electrophysiology, an important segment in both academic research and drug discovery. Building on the momentum of these acquisitions and our existing electrophysiology business, we will leverage and further strengthen Harvard Bioscience's global sales, marketing and distribution capabilities."

Karl-Heinz Boven and Andreas Möller, founders of MCS, will become directors of MCS, now a subsidiary of Harvard Bioscience. Mr. Boven said, "We are proud to join an established public company that has been a trusted partner in life sciences research for more than 100 years. We believe that Harvard Bioscience is ideally positioned to accelerate the process of making our electrophysiology devices available to a greater number of researchers worldwide."

Dr. James Morizio, President and former majority owner of TBSI, will become Director of R&D, Wireless Platform, of Harvard Bioscience. Dr. Morizio said, "We are looking forward to becoming a part of the Harvard Bioscience team, and are confident that with our combined teams, Harvard Bioscience will build on the success we have experienced to date with our extensive electrophysiology device technology."

Mr. Duchemin continued, "Both of these acquisitions complement our existing electrophysiology products from our Warner Instruments brand, which is a pioneer in the field. We believe our expanded product line will be attractive to researchers in a wide range of life science sectors, and our newly combined companies will benefit from the increasing adoption of technologies in electrophysiology. I would like to welcome the management and employees of both MCS and TBSI into the Harvard Bioscience family."

About Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH's Product Line

Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH's product line includes *in vitro* and *in vivo* electrophysiology, microelectrode arrays (MEA), patch clamps and software, primarily marketed to universities, research institutions and distributors. Its acquisition allows Harvard Bioscience to complement the *in vitro* electrophysiology line currently offered via its Warner Instruments subsidiary, and broaden its existing selection of patch clamps.

About Triangle BioSystems' Product Line

Triangle BioSystems' primary product, the wireless recording technology, enables researchers to study neural and other biopotential waveforms from awake animals. Its acquisition allows Harvard Bioscience to complement the behavioral neuroscience devices currently offered via its Panlab and Coulbourn Instruments subsidiaries. The patented wireless technology used in Triangle BioSystems' neural interface equipment is FCC-registered and has many potential synergies with Harvard Bioscience's current businesses, including Warner Instruments and new acquisition Multi Channel Systems MCS GmbH.

About Harvard Bioscience

Harvard Bioscience is a global developer, manufacturer and marketer of a broad range of solutions to advance life science. Our products are sold to thousands of researchers in over 100 countries through our global sales organization, catalogs, websites, and

through distributors including GE Healthcare, Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., VWR and other specialized distributors. We have sales and manufacturing operations in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, Spain, France and Canada. For more information, please visit our website at www.harvardbioscience.com.

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