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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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|---|---------------|-----------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>LEWIS EARL R</b> |               |           | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [ HBIO ]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First)       | (Middle)  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>01/03/2017</b>                 |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |
| <b>87 PINCKNEY STREET</b>                                       |               |           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                              |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)  | <b>BOSTON</b> | <b>MA</b> | <b>02114</b>  |  |  |   |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)       | (Zip)     |   |  |  |   |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |        | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/03/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 31,000 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A          | \$0.00 | 423,012 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents a deferred stock award of 31,000 restricted stock units which vest quarterly in equal installments on March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017, September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017, and are subject to continued service as a non-employee director on the applicable vesting dates. These retainer awards are granted in lieu and satisfaction of the annual cash retainer compensation to be earned by the director for his service on the Issuer's Board of Directors and its Committees during 2017. The number of shares of common stock subject to such retainer award is equal to the amount of cash that would have been received had the retainers all been paid in cash, divided by the average daily closing market price of the Issuer's common stock for the month of November, rounded to the nearest 100 shares.

2. Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 31,000 restricted stock units which vest quarterly in equal installments on March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017, September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017; (b) a deferred stock award of 25,300 restricted stock units which fully vest on the earlier of (i) the date of the Issuer's next Annual Meeting of Stockholders after July 1, 2016, immediately prior to the commencement of such meeting, and (ii) July 1, 2017; and (c) 366,712 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.

**Remarks:**

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

/s/ Chad Porter, by power of attorney 01/04/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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