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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Olson Kenneth Fletcher | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [HBIO] | | | | | | | | | eck all app Direc | tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Chief Operat | | 10% Ov | ner |
|---|--|--|----------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------|--|--------------------|-------|---|--|---|---|--|----------------|-----|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC. 84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/11/2021 | | | | | | | | | belov | | | below) Officer | |
| (Street) HOLLIS (City) | TON M | A 0 | 1746 | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Line | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | on |
| (City) | (3) | | | n-Derivs | ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | tion 2A. E Exec y/Year) if any | | Deemed ecution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | A) or | 5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned | ount of ties cially I Following | Form | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or | Price | | ted action(s) 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock 06/ | | | | 06/11/2 | 2021 | | | | A | | 18,378(1) | P | A | \$0.0 | 0 169 | 169,773 ⁽²⁾ | | D | |
| Common Stock 06/11 | | | | 06/11/2 | 2021 | | | | F | | 6,480(3) | D \$7 | | \$7.6 | .64 163,293 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | 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 | onversion Date Execution Date, Transar Ferrorise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) 8) | | nsaction of De Se Ac (A Di of | | oosed D) tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\) | | ite | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4) | | nstr. | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | y [| 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | Code V (A) | | (D) | Date Exercisable | | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shai | nber | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. On June 11, 2020, the Reporting Person was granted an award of 36,756 restricted stock units with performance based vesting conditions, which vest in equal installments on June 11, 2021, 2022 and 2023, and are linked to the achievement of a relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's common stock from June 11, 2020 to the earlier of (i) June 11, 2021 or (ii) upon a change of control (measured relative to the Nasdaq Biotechnology index). The target number of the restricted stock units that may be earned was reported on the date of grant; the maximum amount is 150% of the number then reported. As a result of the Issuer's performance based on such performance targets, the Reporting Person earned 150% of the target amount, subject to continuation of employment through the remaining vesting dates. Accordingly, the reported transaction reflects the acquisition of 18,378 additional performance restricted stock units earned above the target grant.
- 2. Includes (a) 36,756 remaining restricted stock units that will vest on June 11, 2022 and 2023, (b) 32,805 restricted stock units that will vest in three equal installments on December 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023, (c) 31,453 restricted stock units with performance based vesting conditions, (d) 27,567 remaining restricted stock units that will vest on December 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023, (e) 10,057 remaining restricted stock units that will vest on November 1, 2021 and 2022, and (f) 31,135 shares of common stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person (which includes 3,644 shares acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan)
- 3. The shares were disposed of to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the performance restricted stock unit award previously granted to the Reporting Person that vested in part on June 11, 2021.
- 4. Includes (a) the shares and awards described in footnote (2) above, less (b) the disposition of shares reported in footnote (3) above.

/s/ David Sirois, by power of attorney

06/15/2021

** 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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