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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| STRACK DAVID L | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2004 | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [HBIO] 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President of Subsidiary 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|---|
| (Street) SOMERVILLE MA 02143 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | J | | • | More than One |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | eneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | Ownership drm: Direct (D) (Instr. 5) r Indirect (I) nstr. 5) | | | Beneficial Ownership |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 07/31/2011 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 20,000 | 9.98 | D | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | (2) | 01/17/2012 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 30,000 | 7.195 | D | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | (3) | 08/19/2012 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 50,000 | 4.39 | D | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | (4) | 02/24/2013 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 20,000 | 3.01 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The shares vest in four equal installments on each of the four anniversaries of the option grant beginning July 31, 2002.
- 2. The shares vest in four equal installments on each of the four anniversaries of the option grant beginning January 1, 2003.
- 3. The shares vest in four equal installments on each of the four anniversaries of the option grant beginning August 19, 2003.
- 4. The shares vest in four equal installments on each of the four anniversaries of the option grant beginning January 1, 2004.

/s/ David L. Strack 03/18/2004

** 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 5 (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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