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Creating the World's Leading

Cardiovascular Device Company

Accelerating Diversification and Growth

December 5, 2005

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Introducing the Proposed Transaction

The combination creates the world's leading cardiovascular device company

Powerful strategic and financial rationale

Strength of the BSC Proposal

Powerful Strategic Rationale

Industry Leadership	Creates the world's leading cardiovascular device company with combined revenues exceeding \$9 billion in 2006 #1 Interventional Cardiology Platform and #2 Cardiac Rhythm Management Platform Third largest medical device company in the world by sales
Enhancing Diversification & Growth	Acquiring a leading franchise in underpenetrated \$10 billion CRM business Drives long-term top-line and bottom-line growth Adds second drug eluting stent program
Solid Financial Profile	Steady, diversified cash flow: 2006 EBITDA of greater than \$3 billion for combined entity Cash earnings accretive by 2008

Combining Two Industry Leaders

Boston Scientific
Key businesses:

Drug Eluting Stents

Other Cardiovascular

Endosurgery

Neuromodulation

Established industry leader

#1 in DES (55% U.S. share)

90% of cardiovascular sales
from #1 positioned products

75% of other sales from #1
positioned products

Guidant
Key businesses:

Cardiac Rhythm Management

Cardiac Surgery

Vascular Intervention /
Endovascular

Established industry leader

#2 in Cardiac Rhythm
Management (30% worldwide share in
high-power CRM, 28% overall)

\$7 billion high-power CRM
segment growing at 16-20% per
annum

**Acquiring Leading Business in High Growth
CRM Segment**

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Source: Wall Street Research.

Guidant is a CRM Leader

2006 Sales by Competitor High-Power

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2006 Segment Size: \$7 bn; 06- 08 CAGR 16-20%

2006 Sales by Competitor Overall CRM

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2006 Segment Size: \$10 bn; 06- 08 CAGR 12-15%

Source: 2006 Consensus Wall Street Research.

Achieving Enhanced Diversification and Higher Growth

**Boston Scientific
2006 Sales Breakdown**

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**Boston Scientific and Guidant Combined
2006 Pro Forma Sales Breakdown**

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**Combined 2006 projected revenues expected to exceed \$9 billion;
Growing on average 12% per year, revenues expected to approach \$12 billion by 2008**

Source: Consensus Wall Street Research. Figures shown assume full year of combined operation, adjusted for planned Guidant asset divestitures.

Achieving Size and Scale

2006 Cardiovascular Device Sales

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2006 Medical Device Sales

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The transaction will establish Boston Scientific as the #1 Cardiovascular device competitor

Note: Based on Wall Street Research; Dollars in Billions.

- (1) Includes Cordis sales.*
- (2) Includes Medical Device and Diagnostic sales.*
- (3) Figures shown assumes full year of combined operation, adjusted for planned Guidant asset divestitures.*
- (4) Includes Medical and Surgical sales.*
- (5) Includes Renal, Transfusion Therapies and Electronic Infusion Systems sales.*
- (6) Based on exchange rate of 1.729 USD / £.*

Creating The World's Largest Cardiovascular Device Company

Boston Scientific and Guidant Combination

Merges two innovative leaders with proven track records

Leverages strong financial capability to diversify into high growth CRM opportunity and complementary DES technology

Strategic and financial diversification

Multiple growth engines in attractive segments CRM, neuromodulation, interventional vascular (DES) and endosurgery

Combined 2006 projected revenues expected to exceed \$9 billion, growing on average 12% per year approaching \$12 billion by 2008(1)

(1) *Figures based on Wall Street Research; assumes full year of combined operation, adjusted for planned Guidant asset divestitures.*

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Transaction Structure, Valuation and Approach

The Transaction

Offer Price:	\$ 72.00 per share
Consideration:	50% cash /50% stock
Premium to J&J Offer:	14% over \$63.43(1)
Pro Forma Ownership:	65% for BSC shareholders, 35% for Guidant shareholders
Conditions:	Confirmatory due diligence Antitrust clearances BSC and Guidant shareholder votes
Financing Contingency:	None
Financing Commitments:	Bank of America, Merrill Lynch
Expected Closing:	Q1 2006
Financial Advisors:	Merrill Lynch, Bear Stearns, Banc of America Securities

(1) *Based on J&J's closing price of \$61.21 on December 2, 2005, and J&J's revised offer of 0.493 J&J share and \$33.25 cash per Guidant share.*

Strength of the BSC Proposal:

Certainty of Completion

Committed financing

Divestiture plan

BSC is prepared to divest the Guidant vascular intervention and endovascular businesses while retaining shared rights to Guidant's drug eluting stent program, which it expects will address any competition concerns

BSC Shareholder support

Entities affiliated with BSC founders holding approximately 30% of BSC shares fully support the proposed transaction

Timing: Q1 2006 expected close

Confirmatory due diligence in December

Financial Rationale

Accelerates top and bottom line long-term growth rate

Cash EPS(1) accretive in 2008

Significant synergies opportunity including reprioritization of current BSC spend

Steady, diversified cash flow: 2006 EBITDA of greater than \$3 billion for combined entity

Rapid de-leveraging to achieve nearly zero net debt by 2009

Working with rating agencies regarding capital structure to retain an investment grade rating

(1) *Cash EPS is defined as earnings per share excluding (i) incremental amortization of purchased intangibles, depreciation of written-up PP&E and purchased in-process R&D resulting from purchase accounting, (ii) standalone amortization of intangibles, and (iii) non-recurring expenses.*

**Opportunity to Enhance Value for Current
and Future BSC Shareholders**

Summary Observations	Illustrative Multiples		
		P/E(1)	
Market rewards medical device companies with:	Company	2006	2007
Products in underpenetrated, large and expanding Businesses			19.6x
	Medtronic	22.7x	
	St. Jude	27.3	23.5
Diversified product lines	Zimmer	19.4	17.2
High margins and strong cash flow	Stryker	22.2	18.7
Leading market positions	Mean	22.9x	19.8x
Innovation and growth	Boston Scientific	14.5x	13.0x
Combined company possesses all of these characteristics	Guidant(2)	24.3	21.4

(1) Represents closing stock price on December 2, 2005, divided by calendar year First Call consensus EPS estimates as of December 2, 2005, unless otherwise noted.

(2) 2006 column represents the average 1 year forward P/E ratio and 2007 column represents the average 2 year forward P/E ratio for the 1 year period ending the day prior to speculation of a potential J&J offer on November 1, 2004.

Consideration and Committed Financing

(Dollars in Billions)

Offer Value and Consideration		Sources of Committed Financing	
Consideration:		One-Year Bridge Loan(1)	\$ 7.0
BSC Common Stock	\$ 12.5	Five-Year Term Loan	5.0
Cash	12.5	Five-Year Revolver(2)	2.0
Total Offer Value	\$ 25.0	Total Committed Financing	\$ 14.0

(1) *If drawn, to be paid down with proceeds from asset sales and available BSC and Guidant cash. Remaining balance will be refinanced in the capital markets.*

(2) *Expected to remain undrawn.*

Pro Forma Debt and Capitalization**(Dollars in Billions)**

Consistent capitalization ratios

Manageable debt level

		BSC		Combined	
		12/31/05(1)		Pro Forma	
Gross Debt	\$	2.5	39%	\$	10.5
Equity(2)		3.9	61%		15.5
Capitalization	\$	6.4	100%	\$	26.0
Cash	\$	0.9		\$	1.5
Available Liquidity(3)	\$	2.9		\$	3.5

(1) *As of September 30, 2005 filing, pro forma for \$750 million bond offering priced on November 14, 2005, proceeds of which used towards repayment of CP balances.*

(2) *Excludes any potential one-time write-downs from transaction (e.g. in-process R&D).*

(3) *Cash balance plus revolver capacity.*

Roadmap to Completion

Upon invitation by Guidant Board, Boston Scientific to commence confirmatory due diligence immediately

Complete confirmatory due diligence in December

Commence discussions with antitrust agencies immediately

Discussions with rating agencies initiated

Boston Scientific and Guidant sign merger agreement by end of December / early January

Boston Scientific and Guidant shareholder votes in Q1 2006

Transaction expected to close in Q1 2006

Summary

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