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Creating a Global Leader in Cardiovascular Devices

Definitive Offer to Guidant Corporation

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Agenda

CEO Perspective	Jim Tobin <i>President & Chief Executive Officer</i>
Transaction & Financial Implications	Larry Best <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>
The Combination's Key Value Drivers	Paul LaViolette <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>

CEO Perspective

Jim Tobin

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Overview

Transaction drivers

Due diligence

Definitive agreement

Integration

Transaction Overview

Larry Best

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Transaction Overview

Offer Price:	\$72.00 per share(1)
Consideration:	50% cash / 50% stock (469M shares)(2)
Premium to J&J Offer:	12% over \$64.11(3)
BSX share price:	\$26.24
Collar:	± 10% (\$23.62 - \$28.86)(4)
Pro Forma Ownership:	64% for BSC shareholders, 36% for Guidant shareholders
Conditions:	BSC and Guidant shareholder votes Antitrust clearances

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- (1) Based on BSC's closing price of \$26.24 on January 6, 2006, \$72 offer implies an exchange ratio of 1.3720 BSC shares and \$36.00 cash per Guidant share.
- (2) Assuming closing prices as of January 6, 2006 and current share/options information. Actual numbers are subject to change.
- (3) Based on J&J's closing price of \$62.60 on January 6, 2006, and J&J's revised offer of 0.493 J&J share and \$33.25 cash per Guidant share.
- (4) Implies exchange ratios of 1.5241 and 1.2474 BSC shares, respectively, and \$36.00 cash per Guidant share.

Transaction Overview

Financing Contingency:	None
Financing Commitments:	Bank of America, Merrill Lynch Bear Stearns, Deutsche Bank, Wachovia
Expected Closing:	End of Q1 2006
Financial Advisors:	Merrill Lynch, Bear Stearns, Banc of America Securities

Vascular Businesses Divestiture
The Abbott Agreement

Binding definitive agreement

Total consideration to BSC of \$4.3 billion

\$3.8 billion up-front payment

\$250 million upon U.S. FDA approval

\$250 million upon Japanese regulatory approval

BSC to receive a five-year \$700 million subordinated loan at closing at 5.25%

The Abbott Agreement
DES Sharing

BSC to share rights to Guidant's DES portfolio

Rights to intellectual property

Rights to technology transfers

Sharing of regulatory and clinical trial assets

Rights to iterate, manufacture and commercialize technology

Worldwide interim supply agreement of commercial DES products through 2010 / 2012

BSC earns 60% of profits on BSC sales of Guidant-based DES products

Financial Implications

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Accelerating Revenue Growth
Proforma Combined Sales

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Note: Based on Wall Street case and Company estimates for Guidant's business.

Accelerating Proforma Adjusted EPS(1)

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Note: Based on Wall Street case and Company estimates for Guidant's business.

(1) Refer to definition of Adjusted EPS provided in the January 8, 2006 press release.

Strong Proforma Operating Cash Flow

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Note: Based on Wall Street case and Company estimates for Guidant's business.

Strong Cash Flow Generation

(Dollars in Billions)

	3/31/2006	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Gross Debt	10.4	10.7	8.9	6.9	5.4	5.4
Cash	0.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	2.2	4.8
Net Debt	9.9	9.4	7.6	5.4	3.2	0.6

Strong Cash Flow Allows for Rapid Debt Repayment

Note: Based on Wall Street case and Company estimates for Guidant's business.

Strong Credit Profile

	BSC LTM 9/30/05		Pro Forma LTM 3/31/06		Pro Forma LTM 12/31/08	
Gross Debt / EBITDA	1.6x		3.8x		1.6x	
Net Debt / EBITDA	1.0x		3.5x		1.3x	
Gross Debt / Capitalization	39%		41%		27%	
Net Debt / Capitalization	25%		36%		21%	
FFO / Gross Debt	66%		13%		56%	

The combined entity's cash flow generation capabilities support investment grade credit rating.

Note: Based on Wall Street case and Company estimates for Guidant's business.

Shareholder Value Creation

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Shareholder Value Creation

Diversification and growth profile should deliver P/E multiple expansion

Our goal is to exceed Wall Street current earnings consensus

Roadmap to Completing the Transaction

Completed confirmatory due diligence

Discussions with antitrust agencies

Discussions with rating agencies

Definitive divestiture agreement with Abbott

Definitive merger agreement delivered to Guidant

Boston Scientific and Guidant enter into a definitive agreement in January

Anti-trust filings and approvals

Boston Scientific and Guidant shareholder votes in Q1 2006

Transaction expected to close in Q1 2006

Key Value Drivers of the Combination

Paul LaViolette

Key Value Drivers

Achieving enhanced growth and diversification

Acquiring a leading CRM position

Adding a second drug-eluting stent program

Transforming operating capabilities

Achieving Enhanced Diversification and Higher Growth

**Boston Scientific
Sales Breakdown**

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**Combined
Pro Forma Sales Breakdown**

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Preeminent pure play in medical devices

Source: BSC Management estimates. Figures shown assume 2006 full year of combined operation, adjusted for planned Guidant asset divestitures.

Key Value Drivers

Acquiring Leading Business in High Growth CRM Segment

Worldwide Sales

(\$ billions)

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	Forecasted 06 08 CAGR
Total	12%
ICDs	10%
CRT-Ds	23%
Pacemakers	3%

Source: Wall Street Research.

Key Value Drivers
CRM Market Position Recovery Goals

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Source: Company estimates.

CRM Recovery Drivers

Team strength and retention

Quality and regulatory status

CRM pipeline

Market perception

Key Value Drivers

Adding Second DES Platform into Growing Market

Worldwide DES Market Size

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Source: Company estimates.

Key Value Drivers
Growth Through DES Platform Diversification

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TAXUS position
Pipeline
Primary program

TECHNOLOGY PORTFOLIO

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Immediate access
Differentiated platforms
Olimus alternative

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2006 Est. Cardiovascular Device Sales

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Note: BSC-Guidant based on Wall Street Case and Company estimates, reflecting full year of combined operation adjusted for planned Guidant asset divestitures. All others based on Wall Street Research.

Transforming Operating Capabilities

Technology

Sales

International

Operations

Efficiencies

Therapies

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 2007 (first full year) expected to achieve \$10 billion in sales, growing on average 12% per year to approximately \$16 billion by 2011⁽¹⁾

Expected bottom-line CAGR to exceed 20% through 2011

⁽¹⁾ Based on Wall Street case and Company estimates for Guidant's business.

Excited About Moving Forward

We look forward to the Guidant Board embracing our proposal this week.

We believe we can close this transaction by the end of Q1.

We believe this combination will be an historic one benefiting shareholders, employees, customers and their patients.

We are enthusiastic about welcoming the Guidant employees to the Boston Scientific family.

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