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**Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1**

to

**FORM S-1**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**CELSION CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**2834**

**52-1256615**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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company)

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act.

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**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders may not sell these securities pursuant to this prospectus until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED AUGUST 2, 2017**

## **PROSPECTUS**

### **4,870,000 Shares of Common Stock**

#### **Issuable upon Exercise of Outstanding Warrants**

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This prospectus relates to the resale, from time to time, by the selling stockholders identified in this prospectus under the caption "Selling Stockholders," of up to 4,870,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issuable upon exercise of certain outstanding common stock purchase warrants. We are not selling any shares of common stock under this prospectus and will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the selling stockholders. We will receive proceeds from cash exercise of the warrants which, if exercised in cash with respect to all of the 4,870,000 shares of common stock, would result in gross proceeds of approximately \$16,606,700 to us. The selling stockholders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to the sale of the shares.

The selling stockholders may sell the shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus from time to time on terms to be determined at the time of sale through ordinary brokerage transactions or through any other means described in this prospectus under the caption "Plan of Distribution." The shares of common stock may be sold at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market price or at negotiated prices.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "CLSN." On August 1, 2017, the last

reported closing sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$1.69 per share.

**Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision, please read “Risk Factors” on page 14 of this prospectus.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-1 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). It omits some of the information contained in the registration statement and reference is made to the registration statement for further information with regard to us and the securities being offered by the selling stockholders. Any statement contained in the prospectus concerning the provisions of any document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or otherwise filed with the SEC is not necessarily complete, and in each instance, reference is made to the copy of the document filed.

You should read this prospectus, any documents that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus and the additional information described below under “Where You Can Find Additional Information” and “Information Incorporated By Reference” before making an investment decision. You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with additional, different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any documents we incorporate by reference herein is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, as used in this prospectus, the terms “Celsion,” “the Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Celsion Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiary CLSN Laboratories, Inc., also a Delaware corporation. The Celsion brand and product names, including but not limited to Celsion® and ThermoDox® contained in this prospectus are trademarks, registered trademarks or service marks of Celsion Corporation or its subsidiary in the United States and certain other countries. This document may also contain references to trademarks and service marks of other companies that are the property of their respective owners.



## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We are subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). In accordance with the Exchange Act, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Such reports, proxy statements and other information filed by us are available to the public free of charge at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the public reference facilities by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Copies of certain information filed by us with the SEC are also available on our website at [www.celsion.com](http://www.celsion.com). The information available on or through our website is not part of this prospectus and should not be relied upon.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC. This prospectus omits some information contained in the registration statement in accordance with SEC rules and regulations. You should review the information and exhibits in the registration statement for further information about us and the securities being offered hereby. Statements in this prospectus concerning any document we filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or that we otherwise filed with the SEC are not intended to be comprehensive and are qualified by reference to the filings. You should review the complete document to evaluate these statements.

## **INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

SEC rules allow us to “incorporate by reference” into this prospectus much of the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus. These documents may include Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as proxy statements. You should read the information incorporated by reference because it is an important part of this prospectus.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below, other than those documents or the portions of those documents deemed to be furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on March 24, 2017;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on May 12, 2017;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 15, 2017, May 16, 2017, May 26, 2017, June 6, 2017, June 9, 2017, June 14, 2017, June 19, 2017, June 22, 2017, June 23, 2017, June 26, 2017, July 6, 2017 and July 11, 2017;

our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 4, 2017; and

the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on May 26, 2000, as amended by a Form 8-A/A dated February 7, 2008, and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Any statement contained in any document incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or any prospectus modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings, other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items, made with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, in each case, other than those documents or the portions of those

documents deemed to be furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules, until the offering of the securities under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part is terminated or completed. Information in such future filings updates and supplements the information provided in this prospectus. Any statements in any such future filings will be deemed to modify and supersede any information in any document we previously filed with the SEC that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference to the extent that statements in the later filed document modify or replace such earlier statements.

Because we are incorporating by reference future filings with the SEC, this prospectus is continually updated and later information filed with the SEC may update and supersede some of the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus or in any document previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owners, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon his or her written or oral request, a copy of any or all reports or documents referred to above which have been or may be incorporated by reference into this prospectus but not delivered with this prospectus, excluding exhibits to those reports or documents unless they are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents. You may request a copy of these documents by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in any applicable prospectus and in any related free writing prospectus constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and releases issued by the SEC and within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. From time to time, we may publish forward-looking statements relating to such matters as anticipated financial performance, business prospects, technological developments, product pipelines, clinical trials and research and development activities, the adequacy of capital reserves and anticipated operating results and cash expenditures, current and potential collaborations, strategic alternatives and other aspects of our present and future business operations and similar matters that also constitute such forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such statements include, without limitation:

- any statements regarding future operations, plans, regulatory filings or approvals, including the plans and objectives of management for future operations or programs or proposed new products or services;
- any statements regarding the performance, or likely performance, or outcomes or economic benefit of any of our research and development activities, proposed or potential clinical trials or new drug filing strategies or timelines, including whether any of our clinical trials will be completed successfully within any specified time period or at all;
- any projections of earnings, cash resources, revenue, expense or other financial terms;
- any statements regarding the initiation, timing, progress and results of our research and development programs, preclinical studies, any clinical trials and Investigational New Drug application, New Drug Application and other regulatory submissions;
- any statements regarding cost and timing of development and testing, capital structure, financial condition, working capital needs and other financial items;
- any statements regarding the implementation of our business model and integration of acquired technologies, assets or businesses and existing or future collaborations, mergers, acquisitions or other strategic transactions;
- any statements regarding approaches to medical treatment, any introduction of new products by others, any possible licenses or acquisitions of other technologies, assets or businesses, or possible actions by customers, suppliers, strategic partners, potential strategic partners, competitors or regulatory authorities;
- any statements regarding development or success of our collaboration arrangements or future payments that may come due to us under these arrangements;
- any statements regarding compliance with the listing standards of The NASDAQ Capital Market; and
- any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance and any statement of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “continue,” “plan,” “believe,” “could,” “intend,” “predict,” “may,” “should,” “will,” “would” and words of similar import regarding expectations. Forward-looking statements are only predictions. Actual events or results may differ materially. Although we believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of our knowledge of our industry, business and operations, we cannot guarantee that actual results will not differ materially from our expectations. In evaluating such forward-looking statements, you should specifically consider various factors,

including the risks outlined under “Risk Factors” contained in this prospectus and any related free writing prospectus, and in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as any amendments thereto reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC. The discussion of risks and uncertainties set forth in those filings is not necessarily a complete or exhaustive list of all risks facing us at any particular point in time. We operate in a highly competitive, highly regulated and rapidly changing environment, and our business is in a state of evolution. Therefore, it is likely that new risks will emerge and the nature and elements of existing risks will change. It is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors or changes therein or to assess either the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any individual risk factor, combination of factors or new or altered factors may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date such forward-looking statements are made. You should carefully read this prospectus and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein or therein by reference as described under the section titled “Information Incorporated By Reference,” and with the understanding that our actual future results may materially differ from what we expect.

Except as required by law, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons why actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This summary highlights certain information about us, this offering and selected information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding whether to invest in the securities covered by this prospectus. For a more complete understanding of Celsion and this offering, we encourage you to read and consider carefully the more detailed information in this prospectus, including the information set forth in the section titled “Risk Factors” in this prospectus.*

### Overview

Celsion is a fully-integrated development stage oncology drug company focused on advancing a portfolio of innovative cancer treatments, including directed chemotherapies, DNA-mediated immunotherapy and RNA based therapies. Our lead product candidate is ThermoDox®, a proprietary heat-activated liposomal encapsulation of doxorubicin, currently in a Phase III clinical trial for the treatment of primary liver cancer (the “OPTIMA Study”), and a Phase II clinical trial for the treatment of recurrent chest wall breast cancer (the “DIGNITY Study”). Second in our pipeline is GEN-1, a DNA-mediated immunotherapy for the localized treatment of ovarian and brain cancers. We have two platform technologies providing the basis for the future development of a range of therapeutics for difficult-to-treat forms of cancer including: Lysolipid Thermally Sensitive Liposomes, a heat sensitive liposomal based dosage form that targets disease with known therapeutics in the presence of mild heat and TheraPlas, a novel nucleic acid-based treatment for local transfection of therapeutic plasmids. With these technologies we are working to develop and commercialize more efficient, effective and targeted oncology therapies that maximize efficacy while minimizing side-effects common to cancer treatments.

### ThermoDox®

ThermoDox® is being evaluated in a Phase III clinical trial for primary liver cancer, which we call the OPTIMA Study, which was initiated in 2014, and a Phase II clinical trial for recurrent chest wall breast cancer, which we call the DIGNITY Study. ThermoDox® is a liposomal encapsulation of doxorubicin, an approved and frequently used oncology drug for the treatment of a wide range of cancers. Localized heat at hyperthermia temperatures (greater than 40° Celsius) releases the encapsulated doxorubicin from the liposome enabling high concentrations of doxorubicin to be deposited preferentially in and around the targeted tumor.

**The OPTIMA Study.** The OPTIMA Study represents an evaluation of ThermoDox® in combination with a first line therapy, radiofrequency ablation (“RFA”), for newly diagnosed, intermediate stage HCC patients. HCC incidence globally is approximately 850,000 new cases per year and is the third largest cancer indication globally. Approximately 30% of newly diagnosed patients can be addressed with RFA alone.

On February 24, 2014, we announced that the United States Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”), after its customary 30-day review period, provided clearance for the OPTIMA Study, which is a pivotal, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase III trial of ThermoDox®, in combination with standardized RFA, for the treatment of primary liver cancer. The trial design of the OPTIMA Study is based on the comprehensive analysis of data from an earlier clinical trial called the HEAT Study, which is described below. The OPTIMA Study is supported by a hypothesis developed from an overall survival analysis of a large subgroup of patients from the HEAT Study.

We initiated the OPTIMA Study in the first half of 2014. The OPTIMA Study was designed with extensive input from globally recognized hepatocellular carcinoma (“HCC”) researchers and expert clinicians and after receiving formal written consultation from the FDA. The OPTIMA Study is expected to enroll up to 550 patients globally at up to 65 sites in the United States, Canada, Europe Union, China and other countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and will evaluate ThermoDox® in combination with standardized RFA, which will require a minimum of 45 minutes across all investigators and clinical sites for treating lesions three to seven centimeters, versus standardized RFA alone. The primary endpoint for this clinical trial is overall survival (“OS”), and the secondary endpoints are progression free survival and safety. The statistical plan calls for two interim efficacy analyses by an independent Data Monitoring Committee (“DMC”).

On December 16, 2015, we announced that we had received the clinical trial application approval from the China Food and Drug Administration (the “CFDA”) to conduct the OPTIMA Study in China. This clinical trial application approval will allow Celsion to enroll patients at up to 20 clinical sites in China. With the addition of these Chinese clinical sites, the Company expects to complete enrollment in the OPTIMA Study during the first half of 2018. On April 26, 2016, we announced that the first patient in China had been enrolled in the OPTIMA Study. Results from the OPTIMA Study, if successful, will provide the basis for a global registration filing and marketing approval.

Post-hoc data analysis from the Company's earlier Phase III HEAT Study suggest that ThermoDox® may substantially improve OS, when compared to the control group, in patients if their lesions undergo a 45 minute RFA procedure standardized for a lesion greater than 3 cm in diameter. Data from nine OS sweeps have been conducted since the top line progression free survival ("PFS") data from the HEAT Study were announced in January 2013, with each data set demonstrating substantial improvement in clinical benefit over the control group with statistical significance. On August 15, 2016, the Company announced updated results from its final retrospective OS analysis of the data from the HEAT Study. These results demonstrated that in a large, well bounded, subgroup of patients with a single lesion (n=285, 41% of the HEAT Study patients), treatment with a combination of ThermoDox® and optimized RFA provided an average 54% risk improvement in OS compared to optimized RFA alone. The Hazard Ratio ("HR") at this analysis is 0.65 (95% CI 0.45 - 0.94) with a p-value of 0.02. Median OS for the ThermoDox® group has been reached which translates into a two year survival benefit over the optimized RFA group (projected to be greater than 80 months for the ThermoDox® plus optimized RFA group compared to less than 60 months projection for the optimized RFA only group). Additional findings from this most recent analysis specific to the Chinese patient cohort of 223 patients are summarized below:

In the population of 154 patients with a single lesion who received optimized RFA treatment for 45 minutes or more showed a 53% risk improvement in OS (HR = 0.66) when treated with ThermoDox® plus optimized RFA.

These data continue to support and further strengthen ThermoDox®'s potential to significantly improve OS compared to an RFA control in patients with lesions that undergo optimized RFA treatment for 45 minutes or more. The clinical benefit seen in the intent-to-treat Chinese patient cohort further confirms the importance of RFA heating time as 72% of patients in this large patient cohort in China received an optimized RFA treatment.

While this information should be viewed with caution since it is based on a retrospective analysis of a subgroup, we also conducted additional analyses that further strengthen the evidence for the HEAT Study sub-group. We commissioned an independent computational model at the University of South Carolina Medical School. The results indicate that longer RFA heating times correlate with significant increases in doxorubicin concentration around the RFA treated tissue. In addition, we conducted a prospective preclinical study in 22 pigs using two different manufacturers of RFA and human equivalent doses of ThermoDox® that clearly support the relationship between increased heating duration and doxorubicin concentrations.

On November 29, 2016, the Company announced the results of an independent analysis conducted by the National Institutes of Health (the "NIH") from the HEAT Study which reaffirmed the correlation between increased RFA burn time per tumor volume and improvements in overall survival. The NIH analysis, which sought to evaluate the correlation between RFA burn time per tumor volume (min/ml) and clinical outcome, concluded that increased burn time per tumor volume significantly improved overall survival in patients treated with RFA plus ThermoDox® compared to patients treated with RFA alone. For all patients with single lesions treated with RFA plus ThermoDox®:

One unit increase in RFA duration per tumor volume improved overall survival by 20% (p=0.017; n=227);



More significant differences in subgroup of patients with RFA burn times per tumor volume greater than 2.5 minutes per ml;

Cox multiple covariate analysis showed overall survival to be significant ( $p=0.038$ ; Hazard Ratio = 0.85); and

Burn time per tumor volume did not have a significant effect on overall survival in single lesion patients treated with RFA only.

***The HEAT Study.*** On January 31, 2013, the Company announced that the HEAT Study, ThermoDox® in combination with RFA, did not meet the primary endpoint, PFS, of a Phase III clinical trial enrolling 701 patients with primary liver cancer. This determination was made after conferring with the HEAT Study independent DMC, that the HEAT Study did not meet the goal of demonstrating a clinically meaningful improvement in progression free survival. In the trial, ThermoDox® was well-tolerated with no unexpected serious adverse events. Following the announcement of the HEAT Study results, we continued to follow patients for OS, the secondary endpoint of the HEAT Study. We have conducted a comprehensive analysis of the data from the HEAT Study to assess the future strategic value and development strategy for ThermoDox®.

***The DIGNITY Study.*** On December 14, 2015, we announced final data from our ongoing DIGNITY study, which is an open-label, dose-escalating Phase II trial of ThermoDox® in patients with recurrent chest wall (“RCW”) breast cancer. The DIGNITY Study was designed to establish a safe therapeutic dose in Phase I, and to demonstrate local control in Phase II, including complete and partial responses, and stable disease as its primary endpoint. The DIGNITY Study was also designed to evaluate kinetics in ThermoDox® produced from more than one manufacturing site. Of the 29 patients enrolled and treated, 21 patients were eligible for evaluation of efficacy. Approximately 62% of evaluable patients experienced a local response, including six complete responses and seven partial responses.

***The Euro-DIGNITY Study.*** We anticipate that a Phase II study of RadioTherapy, HyperThermia and ThermoDox® to treat patients with local-regional recurrent chest wall breast cancer will be initiated by five to six clinical sites located in Italy, Israel, Poland and the Czech Republic (the “Euro-DIGNITY Study”). The Euro-DIGNITY Study is expected to commence in the second half of 2017 and should enroll up to 70 patients affected by recurrent breast adenocarcinoma on the chest wall with/without nodes over a period of two years.

The primary objectives of the Euro-DIGNITY Study will be (i) to evaluate efficacy in patients after 3 cycles of ThermoDox® plus Hyperthermia measuring tumor diameter as a response to therapy and (ii) to evaluate loco-regional breast tumor control in patients who undergo ThermoDox®/hyperthermia/radiotherapy as measured by target lesion clinical response rate combining a RECIST criteria with digital photography to gauge response.

Secondary objectives of the Euro-DIGNITY Study will be (i) to evaluate the safety of the combination of ThermoDox/Hyperthermia/Radiotherapy among patients with local-regional recurrence (“LRR”) breast cancer, (ii) to evaluate the duration of local control complete response, partial response and stable disease following treatment with ThermoDox/Hyperthermia/Radiotherapy up to 24 months among patients with LRR breast cancer and (iii) to assess Patient Reported Quality of Life using the FACT-B and Brief Pain Inventory following treatment with ThermoDox/Hyperthermia/Radiotherapy among patients with LRR breast cancer.

### **Acquisition of EGEN Assets**

On June 20, 2014, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Egen, Inc., an Alabama corporation, which has changed its company name to EGWU, Inc. after the closing of the acquisition (“EGEN”), pursuant to an asset purchase agreement dated as of June 6, 2014, by and between EGEN and Celsion (the “Asset Purchase Agreement”). We acquired all of EGEN’s right, title and interest in and to substantially all of the assets of EGEN, including cash and cash equivalents, patents, trademarks and other intellectual property rights, clinical data, certain contracts, licenses and permits, equipment, furniture, office equipment, furnishings, supplies and other tangible personal property. In addition, CLSN Laboratories assumed certain specified liabilities of EGEN, including the liabilities arising out of the acquired contracts and other assets relating to periods after the closing date.

The total purchase price for the asset acquisition is up to \$44.4 million, including potential future earnout payments of up to \$30.4 million contingent upon achievement of certain earnout milestones set forth in the Asset Purchase Agreement. At the closing, we paid approximately \$3.0 million in cash after the expense adjustment and issued 193,728 shares of our common stock to EGEN. The shares of common stock were issued in a private transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act, pursuant to Section 4(2) thereof. In addition, 47,862 shares of common stock were held back by us at the closing and are issuable to EGEN pending certain potential adjustments for expenses or in relation to EGEN’s indemnification obligations under the Asset Purchase Agreement.

The earnout payments of up to \$30.4 million will become payable, in cash, shares of our common stock or a combination thereof, at our option upon achievement of three major milestone events as follows:

\$12.4 million will become payable upon achieving certain specified development milestones relating to an ovarian cancer study of GEN-1 (formerly known as EGEN-001) to be conducted by us or our subsidiary;

\$12.0 million will become payable upon achieving certain specified development milestones relating to a GEN-1 glioblastoma multiforme brain cancer study to be conducted by us or our subsidiary; and

up to \$6.0 million will become payable upon achieving certain specified milestones relating to the TheraSilence technology acquired from EGEN in the acquisition.

Our obligations to make the earnout payments will terminate on the seventh anniversary of the closing date. In the acquisition, we purchased GEN-1, a DNA-based immunotherapy for the localized treatment of ovarian and brain cancers, and two platform technologies for the development of treatments for those suffering with difficult-to-treat forms of cancer, novel nucleic acid-based immunotherapies and other anti-cancer DNA or RNA therapies, including TheraPlas and TheraSilence.

## **GEN-1**

GEN-1 is a DNA-based immunotherapeutic product for the localized treatment of ovarian and brain cancers by intraperitoneally administering an Interleukin-12 (“IL-12”) plasmid formulated with our proprietary TheraPlas delivery system. In this DNA-based approach, the immunotherapy is combined with a standard chemotherapy drug, which can potentially achieve better clinical outcomes than with chemotherapy alone. We believe that increases in IL-12 concentrations at tumor sites for several days after a single administration could create a potent immune environment against tumor activity and that a direct killing of the tumor with concomitant use of cytotoxic chemotherapy could result in a more robust and durable antitumor response than chemotherapy alone. We believe the rationale for local therapy with GEN-1 are based on the following:

Loco-regional production of the potent cytokine IL-12 avoids toxicities and poor pharmacokinetics associated with systemic delivery of recombinant IL-12

Persistent local delivery of IL-12 lasts up to one week and dosing can be repeated

Ideal for long-term maintenance therapy

**GEN-1 OVATION Study.** In February 2015, we announced that the FDA accepted, without objection, the Phase I dose-escalation clinical trial of GEN-1 in combination with the standard of care in neo-adjuvant ovarian cancer (the “OVATION Study”). On September 30, 2015, we announced enrollment of the first patient in the OVATION Study. The OVATION Study will seek to identify a safe, tolerable and potentially therapeutically active dose of GEN-1 by recruiting and maximizing an immune response and is designed to enroll three to six patients per dose level and will evaluate safety and efficacy and attempt to define an optimal dose for a follow-on Phase I/II study combining GEN-1 with Avastin® and Doxil®. In addition, the OVATION Study establishes a unique opportunity to assess how cytokine-based compounds such as GEN-1, directly affect ovarian cancer cells and the tumor microenvironment in newly diagnosed patients. The study is designed to characterize the nature of the immune response triggered by GEN-1 at various levels of the patients’ immune system, including:

infiltration of cancer fighting T-cell lymphocytes into primary tumor and tumor microenvironment including peritoneal cavity, which is the primary site of metastasis of ovarian cancer;

changes in local and systemic levels of immuno-stimulatory and immunosuppressive cytokines associated with tumor suppression and growth, respectively; and

expression profile of a comprehensive panel of immune related genes in pre-treatment and GEN-1-treated tumor tissue.

We have initiated the OVATION Study at four clinical sites at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Oklahoma University Medical Center, Washington University in St. Louis and the Medical College of Wisconsin. During 2016 and 2017, we announced data from the first four cohorts of patients in the OVATION Study, respectively. The first four cohorts each enrolled three patients. Enrollment of three additional patients in the fourth cohort is ongoing, and Celsion expects to complete the OVATION Study in the first half of 2017. Future studies of GEN-1 may include a Phase I/II study combining GEN-1 with Avastin® and Doxil®. The results of the OVATION Study to date are as follows:

#### Totality of Results in the First Four Cohorts

Of the first twelve patients dosed, one (1) patient demonstrated a complete response (“CR”), eight (8) patients demonstrated partial response (“PR”) and three patients demonstrated stable disease (“SD”), as measured by RECIST criteria. This translates to a 100% disease control rate (“DCR”) and 75% objective response rate (“ORR”).

Eleven patients had successful resections of their tumors, with six (6) patients having an R0 resection, which indicates a microscopically margin-negative resection in which no gross or microscopic tumor remains in the tumor bed, and four (4) patients with a R1 resection, indicating microscopic residual tumor. One patient had an R2, indicating macroscopic residual tumor. One patient in the second cohort was ineligible for debulking surgery due to a medical complication unrelated to the study or the study drug.

Of the eleven surgically treated and evaluable patients, one patient demonstrated a complete pathological response (“cPR”), five (5) patients demonstrated a micro pathological response (“microPR”), and five (5) patients demonstrated a macroPR. These data compare favorably to historical data, which indicate that cPRs are typically seen in less than 7% of patients receiving neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by surgical resection. cPRs have been associated with a median overall survival of 72 months, which is more than three years longer than those who do not experience a cPR. In addition, microPRs are seen in approximately 30% of patients, and are associated with a median overall survival of 38 months.

All eleven patients who completed treatment follow-up experienced a dramatic (greater than 90%) drop in their CA-125 protein levels as of their most recent study visit. CA-125 is used to monitor certain cancers during and after treatment. CA-125 is present in greater concentrations in ovarian cancer cells than in other cells. A 50% reduction in CA-125 levels is considered meaningful.

#### Top Line Translational Data from First Two Cohorts

Celsion also reported initial translational data from the first two cohorts of patients. Tumor and blood samples collected before the start of the neoadjuvant chemotherapy (“NACT”) and after the completion of GEN-1 treatment at debulking surgery are being analyzed for immune cell populations. Top line data demonstrates intriguing immunological changes in the tumor that are consistent with the activation of the immune system. Specifically,

In tumor tissue, there was an increase in cytotoxic CD8+ T-cell density in three out of four evaluable patients at debulking surgery. There was a decrease in immunosuppressive FoxP3+ T-cells in two out of those 4 patients. The ratio of CD8+/FoxP3+ cells was increased in all four evaluable patients. High tumor infiltrating CD8+ T-cell density, low FoxP3+ T-cell density or high CD8+/FoxP3+ ratio demonstrate a potential shift in tumor environment to favoring immune stimulation following NACT + GEN-1 therapy. For the remaining two patients the post-treatment tumor tissue was not available. In one of those two patients there was complete pathological response hence no tumor tissue was present to provide a post-treatment comparison. In the other patient the debulking surgery was not performed due to disease related complications.

In plasma samples, there was no significant change in T-cell density following the treatment. The density of myeloid derived suppressor cells that are associated with immunosuppression in ovarian cancer were either decreased or did not increase in post-treatment samples.

Additional immune analysis of biological tissue including cytokine ELISA from the first two patient cohorts and a complete analysis of the two higher dose cohorts is in progress. We expect to report the final clinical and translational data from the OVATION Study in mid-2017. See “Recent Developments” on page 9.

***GEN-1 Plus Doxil® and Avastin® Trial.*** On April 29, 2015, we announced the expansion of our ovarian cancer development program to include a Phase I dose escalating trial to evaluate GEN-1 in combination with Avastin® and Doxil® in platinum-resistant ovarian cancer patients. This new combination study in platinum-resistant ovarian cancer is supported by three preclinical studies indicating that the combination of GEN-1 with Avastin® may result in significant clinical benefit with a favorable safety profile. Specifically:

In two preclinical studies using an animal model of disseminated ovarian cancer, GEN-1 in combination with Avastin® led to a significant reduction in tumor burden and disease progression. The effectiveness of the combined treatment was seen when GEN-1 was combined with various dose levels of Avastin® (low-medium-high). Additionally, it was shown that GEN-1 treatment alone resulted in anti-tumor activity that was as good as or better than Avastin® treatment alone.

The preclinical studies indicated that no obvious overt toxicities were associated with the combined treatments of GEN-1 and Avastin®. The preclinical data are also consistent with the mechanism of action for GEN-1, which exhibits certain anti-angiogenic properties and suggests that combining GEN-1 with lower doses of Avastin® may enhance efficacy and help reduce the known toxicities associated with this anti-VEGF drug.

The distinct biological activities of GEN-1 (immune stimulation) and Avastin® (inhibition of tumor blood vessel formation) also suggest scientific rationale for this combination approach. Additionally, the anti-angiogenic activity of GEN-1 mediated through up regulation of the interferon gamma (“IFN-g”) pathway may help to explain the synergy between GEN-1 and Avastin® and potentially addresses the VEGF escape mechanisms associated with resistance to Avastin® therapy.

***TheraPlas Technology Platform.*** TheraPlas is a technology platform for the delivery of DNA and messenger RNA (“mRNA”) therapeutics via synthetic non-viral carriers and is capable of providing cell transfection for double-stranded DNA plasmids and large therapeutic RNA segments such as mRNA. There are two components of the TheraPlas system, a plasmid DNA or mRNA payload encoding a therapeutic protein and a delivery system. The delivery system is designed to protect the DNA/RNA from degradation and promote trafficking into cells and through intracellular compartments. We designed the delivery system of TheraPlas by chemically modifying the low molecular weight polymer to improve its gene transfer activity without increasing toxicity. We believe TheraPlas is a viable alternative to current approaches to gene delivery due to several distinguishing characteristics, including enhanced molecular versatility that allows for complex modifications to improve activity and safety.

***Technology Development and Licensing Agreements.*** Our current efforts and resources are applied on the development and commercialization of cancer drugs including tumor-targeting chemotherapy treatments using focused heat energy in combination with heat-activated drug delivery systems, immunotherapies and RNA-based therapies. To support our research and development, we raised gross proceeds of approximately \$127.2 million in

equity financings and warrant and option exercises in the years 2010 through 2015. During 2016, we raised gross proceeds of \$7.8 million through two registered direct equity financings with several institutional investors. In the first quarter of 2017, we raised \$5.0 million in gross proceeds from a public offering equity financing and \$0.1 million from the exercise of warrants to purchase common stock. We had cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and interest receivable totaling \$4.5 million at March 31, 2017. We have one credit facility for a total principle amount of up to \$20 million and have drawn down \$10 million under this credit facility.

On August 8, 2016, we signed a Technology Transfer, Manufacturing and Commercial Supply Agreement (the “GEN-1 Agreement”) with Zhejiang Hisun Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. (“Hisun”) to pursue an expanded partnership for the technology transfer relating to the clinical and commercial manufacture and supply of GEN-1, Celsion’s proprietary gene mediated, IL-12 immunotherapy, for the greater China territory, with the option to expand into other countries in the rest of the world after all necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. The GEN-1 Agreement will help to support supply for both ongoing and planned clinical studies in the United States, and for potential future studies of GEN-1 in China. GEN-1 is currently being evaluated by Celsion in first line ovarian cancer patients.

In June 2012, Celsion and Hisun signed a long-term commercial supply agreement for the production of ThermoDox®. Hisun is one the largest manufacturers of chemotherapy agents globally, including doxorubicin. In July 2013, the ThermoDox® collaboration was expanded to focus on next generation liposomal formulation development with the goal of creating safer, more efficacious versions of marketed cancer chemotherapeutics. During 2015, Hisun successfully completed the manufacture of three registration batches for ThermoDox® and has obtained regulatory approvals to supply ThermoDox® to participating clinical trial sites in all of the countries of South East Asia, Europe and North America, as well as to the European Union countries allowing for early access to ThermoDox®. The future manufacturing of clinical and commercial supplies by Hisun will result in a cost structure allowing Celsion to profitably access all global markets, including third world countries, and help accelerate the Company’s product development program in China for ThermoDox® in primary liver cancer and other approved indications.

## **Business Strategy and Development Plan**

We have not generated and do not expect to generate any revenue from product sales in the next several years, if at all. An element of our business strategy has been to pursue, as resources permit, the research and development of a range of product candidates for a variety of indications. We may also evaluate licensing cancer products from third parties for cancer treatments to expand our current product pipeline. This is intended to allow us to diversify the risks associated with our research and development expenditures. To the extent we are unable to maintain a broad range of product candidates, our dependence on the success of one or a few product candidates would increase and results such as those announced in relation to the HEAT study on January 31, 2013 will have a more significant impact on our financial prospects, financial condition and market value. We may also consider and evaluate strategic alternatives, including investment in, or acquisition of, complementary businesses, technologies or products. As demonstrated by the HEAT Study results, drug research and development is an inherently uncertain process and there is a high risk of failure at every stage prior to approval. The timing and the outcome of clinical results are extremely difficult to predict. The success or failure of any preclinical development and clinical trial can have a disproportionately positive or negative impact on our results of operations, financial condition, prospects and market value.

Our current business strategy includes the possibility of entering into collaborative arrangements with third parties to complete the development and commercialization of our product candidates. In the event that third parties take over the clinical trial process for one or more of our product candidates, the estimated completion date would largely be under the control of that third party rather than us. We cannot forecast with any degree of certainty which proprietary products or indications, if any, will be subject to future collaborative arrangements, in whole or in part, and how such arrangements would affect our development plan or capital requirements. We may also apply for subsidies, grants or government or agency-sponsored studies that could reduce our development costs.

As of March 31, 2017, we have \$4.5 million dollars in cash and short term investments. Given our development plans, we anticipate cash resources will be sufficient to fund our operations into mid-2017 and the Company has no committed sources of additional capital. The Company has a Controlled Equity Offering SM Sales Agreement (the "ATM Agreement") with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. As a result of the risks and uncertainties discussed in our 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, among others, we are unable to estimate the duration and completion costs of our research and development projects or when, if ever, and to what extent we will receive cash inflows from the commercialization and sale of a product. Our inability to complete any of our research and development activities, preclinical studies or clinical trials in a timely manner or our failure to enter into collaborative agreements when appropriate could significantly increase our capital requirements and could adversely impact our liquidity. While our estimated future capital requirements are uncertain and could increase or decrease as a result of many factors, including the extent to which we choose to advance our research, development activities, preclinical studies and clinical trials, or if we are in a position to pursue manufacturing or commercialization activities, we will need significant additional capital to develop our product candidates through development and clinical trials, obtain regulatory approvals and manufacture and commercialize approved products, if any. We do not know whether we will be able to access additional capital when needed or on terms favorable to us or our stockholders. Our inability to raise additional capital, or to do so on terms reasonably acceptable to us, would jeopardize the future success of our business. Based on the above, our management has determined there is substantial doubt regarding our ability to continue as a going concern. The report of our



independent registered accounting firm included in our 2016 Form 10K dated March 24, 2017, includes an explanatory paragraph which express substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

## **Recent Developments**

On May 26, 2017, the Company effected a reverse stock split of our common stock at an exchange ratio of 14-to-1 (the "Reverse Stock Split") and set the number of authorized shares of common stock outstanding immediately after the split at 112.5 million shares. As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, every fourteen shares of common stock outstanding immediately prior to the effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split were combined and converted into one share of common stock immediately thereafter without any change in the per share par value. The Company's common stock started to trade on the post-split basis at the commencement of trading on May 30, 2017 under a new CUSIP number 15117N503 with the same ticker symbol, CLSN. Unless otherwise expressly stated, the share and per share data in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus have been adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

Celsion reported clinical data from the first fourteen patients who completed treatment in the Company's OVATION Study, a Phase 1b dose escalating clinical trial combining GEN-1, the Company's DNA -based immunotherapy, with the standard of care for the treatment of newly-diagnosed patients with advanced (stage III/IV) ovarian cancer who will undergo neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by interval debulking surgery. The results are summarized below:

Of the fourteen patients treated to date in the entire study, two (2) patients demonstrated a complete response, ten (10) patients demonstrated a partial response and two (2) patients demonstrated stable disease, as measured by RECIST criteria. This translates to a 100% disease control rate ("DCR") and an 86% objective response rate ("ORR"). Of the five patients treated in the highest dose cohort, there was a 100% objective response rate with one (1) complete response and four (4) partial responses.

Fourteen patients had successful resections of their tumors, with nine (9) patients (64%) having an R0 resection, which indicates a microscopically margin-negative resection in which no gross or microscopic tumor remains in the tumor bed. Of the five patients treated at the highest dose cohort, all five patients (100%) experienced a R0 surgical resection.

One patient demonstrated a pathological complete response (pCR). pCRs are typically seen in less than 7% of patients receiving neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by surgical resection, and have been associated with a median overall survival (OS) of 72 months, which is more than three years longer than those who do not experience a pCR.

All patients experienced a clinically significant decrease in their CA-125 protein levels as of their most recent study visit. CA-125 is used to monitor certain cancers during and after treatment. CA-125 is present in greater concentrations in ovarian cancer cells than in other cells.

Celsion also reported supportive translational research data from the first four patient cohorts who have completed treatment in the OVATION Study. Celsion believes that the translational data from the first four patients demonstrates that GEN-1 is potentially producing beneficial cytokines and potentially impacting T-cells in the tumor.

On February 22, 2013, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain investors pursuant to which the Company agreed, among other things, to issue warrants (the "2013 Warrants") to purchase up to 95,811 shares of our common stock to such investors in a registered direct offering. On January 15, 2014, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain investors pursuant to which the Company agreed, among other things, to issue warrants (the "2014 Warrants") to purchase up to 64,348 shares of our common stock to such investors in a registered direct offering. On June 13, 2016, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain investors pursuant to which the Company agreed, among other things, to issue warrants (the "2016 Warrants" and together with the 2013 Warrants and 2014 Warrants, the "2013, 2014 and 2016 Original Warrants") to purchase up to 630,252 shares of our common stock to such investors in a registered direct offering. On June 9, 2017, the Company entered into warrant exercise agreements (the "June 9, 2017 Exercise Agreements") with certain holders of the 2013, 2014 and 2016 Original Warrants (the "June 9, 2017 Exercising Holders"), which the June 9, 2017 Exercising Holders own, in the aggregate, 2013, 2014 and 2016 Original Warrants exercisable for 790,411 shares of our common stock. Pursuant to the June 9, 2017 Exercise Agreements, the June 9, 2017 Exercising Holders and the Company agreed that the June 9, 2017 Exercising Holders would exercise their 2013, 2014 and 2016 Original Warrants with

respect to 790,411 shares of our common stock underlying such Original Warrants for a reduced exercise price equal to \$2.70 per share. The Company received aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$2.1 million from the exercise of the Original Warrants by the Exercising Holders.

On June 19, 2017, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement (the “June 19, 2017 Securities Purchase Agreement”) with certain investors pursuant to which Celsion agreed, among other things, to issue common stock and warrants to such investors in a registered direct offering. On June 22, 2017, Celsion entered into termination agreements (the “June 22, 2017 Termination Agreements”) with the same investors pursuant to which the Company and such investors agreed, among other things, to terminate the June 19, 2017 Securities Purchase Agreement (provided, however, that the indemnification provisions of the June 19, 2017 Securities Purchase Agreement, would remain in full force and effect) and the Company would pay the fees and expenses of each investor and its respective advisers, counsel, accountants and other experts, if any, and all other expenses incurred by such investor incident to the negotiation, preparation, execution, delivery and performance of the June 22, 2017 Termination Agreements.

On May 27, 2015, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain investors pursuant to which the Company agreed, among other things, to issue warrants (the “2015 Warrants”) to purchase up to 139,284 shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 (“Common Stock”), to such investors in a registered direct offering. Also as previously reported, on December 20, 2016, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain investors pursuant to which the Company agreed, among other things, to issue warrants (the “December 2016 Warrants” and together with the 2015 Warrants, the “2015 and 2016 Original Warrants”) to purchase up to 367,343 shares of Common Stock to such investors in a registered direct offering. Pursuant to the terms of the June 22, 2017 Termination Agreements, the Company agreed, among other things, to reprice the 2015 and 2016 Original Warrants to an exercise price equal to \$1.65 per share. As of July 5, 2017, all the 2015 and 2016 Original Warrants were exercised and the Company received approximately \$0.8 million.

On July 6, 2017, the “Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with several investors, pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell, in a registered direct offering, an aggregate of 2,050,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company at an offering price of \$2.07 per share for gross proceeds of \$4,243,500 before the deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses. In addition, the Company sold Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants to purchase 385,000 shares of common stock (and the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants), in lieu of shares of common stock to the extent that the purchase of common stock would cause the beneficial ownership of the Purchaser, together with its affiliates and certain related parties, to exceed 9.99% of our common stock. The Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants were sold at an offering price of \$2.06 per share for gross proceeds of \$793,100 before deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses.

In a concurrent private placement, the Company agreed to issue to each investor, for each share of common stock and pre-funded warrant purchased in the offering, a Series AAA Warrant and Series BBB Warrant, each to purchase one share of common stock. The Series AAA Warrants are initially exercisable six months following issuance, and terminate five and one-half years following issuance. The Series AAA Warrants have an exercise price of \$2.07 per share and are exercisable to purchase an aggregate of 2,435,000 shares of common stock. The Series BBB Warrants are immediately exercisable following issuance, and terminate twelve months following issuance. The Series BBB Warrants have an exercise price of \$4.75 per share and are exercisable to purchase an aggregate of 2,435,000 shares of common stock. Subject to limited exceptions, a holder of a Series AAA and Series BBB Warrant will not have the right to exercise any portion of its warrants if the holder, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own in excess of 9.99% of the number of shares of common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise (the “Beneficial Ownership Limitation”); provided, however, that upon 61 days’ prior notice to the Company, the holder may increase or decrease the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, provided that in no event shall the Beneficial Ownership Limitation exceed 9.99%.

## **Corporate Information**

We were founded in 1982 and are a Delaware corporation. Our shares of common stock trade on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “CLSN.” Our principal executive offices are located at 997 Lenox Drive, Suite 100, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648. Our telephone number is (609) 896-9100 and our website is [www.celsion.com](http://www.celsion.com). The information available on or through our website is not part of, nor incorporated by reference into, this prospectus, and should not be relied upon.

## Description of the Private Placement

On July 6, 2017, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with certain investors, who are the selling stockholders identified in this prospectus under the caption “Selling Stockholders,” pursuant to which we agreed to issue and sell, in a registered direct offering (the “Offering”), an aggregate of 2,050,000 shares (the “Shares”) of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (“Common Stock”) at an offering price of \$2.07 per share for gross proceeds of \$4,243,500 before the deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses. In addition, the Company sold Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants to purchase 385,000 shares of Common Stock (and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants), in lieu of shares of Common Stock to the extent that the purchase of Common Stock would cause the beneficial ownership of the investor, together with its affiliates and certain related parties, to exceed 9.99% of our Common Stock. The Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants were sold at an offering price of \$2.06 per share for gross proceeds of \$793,100 before deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses.

In a concurrent private placement (the “Private Placement”), the Company agreed to issue to each investor, for each share of Common Stock and Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrant purchased in the Offering, a Series AAA Warrant and Series BBB Warrant, each to purchase one share of Common Stock (the “Warrants”). The Series AAA Warrants are initially exercisable six months following issuance, and terminate five and one-half years following issuance. The Series AAA Warrants have an exercise price of \$2.07 per share and are exercisable to purchase an aggregate of 2,435,000 shares of Common Stock. The Series BBB Warrants are immediately exercisable following issuance, and terminate twelve months following issuance. The Series BBB Warrants have an exercise price of \$4.75 per share and are exercisable to purchase an aggregate of 2,435,000 shares of Common Stock. Subject to limited exceptions, a holder of a Series AAA and Series BBB Warrant will not have the right to exercise any portion of its warrants if the holder, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise (the “Beneficial Ownership Limitation”); provided, however, that upon 61 days’ prior notice to the Company, the holder may increase or decrease the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, provided that in no event shall the Beneficial Ownership Limitation exceed 9.99%.

We filed the registration statement on Form S-1, of which this prospectus is a part, to fulfill our contractual obligations under the Purchase Agreement to provide for the resale by these investors of up to 4,870,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants. We agree to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such registration to become effective 60 days following the date of issuance of the warrants and to keep such registration statement effective at all times until (a) the warrant shares are sold under such registration statement or pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, (b) the warrant shares may be sold without volume or manner-of-sale restrictions pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and (c) the five and one-half year anniversary of the date of the issuance of the warrants, whichever is the earliest to occur.



## The Offering

**Shares of common stock offered by the selling stockholders:** 4,870,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the outstanding common stock purchase warrants.

**Shares of common stock outstanding before this offering:** 3,961,892 shares (as more fully described in the notes following this table)

**Shares of common stock outstanding after completion of this offering, assuming full exercise of the common stock purchase warrants:** 8,831,892 shares (as more fully described in the notes following this table)

## Terms of the Offering:

The selling stockholders, including their transferees, donees, pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest, may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus from time to time on The NASDAQ Capital Market or any other stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. The shares of common stock may be sold at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market price or at negotiated prices.

## Use of Proceeds:

All proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the outstanding common stock warrants will be for the account of the selling stockholders. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common stock offered pursuant to this prospectus. However, we will receive proceeds upon any cash exercise of the common stock warrants. See the section titled "Use of Proceeds" in this prospectus.

## NASDAQ Capital Market symbol:

CLSN

## Trading:

Our shares of common stock currently trade on The NASDAQ Capital Market. There is no established trading market for the common stock purchase warrants and we do not intend to list the common stock purchase warrants on any exchange or other trading system.

## Risk Factors:

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk and purchasers of our securities may lose their entire investment. See "Risk Factors" below and the other information included elsewhere in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider before deciding to invest in our securities.

The number of shares of our common stock shown above to be outstanding immediately before and after this offering is based on 3,961,892 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2017 (after giving retroactive effect to the Reverse Stock Split on May 30, 2017), and excludes, as of such date:

177,032 shares of our common stock subject to outstanding options having a weighted average exercise price of \$37.66 per share, and 3,357 shares of common stock subject to outstanding non-vested restricted stock awards with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$42.14 per share;

65,195 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance pursuant to our existing stock incentive plans;

2,504,451 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants outstanding as of March 31, 2017, having a weighted average exercise price of \$17.08 per share;

up to 47,862 shares of common stock held back by us at the closing of the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Egen, Inc., an Alabama corporation which has changed its company name to EGWU, Inc. after the closing of the acquisition (EGEN), and shares of common stock that we may be required to issue in the future, subject to the requisite approval of our stockholders, for earnout payments of up to \$30.4 million upon achievement, if any, of the earnout milestones set forth in the asset purchase agreement dated as of June 6, 2014, by and between EGEN and us;

Any shares issued upon the exercise of any warrants subsequent to March 31, 2017; and

334 shares of our common stock held as treasury stock.



## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information contained in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus before you decide to purchase our securities. In particular, you should carefully consider and evaluate the risks and uncertainties described in “Part I — Item 1A. Risk Factors” of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as updated by the additional risks and uncertainties set forth in our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in other filings we make with the SEC, as well as the risks and uncertainties described under the heading “Risk Factors” contained in the applicable prospectus or in any other document incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Any of the risks and uncertainties set forth therein could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition, which in turn could materially and adversely affect the trading price or value of our securities. As a result, you could lose all or part of your investment.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

All shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus are being registered for the account of the selling stockholders. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares. We will receive proceeds from the cash exercise of the warrants which, if exercised in cash with respect to all of the 4,870,000 shares of common stock, would result in gross proceeds of \$16,606,700 to us. We will use any proceeds received by us from the cash exercise of the warrants for general corporate purposes, including research and development activities, capital expenditures and working capital. We may also use all or a portion of such proceeds to fund possible investments in, or acquisitions of, complementary businesses, technologies or products, but we currently have no agreements or commitments with respect to any investment or acquisition. We cannot predict when or if the warrants will be exercised, and it is possible that the warrants may expire and never be exercised.

**MARKET INFORMATION FOR OUR COMMON STOCK**

The following table sets forth the high and low reported closing sale prices on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the periods indicated: The historical closing sale prices have been adjusted for the Reverse Stock Split on May 30, 2017.

<b>Period</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b><u>Year Ending December 31, 2017</u></b>		
First Quarter	\$ 7.14	\$ 2.94
Second Quarter	\$ 4.34	\$ 2.05
Third Quarter (through August 1, 2017)	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.69
<b><u>Year Ended December 31, 2016</u></b>		
First Quarter	\$ 27.86	\$ 14.56
Second Quarter	\$ 24.92	\$ 18.20
Third Quarter	\$ 18.76	\$ 16.80
Fourth Quarter	\$ 13.86	\$ 4.20
<b><u>Year Ended December 31, 2015</u></b>		
First Quarter	\$ 49.56	\$ 30.10
Second Quarter	\$ 49.98	\$ 33.88
Third Quarter	\$ 38.08	\$ 22.82
Fourth Quarter	\$ 32.34	\$ 22.54

On August 1, 2017, the last reported closing price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$1.69 per share.

### **Dividend Policy**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock and do not currently anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain all of our future earnings, if any, to finance operations. Any future determination relating to our dividend policy will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on a number of factors, including future earnings, capital requirements, financial conditions, future prospects, contractual restrictions and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

### **Holdings of Record**

As of March 31, 2017, there were approximately 16,000 holders of record of our common stock. The actual number of stockholders is greater than this number of record stockholders and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees. This number of stockholders of record also does not include stockholders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

### **General**

Our authorized capital stock consists of 112,500,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 100,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share. As of March 31, 2017, there were 3,961,892 shares of our common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

The following summary description of our capital stock is based on the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (DGCL), and on the provisions of our certificate of incorporation, as amended (our certificate of incorporation), and our bylaws, as amended (our bylaws). This information is qualified entirely by reference to the applicable provisions of the DGCL, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws. For information on how to obtain copies of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, which are exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, see the section titled “Where You Can Find Additional Information” in this prospectus.

### **Common Stock**

Holders of common stock to be registered hereunder are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Subject to any preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the board of directors of the Company (our board) out of funds legally available therefor. In the event of a dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the Company, holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and any preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock.

Holders of common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock which may be designated and issued in the future.

### **Preferred Stock**

Pursuant to our certificate of incorporation, our board has the authority, without further action by the stockholders (unless such stockholder action is required by applicable law or NASDAQ rules), to designate and issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, to fix the designations, powers (including voting), privileges, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof and to increase or decrease the number of shares of any such series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding.

The DGCL provides that the holders of preferred stock will have the right to vote separately as a class or, in some cases, as a series on an amendment to our certificate of incorporation if the amendment would change the par value or, unless our certificate of incorporation provides otherwise, the number of authorized shares of the class or the powers, preferences or special rights of the class or series so as to adversely affect the class or series, as the case may be. This right is in addition to any voting rights that may be provided in the applicable certificate of designation.

Our board may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of our common stock or other securities. Preferred stock could be issued quickly with terms designed to delay or prevent a change in control of our company or make removal of management more difficult. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of decreasing the market price of our common stock.

## **Anti-Takeover Considerations and Special Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation, Our Bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law**

### ***Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws***

A number of provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws concern matters of corporate governance and the rights of our stockholders. Provisions that grant our board the ability to issue shares of preferred stock and to set the voting rights, preferences and other terms thereof may discourage takeover attempts that are not first approved by our board, including takeovers that may be considered by some stockholders to be in their best interests, such as those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares held by stockholders. Certain provisions could delay or impede the removal of incumbent directors even if such removal would be beneficial to our stockholders, such as the classification of our board and the lack of cumulative voting. Since our board has the power to retain and discharge our officers, these provisions could also make it more difficult for existing stockholders or another party to effect a change in management.

These provisions may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying changes in our control or in our management. These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continued stability in the composition of our board and in the policies they implement and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened change of our control. These provisions are designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal. The provisions also are intended to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and, as a consequence, they also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our shares that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts.

These provisions also could discourage or make more difficult a merger, tender offer or proxy contest, even if they could be favorable to the interests of stockholders, and could potentially depress the market price of our common stock. Our board believes that these provisions are appropriate to protect our interests and the interests of our stockholders.

*Classification of Board; No Cumulative Voting.* Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide for our board to be divided into three classes, with staggered three-year terms. Only one class of directors is elected at each annual meeting of our stockholders, with the other classes continuing for the remainder of their respective three-year terms. Because our stockholders do not have cumulative voting rights, our stockholders representing a majority of the shares of common stock outstanding will be able to elect all of our directors due to be elected at each annual meeting of our stockholders.

*Meetings of and Actions by Stockholders.* Our bylaws provide that annual meetings of our stockholders may take place at the time and place designated by our board. A special meeting of our stockholders may be called at any time by our board, the chairman of our board or the president. Our bylaws provide that (i) our board can fix separate record dates for determining stockholders entitled to receive notice of a stockholder meeting and for determining stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting; (ii) we may hold a stockholder meeting by means of remote communications; (iii) any stockholder seeking to have the stockholders authorize or take corporate action by written consent shall, by written notice to the secretary of the Company, request that the board fix a record date and the board shall adopt a resolution fixing the record date in all events within ten calendar days after a request is received; and (iv) a written consent of stockholders shall not be effective unless a written consent signed by a sufficient number of stockholders to take such action is received by us within 60 calendar days of the earliest dated written consent received.

*Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations.* Our bylaws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before an annual meeting of stockholders or to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders must provide timely notice in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to, or mailed and received by, the secretary of the Company at our principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the 90th calendar day, nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th calendar day in advance of the date specified in the Company's proxy statement released to stockholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders. If the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 calendar days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so not earlier than

the close of business on the 120th calendar day in advance of such date of annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th calendar day in advance of such date of annual meeting or the tenth calendar day following the date on which public announcement of the date of the meeting is made. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of an advance notice by any stockholder. Any stockholder that proposes director nominations or other business must be a stockholder of record at the time the advance notice is delivered by such stockholder to us and entitled to vote at the meeting. Our bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions may preclude stockholders from bringing matters before an annual meeting of stockholders or from making nominations for the election of directors at an annual meeting of stockholders. Unless otherwise required by law, any director nomination or other business shall not be made or transacted if the stockholder (or a qualified representative of the stockholder) does not appear at the meeting to present the director nominee or other proposed business.

*Filling of Board Vacancies.* Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that the authorized size of our board shall be determined by the board by board resolution from time to time and that our board has the exclusive power to fill any vacancies and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors and the stockholders do not have the power to fill such vacancies. Vacancies in our board and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors on our board may be filled by a majority of the directors remaining in office, even though that number may be less than a quorum of our board, or by a sole remaining director. A director so elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remaining term of the predecessor he or she replaced and until his or her successor is elected and has qualified, or until his or her earlier resignation, removal or death.

*Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation.* Our certificate of incorporation may be amended, altered, changed or repealed at a meeting of our stockholders entitled to vote thereon by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding stock entitled to vote thereon and a majority of the outstanding stock of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, in the manner prescribed by the DGCL.

*Amendment of the Bylaws.* Our bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new bylaws may be adopted, by either our board or the affirmative vote of at least  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  percent of the voting power of our outstanding shares of capital stock.

***Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law***

We are subject to Section 203 of the DGCL, which prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, with the following exceptions:

before such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85 percent of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction began, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned (i) by persons who are directors and also officers and (ii) pursuant to employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; and

on or after such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  percent of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

In general, Section 203 defines a business combination to include the following:

any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;

any sale, lease, transfer, pledge or other disposition of ten percent or more of the assets of the corporation to or with the interested stockholder;

subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;



any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock or any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; and

the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loss, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 of the DGCL defines an “interested stockholder” as an entity or person who, together with the entity’s or person’s affiliates and associates, beneficially owns, or is an affiliate of the corporation and within three years prior to the time of determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A Delaware corporation may “opt out” of these provisions with an express provision in its certificate of incorporation. We have not opted out of these provisions, which may as a result, discourage or prevent mergers or other takeover or change of control attempts of us.

### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (AST), located at 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219. AST’s phone number is (800) 937-5449.

### **NASDAQ Capital Market Listing**

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “CLSN.”

## SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

This prospectus covers an aggregate of up to 4,870,000 shares of our common stock that may be sold or otherwise disposed of by the selling stockholders. Such shares are issuable to the selling stockholders upon the exercise of the common stock purchase warrants we issued to the selling stockholders in a private placement transaction.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to each selling stockholder, including (i) the shares of our common stock beneficially owned by the selling stockholder prior to this offering, (ii) the number of shares being offered by the selling stockholder pursuant to this prospectus and (iii) the selling stockholder's beneficial ownership after completion of this offering, assuming that all of the shares covered hereby (but none of the other shares, if any, held by the selling stockholders) are sold. The registration of the shares of common stock issuable to the selling stockholders upon the exercise of the warrants does not necessarily mean that the selling stockholders will sell all or any of such shares.

The table is based on information supplied to us by the selling stockholders, with beneficial ownership and percentage ownership determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to shares of stock. This information does not necessarily indicate beneficial ownership for any other purpose. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a selling stockholder and the percentage ownership of that selling stockholder, shares of common stock subject to warrants held by that selling stockholder that are exercisable as of March 31, 2017, or exercisable within 60 days after March 31, 2017, are deemed outstanding. Such shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. The percentage of beneficial ownership after this offering is based on 3,961,892 shares outstanding on March 31, 2017.

The registration of these shares of common stock does not mean that the selling stockholders will sell or otherwise dispose of all or any of those securities. The selling stockholders may sell or otherwise dispose of all, a portion or none of such shares from time to time. We do not know the number of shares, if any, that will be offered for sale or other disposition by any of the selling stockholders under this prospectus. Furthermore, the selling stockholders may have sold, transferred or disposed of the shares of common stock covered hereby in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act since the date on which we filed this prospectus.

To our knowledge and except as noted below, none of the selling stockholders has, or within the past three years has had, any position, office or other material relationship with us or any of our predecessors or affiliates.

**Beneficial  
Ownership**

**Beneficial Ownership After This  
Offering**

Selling Stockholder <sup>(1)</sup>	Before This Offering		Number of Shares Owned	Percentage of Outstanding Shares
	Number of Shares Owned	Shares Underlying Warrants Offered Hereby <sup>(8)</sup>		
Sabby Management, LLC <sup>(2)</sup>	395,793	(5) 1,940,000	396,793	(5) 9.99%
Anson Investments Master Fund <sup>(3)</sup>	395,793	(6) 1,640,000	396,793	(6) 9.99%
Intracoastal Capital LLC <sup>(4)</sup>	255,619	(7) 1,290,000	255,619	(7) 6.45%

(1) This table and the information in the notes below are based upon information supplied by the selling stockholders, including reports and amendments thereto filed with the SEC on Schedule 13G.

Sabby Management, LLC is the investment manager of Sabby Healthcare Master Fund, Ltd. and Sabby Volatility Warrant Master Fund, Ltd. and shares voting and investment power with respect to these shares in this capacity. As manager of Sabby Management, LLC, Hal Mintz also shares voting and investment power on behalf of each selling stockholder. Each of Sabby Management, LLC and Hal Mintz disclaims beneficial ownership over the securities listed except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. The address of the principal business office of each of Sabby Healthcare Master Fund, Ltd., Sabby Volatility Warrant Master Fund, Ltd., Sabby Management, LLC and Hal Mintz is 10 Mountainview Road, Suite 205, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458. Neither Sabby Healthcare Master Fund, Ltd. nor Sabby Volatility Warrant Master Fund, Ltd. is a registered broker-dealer or an affiliate of a registered broker-dealer.

M5V Advisors Inc. (“M5V”) and Frigate Ventures LP (“Frigate”), the Co-Investment Advisers of Anson Investments Master Fund LP (“Anson”), hold voting and dispositive power over the shares of our common stock held by Anson. Bruce Winson is the managing member of Admiralty Advisors LLC, which is the general partner of Frigate. Moez Kassam and Adam Spears are directors of M5V. Mr. Winson, Mr. Kassam and Mr. Spears each disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. The principal business address of Anson is 190 Elgin Ave, George Town, Grand Cayman. Anson is not a registered broker-dealer or an affiliate of a registered broker-dealer.

Mitchell P. Kopin and Daniel B. Asher, each of whom are managers of Intracoastal Capital LLC ("Intracoastal"), have shared voting control and investment discretion over the securities reported herein that are held by Intracoastal. As a result, each of Mr. Kopin and Mr. Asher may be deemed to have beneficial ownership (as determined under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) of the securities reported herein that are held by Intracoastal. Mr. Asher, who is a manager of Intracoastal, is also a control person of a broker-dealer. As a result of such (4) common control, Intracoastal may be deemed to be an affiliate of a broker-dealer. Intracoastal acquired the ordinary shares being registered hereunder in the ordinary course of business, and at the time of the acquisition of the ordinary shares and warrants described herein, Intracoastal did not have any arrangements or understandings with any person to distribute such securities. The principal business address of Mr. Kopin and Intracoastal is 245 Palm Trail, Delray Beach, Florida 33483. The principal business address of Mr. Asher is 111 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60604.

Excluding 1,940,000 shares of common stock, issuable upon exercise of the common stock purchase warrants being offered for resale pursuant to this prospectus, the terms of which warrants include a blocker provision that restricts exercise to the extent the securities beneficially owned by the selling stockholder and its affiliates would represent beneficial ownership in excess of 9.99% of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after (5) giving effect to such exercise and 898,668 shares of common stock upon exercise of other warrants, which may only be exercised to the extent beneficial ownership by Sabby Healthcare Master Fund, Ltd. and Sabby Volatility Warrant Master Fund, Ltd., in the aggregate, does not exceed 9.99% of our common stock. See the section titled "Description of the Private Placement" in this prospectus.

Excluding 1,640,000 shares of common stock, issuable upon exercise of the common stock purchase warrants being offered for resale pursuant to this prospectus. The terms of these warrants include a blocker provision that restricts exercise to the extent the securities beneficially owned by the selling stockholder and its affiliates would represent beneficial ownership in excess of 9.99% of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after (6) giving effect to such exercise and 42,583 shares of common stock upon exercise of other warrants, which may only be exercised to the extent beneficial ownership by Anson Investments Master Fund in the aggregate, does not exceed 9.99% of our common stock.. See the section titled "Description of the Private Placement" in this prospectus.

Excluding 1,290,000 shares of common stock, issuable upon exercise of the common stock purchase warrants (7) being offered for resale pursuant to this prospectus. The terms of these warrants include a blocker provision that restricts exercise to the extent the securities beneficially owned by the selling stockholder and its affiliates would represent beneficial ownership in excess of 9.99% of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise. See the section titled "Description of the Private Placement" in this prospectus.

The actual number of shares of common stock offered hereby and included in the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part includes, in accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act, such indeterminate (8) number of additional shares of our common stock as may become issuable in connection with any proportionate adjustment for any stock splits, stock combinations, stock dividends, recapitalizations or similar events with respect to common stock.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholders, including their transferees, donees, pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest, may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus from time to time on The NASDAQ Capital Market or any other stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These dispositions may be at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market price or at negotiated prices. The selling stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;

block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

privately negotiated transactions;

broker-dealers may agree with the selling shareholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;

a combination of any such methods of sale;

through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise; or

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling stockholders may also sell shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Broker-dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling stockholders or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser in amounts to be negotiated. The selling stockholders does not expect these commissions and discounts relating to its sales of shares to exceed what is customary in the types of transactions involved.

The selling stockholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling shareholders may also sell shares of our common stock short and deliver these securities to close out its short positions, or loan or pledge the common stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling shareholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus, as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction.

The selling stockholders and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the shares may be deemed to be “underwriters” within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. Each selling stockholder has informed us that it does not have any agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the common stock.

Because the selling stockholders may be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act, it will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. In addition, any securities covered by this prospectus which qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act may be sold under Rule 144 rather than under this prospectus. The selling stockholders have advised us that there is no underwriter or coordinating broker acting in connection with the proposed sale of the resale securities by the selling stockholders.

The shares will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states, the shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, any person engaged in the distribution of the resale shares may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to our common stock for the applicable restricted period, as defined in Regulation M, prior to the commencement of the distribution. In addition, the selling stockholders will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of our common stock by the selling stockholders or any other person. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling stockholders and have informed the selling stockholders of the need to deliver a copy of this prospectus to each purchaser at or prior to the time of the sale (including by compliance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act).

We have agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to keep the registration statement continuously effective at all times until (a) the warrant shares are sold under such registration statement or pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, (b) the warrant shares may be sold without volume or manner-of-sale restrictions pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and (c) the five-year anniversary of the date of the issuance of the warrants, whichever is the earliest to occur. The shares will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states, the shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

We are required to pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the registration of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrant. We have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares by the selling stockholders.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the shares of our common stock being offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Sidley Austin LLP, Palo Alto, California.

## **EXPERTS**

Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Our financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance on Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP's report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Stegman and Company, an independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Our financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance on Stegman and Company's report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.



## **PART II**

### **INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS**

#### **Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following table sets forth the estimated costs and expenses payable by the registrant in connection with the offering of the securities being registered.

SEC registration fee	\$ 1,925
Accounting fees and expenses	1,500
Legal fees and expenses	7,500
Printing and miscellaneous expenses	500
Total	\$ 11,425

#### **Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

The Company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Our bylaws provide that we shall indemnify, to the maximum extent and in the manner permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (DGCL), our current and former directors and officers, and may indemnify our current and former employees and agents, against any and all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding arising from their services in those capacities.

The DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation has the power generally to indemnify its current and former directors, officers, employees and other agents (each, a Corporate Agent) against expenses and liabilities, including amounts paid in settlement, in connection with any proceeding involving such person by reason of his being a Corporate Agent, other than a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

In the case of an action brought by or in the right of the corporation, indemnification of a Corporate Agent is permitted if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. However, no indemnification is permitted in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such proceeding was brought shall determine upon application that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to such indemnification.

To the extent that a Corporate Agent has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of such proceeding, whether or not by or in the right of the corporation, or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, the corporation is required to indemnify such person for expenses in connection therewith. Under the DGCL, the corporation may advance expenses incurred by a Corporate Agent in connection with a proceeding, provided that the Corporate Agent undertakes to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification. Our certificate of incorporation requires us to advance expenses to any person entitled to indemnification, provided that such person undertakes to repay the advancement if it is determined in a final judicial decision from which there is no appeal that such person is not entitled to indemnification.

The power to indemnify and advance the expenses under the DGCL does not exclude other rights to which a Corporate Agent may be entitled to under our certificate of incorporation, by laws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Our certificate of incorporation permits us to secure insurance on behalf of our directors, officers, employees and agents for any expense, liability or loss incurred in such capacities, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of the DGCL.

The purpose of these provisions is to assist us in retaining qualified individuals to serve as our directors, officers, employees and agents by limiting their exposure to personal liability for serving as such.

## Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

On July 6, 2017, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with several investors, pursuant to which the Company sold and issued on July 11, 2017, in a registered direct offering, an aggregate of 2,050,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an offering price of \$2.07 per share for gross proceeds of \$4,243,500 before the deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses. In addition, the Company sold Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants to purchase 385,000 shares of the Company's common stock (and the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants), in lieu of shares of Common Stock to the extent that the purchase of common stock would cause the beneficial ownership of the Purchaser, together with its affiliates and certain related parties, to exceed 9.99% of our common stock. The Pre-Funded Series CCC Warrants were sold at an offering price of \$2.06 per share for gross proceeds of \$793,100 before deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses.

In a concurrent private placement (the "Private Placement"), the Company agreed to issue to each investor, for each share of common stock and pre-funded warrant purchased in the offering, a Series AAA Warrant and Series BBB Warrant, each to purchase one share of Common Stock (the "Warrants", and collectively with the Shares, the "Securities"). The Series AAA Warrants are initially exercisable six months following issuance, and terminate five and one-half years following issuance. The Series AAA Warrants have an exercise price of \$2.07 per share and are exercisable to purchase an aggregate of 2,435,000 shares of Common Stock. The Series BBB Warrants are immediately exercisable following issuance, and terminate twelve months following issuance. The Series BBB Warrants have an exercise price of \$4.75 per share and are exercisable to purchase an aggregate of 2,435,000 shares of Common Stock.

The private placement of the July 2017 Warrants was structured to comply with the requirements of Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On December 20, 2016, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain investors, pursuant to which the Company sold and issued on December 23, 2016, in a registered direct offering, an aggregate of 367,346 shares of the Company's common stock at an offering price of \$4.90 per share for gross proceeds of approximately \$1.8 million before the deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses (the "December 2016 Offering"). In a concurrent private placement (the "Private Placement Transaction"), the Company agreed to issue to the investors certain warrants at an exercise price of \$6.44 per share. The warrants are exercisable to purchase one (1) share of common stock for each share of common stock purchased in the December 2016 Offering for an aggregate of 367,346 shares of common stock. The warrants are initially exercisable six months following issuance and terminate five and one-half years following the date of issuance. The warrants may be exercised from time to time beginning on June 20, 2017 and expire on June 20, 2022. On April 5, 2017, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-1 for the resale of any share of common stock issued upon exercise of the warrants on Form S-1 (File No. 333-217156) which was declared effective by the SEC on April 19, 2017.

The private placement of the December 2016 Warrants was structured to comply with the requirements of Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On June 13, 2016, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with investors, pursuant to which the Company issued and sold, in a registered direct offering, an aggregate of 165,126 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the “Common Stock”) at an offering price of \$19.04 per share for gross proceeds of approximately \$6.0 million before the deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses. In a concurrent private placement, the Company issued to the investor Series A warrants (the “June 2016 Series A Warrants”), each to purchase 0.5 share of Common Stock, Series C warrants (the “June 2016 Series C Warrants”), each to purchase one share of Common Stock, and Series D warrants (the “June 2016 Series D Warrants”), each to purchase 0.5 share of Common Stock (collectively, the “June 2016 Warrants”). The June 2016 Series A Warrants are initially exercisable six months following issuance and terminate five and one-half years following issuance. The June 2016 Series C Warrants are initially exercisable six months following issuance and terminate one year following issuance. The June 2016 Series D Warrants only become exercisable ratably upon the exercise of the June 2016 Series C Warrants, are initially exercisable six months following issuance, and terminate five and one-half years following issuance. The June 2016 Warrants have an exercise price of \$19.60 per share and are exercisable to purchase an aggregate of 630,252 shares of Common Stock. On October 31, 2016, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-1 for the resale of any share of common stock issued upon exercise of the warrants on Form S-1 (File No. 333-212353) which was declared effective by the SEC on November 16, 2016.

The private placement of the June 2016 Warrants was structured to comply with the requirements of Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On May 27, 2015, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain investors, pursuant to which the Company sold and issued on June 1, 2015, in a registered direct offering, an aggregate of 214,286 shares of the Company’s common stock at an offering price of \$37.45 per share for gross proceeds of approximately \$8.0 million before the deduction of the placement agent fee and offering expenses (the “May 2015 Offering”). In a concurrent private placement, the Company agreed to issue to the investors certain warrants at an exercise price of \$36.40 per share. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 0.65 share of common stock for each share of common stock purchased in the May 2015 Offering for an aggregate of 139,286 shares of common stock. Each warrant will be exercisable on the date of its issuance until the five-year anniversary of the date of issuance. On July 10, 2015, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-3 for the resale of any share of common stock issued upon exercise of the warrants on Form S-3 (File No. 333-205608) which was declared effective by the SEC on July 30, 2015.

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The Private Placement Transaction was structured to comply with the requirements of Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On June 20, 2014, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Egen, Inc., an Alabama corporation (“EGEN”), pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement (the “Asset Purchase Agreement”). CLSN Laboratories, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Celsion (“CLSN Laboratories”), acquired all of EGEN’s right, title and interest in and to substantially all of the assets of EGEN, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, patents, trademarks and other intellectual property rights, clinical data, inventory and raw materials, certain contracts, licenses and permits, machinery, mobile and immobile equipment, furniture, office equipment, furnishings, transportation equipment, supplies and other tangible personal property (the “EGEN Acquisition”). In addition, CLSN Laboratories assumed certain specified liabilities of EGEN, including the liabilities arising out of the acquired contracts and other assets relating to periods after the closing date.

The total aggregate purchase price for the acquisition is up to \$44.4 million, which includes potential future payments of up to \$30.4 million contingent upon achievement of certain milestones set forth in the Asset Purchase Agreement (the “Earnout Payments”). At the closing, Celsion paid approximately \$3.0 million in cash after the expense adjustment and issued 193,728 shares of common stock to EGEN. The shares of common stock were issued in a private transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Section 4(2) thereof. In addition, 47,862 shares of Celsion common stock are issuable to EGEN on or after August 2, 2016 pending satisfactory resolution of any post-closing adjustments of expenses and EGEN’s indemnification obligations under the Asset Purchase Agreement. The Earnout Payments of up to \$30.4 million will become payable, in cash, shares of Celsion common stock or a combination thereof, at Celsion’s option, as follows: \$12.4 million will become payable upon achieving certain specified development milestones relating to an EGEN-001 ovarian cancer study to be conducted by Celsion or its subsidiary, \$12.0 million will become payable upon achieving certain specified development milestones relating to an EGEN-001 glioblastoma multiforme brain cancer study to be conducted by Celsion or its subsidiary, and up to \$6.0 million will become payable upon achieving certain specified milestones relating to the TheraSilence technology acquired from EGEN in the acquisition. Our obligations to make the Earnout Payments will terminate on the seventh anniversary of the closing date.

On November 25, 2013, we entered into a loan and security agreement with Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (“Hercules”) that would permit up to \$20 million in new capital to be distributed in multiple tranches (the “Hercules Credit Agreement”). Celsion drew the first tranche of \$5 million upon closing of the Hercules Credit Agreement on November 25, 2013 and used approximately \$4 million of the proceeds to repay the outstanding obligations under its loan agreement with Oxford Finance LLC and Horizon Technology Finance Corporation. On June 10, 2014, the Company closed the second \$5 million tranche under the Hercules Credit Agreement. The proceeds were used to fund the \$3.0 million upfront cash payment associated with Celsion’s acquisition of EGEN, as well as the Company’s transaction costs associated with the EGEN acquisition. Upon the closing of this second tranche, the Company has drawn down a total of \$10 million under the Hercules Credit Agreement.

As a fee in connection with the Hercules Credit Agreement, we issued Hercules a warrant (the “Warrant”) in a private transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act, pursuant to Section 4(2) thereof, exercisable for a total of 13,928 shares of Celsion’s common stock at a per share exercise price of \$50.26, with 50% immediately exercisable for cash or by net exercise from November 25, 2013 and the remaining 50% to be exercisable upon Hercules funding any subsequent tranches until the expiration of the Warrant on November 25, 2018. In connection with our borrowing of the additional \$5.0 million, the Warrant became exercisable by Hercules to purchase a total of 13,928 shares of our common stock.

Hercules has certain rights to register the common stock underlying the Warrant pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement with Celsion dated November 25, 2013. The registration rights expire on the date when such stock may be sold under Rule 144 without restriction or upon the first year anniversary of the registration statement for such stock, whichever is earlier.

**Item 16.**

Reference is hereby made to the attached Exhibit Index, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 17. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act; to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
  - (ii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment (2) shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of the registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the

offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Lawrenceville, State of New Jersey, on August 2, 2017.

### **CELSION CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Michael H. Tardugno  
Michael H. Tardugno  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Church  
Jeffrey W. Church  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned officers and directors of Celsion Corporation, a Delaware corporation, do hereby constitute and appoint Michael H. Tardugno and Jeffrey W. Church, and each of them individually, as the lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution or re-substitution, with full power and authority to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as officers and directors and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below which said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either one of them, determine may be necessary or advisable or required to enable said corporation to comply with the Securities Act and any rules or regulation or requirements of the SEC in connection with this registration statement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing power and authority, the powers granted include the power and authority to sign the names of the undersigned officers and directors in the capacities indicated below to this registration statement, to any and all amendments, both pre-effective and post-effective, and supplements to this registration statement and to any and all instruments or documents filed as part of or in conjunction with this registration statement or amendments or supplements thereto, and each of the undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either one of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney may be signed in several counterparts.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney as of the date indicated.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
* Michael H. Tardugno	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	August 2, 2017
/s/ Jeffrey W. Church Jeffrey W. Church	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary (Principal Financial Officer)	August 2, 2017
* Timothy J. Tumminello	Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	August 2, 2017
* Augustine Chow, MSc, Ph.D.	Director	August 2, 2017
* Frederick J. Fritz	Director	August 2, 2017
* Robert W. Hooper	Director	August 2, 2017
* Alberto R. Martinez, M.D.	Director	August 2, 2017
* Donald P. Braun, Ph.D	Director	August 2, 2017
* Andrea Voss, M.D.	Director	August 2, 2017

\* The undersigned does hereby sign this pre-effective amendment to the Registration Statement on behalf of each of the above indicated directors and officers of Celsion Corporation pursuant to a power of attorney executed by each such director and officer.

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Church  
Jeffrey W. Church  
Attorney-in-fact

## EXHIBIT INDEX

### EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

- 2.1\* Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of June 6, 2014, by and between Celsion Corporation and EGEN, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2014.
- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of Celsion, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.
- 3.2 Certificate of Ownership and Merger of Celsion Corporation (a Maryland Corporation) into Celsion (Delaware) Corporation (inter alia, changing the Company's name to "Celsion Corporation" from "Celsion (Delaware) Corporation"), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1.3 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended September 30, 2000.
- 3.3 Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation effective and filed on February 27, 2006, incorporated therein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on March 1, 2006.
- 3.4 Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation effective October 28, 2013, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on October 29, 2013.
- 3.5 Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation effective June 15, 2016, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, filed on June 15, 2016.
- 3.6 Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation effective May 26, 2017, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, filed on May 26, 2017.
- 3.7 Amended and Restated By-laws dated November 27, 2011, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, filed on December 1, 2011.
- 4.1 Form of Common Stock Certificate, par value \$0.01, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended September 30, 2000.
- 4.2 Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 17, 2010, by and between Celsion Corporation and Small Cap Biotech Value, Ltd., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on June 18, 2010.
- 4.3 Form of Common Stock Warrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on January 18, 2011.
- 4.4

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Form of Common Stock Warrant incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on June 2, 2011.

4.5 Registration Rights Agreement, dated May 26, 2011, by and among Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on June 2, 2011.

4.6 Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on July 6, 2011.

4.7 Registration Rights Agreement, dated July 25, 2011, by and between Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on July 26, 2011.

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- 4.8 Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on July 26, 2011.
- 4.9 Form of Warrant to Purchase Common Stock, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on July 26, 2011.
- 4.10 Form Warrant to Purchase Common Stock Purchase, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 6, 2011.
- 4.11 Registration Rights Agreement, dated December 1, 2011, by and between Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on December 6, 2011.
- 4.12 Warrant to Purchase Stock, dated June 27, 2012, by and between Celsion Corporation and Oxford Financing LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2012.
- 4.13 Warrant to Purchase Stock, dated June 27, 2012, by and between Celsion Corporation and Horizon Technology Finance Corporation, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2012.
- 4.14 Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on February 26, 2013.
- 4.15 Form of Series A Common Stock Purchase Warrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on January 21, 2014.
- 4.16 Form of Series B Common Stock Purchase Warrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on January 21, 2014.
- 4.17 Warrant Agreement to Purchase Shares of the Common Stock dated as of November 25, 2013, by and between Celsion Corporation and Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No.: 333-193936) filed on February 13, 2014.
- 4.18 Registration Agreement dated as of November 25, 2013, by and between Celsion Corporation and Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No.: 333-193936) filed on February 13, 2014.
- 4.19 Registration Rights Agreement dated as of June 20, 2014, by and between Celsion Corporation and Egen, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2014.
- 4.20 Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on May 29, 2015.
- 4.21 Form of Series A Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on June 17, 2016.

- 4.22 Form of Series B Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on June 17, 2016.
- 4.23 Form of Series C Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on June 17, 2016.

- 4.24 Form of Series D Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on June 17, 2016.
- 4.25 Form of Series A Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on December 23, 2016.
- 4.26 Form of Series AA Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.26 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No.: 333-215321) filed on February 13, 2017.
- 4.27 Form of Series BB Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.27 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No.: 333-215321) filed on February 13, 2017.
- 4.28 Form of Series AAA Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on July 11, 2017.
- 4.29 Form of Series BBB Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on July 11, 2017.
- 4.30 Form of Series CCC Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on July 11, 2017.
- 4.31 Form of Placement Agent Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Current report on Form 8-K of the Company filed with the SEC on July 11, 2017.
- 5.1+ Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP.
- 10.1\*\*\* Celsion Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.
- 10.2\*\*\* Celsion Corporation 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on June 19, 2015.
- 10.3\*\*\* Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for Celsion Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.
- 10.4\*\*\* Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement for Celsion Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.
- 10.5\*\*\* Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for Celsion Corporation 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1.5 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2007.
- 10.6\*\*\* Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement for Celsion Corporation 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1.6 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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Stock Option Agreement effective January 3, 2007, between Celsion Corporation and Michael H. Tardugno, 10.7\*\*\* incorporated herein by reference Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on January 3, 2007.

Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective March 30, 2016, between Celsion Corporation and 10.8\*\*\* Mr. Michael H. Tardugno, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company filed on March 30, 2016.

Employment Offer Letter, entered into on June 15, 2010, between the Company and Jeffrey W. Church, 10.9\*\*\* incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on June 18, 2010.

Patent License Agreement between the Company and Duke University dated November 10, 1999, 10.10\* incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended September 30, 1999.

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- 10.11\* License Agreement dated July 18, 2003, between the Company and Duke University, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registration Statement of the Company (File No. 333-108318) filed on August 28, 2003.
- 10.12\* Development, Product Supply and Commercialization Agreement, effective December 5, 2008, by and between the Company and Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2008.
- 10.13\* The 2nd Amendment To The Development, Product Supply And Commercialization Agreement, effective January 7, 2011, by and between the Company and Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on January 18, 2011.
- 10.14 Lease Agreement, executed July 21, 2011, by and between Celsion Corporation and Brandywine Operating Partnership, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on July 25, 2011.
- 10.15\* Technology Development Agreement effective as of May 7, 2012, by and between Celsion Corporation and Zhejiang Hisun Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2012.
- 10.16 Loan and Security Agreement, dated June 27, 2012, by and among Celsion Corporation, Oxford Finance LLC, as collateral agent, and the lenders named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2012.
- 10.17 Controlled Equity Offering<sup>SM</sup> Sales Agreement, dated February 1, 2013, by and between Celsion Corporation and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on February 1, 2013.
- 10.18 Securities Purchase Agreement, dated February 22, 2013, by and among Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on February 26, 2013.
- 10.19\* Technology Development Contract dated as of January 18, 2013, by and between Celsion Corporation and Zhejiang Hisun Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.
- 10.20 Loan and Security Agreement dated as of November 25, 2013, by and between Celsion Corporation and Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2013.
- 10.21 Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of January 15, 2014, by and between Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on January 21, 2014.
- 10.22\*\*\* Employment Offer Letter effective as of June 2, 2014, between the Company and Khursheed Anwer incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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- 10.23\* Early Access Agreement dated as of January 13, 2015, by and between the Company and Impatients N.V., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A of the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2015.
- 10.24 Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of May 27, 2015, by and among Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on May 29, 2015.
- 10.25 Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of June 13, 2016, by and among Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on June 17, 2016.
- 10.26\*\*\* Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement dated as of September 6, 2016, by and between the Company and Michael H. Tardugno, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2016.
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10.27\*\*\* Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement dated as of September 6, 2016, by and between the Company and Nicholas Borys, M.D., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2016.

10.28\*\*\* Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement dated as of September 6, 2016, by and between the Company and Jeffrey W. Church, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2016.

10.29\*\*\* Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement dated as of September 6, 2016, by and between the Company and Timothy J. Tumminello, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2016.

10.30 Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of December 20, 2016, by and among Celsion Corporation and the purchasers named therein, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company foiled in December 23, 2016.

10.31 Form of Securities Purchase Agreement incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.33 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No.: 333-215321) filed on February 13, 2017.

10.32 Form of Securities Purchase Agreement incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company filed on July 11, 2017.

21.1 Subsidiaries of Celsion Corporation incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2016.

23.1+ Consent of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for the Company.

23.2+ Consent of Stegman & Company, independent registered public accounting firm for the Company.

23.3 Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

24.1 Power of Attorney (included on the signature page hereto).

101\*\* The following materials from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the audited Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the audited Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the audited Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss, (iv) the audited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (v) the audited Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

\* Portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act and the omitted material has been separately filed with the SEC.

+ Filed herewith.

\*\* Exhibit 101 was previously filed with the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 24, 2017, which is being amended hereby.

\*\*\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.