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Cardiovascular Device Company

Accelerating Diversification and Growth

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Powerful Strategic Rationale

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

Combining Two Industry Leaders

Boston Scientific
Key businesses:

Drug Eluting Stents

Other Cardiovascular

Endosurgery

Neuromodulation

Established industry leader

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

90% of cardiovascular sales
from #1 positioned products

75% of other sales from #1
positioned products

Guidant
Key businesses:

Cardiac Rhythm Management

Cardiac Surgery

Vascular Intervention /
Endovascular

Established industry leader

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

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

Achieving Size and Scale

2006 Cardiovascular Device Sales

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2006 Medical Device Sales

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

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

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

Boston Scientific and Guidant Combination

Merges two innovative leaders with proven track records

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

Strategic and financial diversification

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

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

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Summary

The combination creates the world's leading cardiovascular device company

Powerful strategic and financial rationale

Strength of the BSC Proposal

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