

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>McNaughton Thomas</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.</u> <u>84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD</u> (Street) <u>HOLLISTON MA 01746</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [HBIO]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/04/2012</u> | |
| | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/01/2012 | | A | | 41,273 | A | \$0 | 127,083 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$3.57 | 06/01/2012 | | A | | 79,037 | | (2) | 06/01/2022 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | \$0 | 79,037 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 33,400 restricted stock units which vest in equal installments on Jan 1, 2013 and Jan 1, 2014; (b) a deferred stock award of 18,750 restricted stock units which vest in equal installments on Jan 1, 2013, Jan 1, 2014 and Jan 1, 2015; (c) a deferred stock award of 41,273 restricted stock units which vest in equal installments on Jan 1, 2013, Jan 1, 2014, Jan 1, 2015 and Jan 1, 2016; and (d) 33,660 shares of common stock held by Mr. McNaughton.

2. The options vest in four equal installments on the first four anniversaries on January 1, 2012.

Thomas McNaughton

06/04/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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