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PROSPECTUS

7,848,838 Shares

CardioGenesis Corporation

The shares of common stock of CardioGenesis covered by this prospectus may be sold from time to time by the selling shareholders identified in this prospectus. This prospectus relates to 7,848,838 shares of CardioGenesis common stock, of which:

3,139,535 shares are currently outstanding and held by the selling shareholders;

3,139,535 shares may in the future be issued to the selling shareholders upon the exercise of currently outstanding warrants having an exercise price of \$1.37 per share; and

1,569,768 shares may in the future be issued to the selling shareholders upon the exercise of currently outstanding warrants having an exercise price of \$1.00 per share.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock by the selling shareholders. We may receive proceeds from the exercise of the warrants if the selling shareholders opt to pay the exercise price in cash rather than executing a cashless exercise.

The shares of common stock may be sold through broker-dealers or in privately negotiated transactions in which commissions and other fees may be charged. These fees, if any, will be paid by the selling shareholders. We have no agreement with any broker-dealer with respect to these shares and we are unable to estimate the commissions that may be paid in any given transaction. For a more complete description of the methods of distribution that the selling shareholders may use, see *Plan of Distribution* beginning on page 42.

Our common stock is traded on the OTC Bulletin Board of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. under the symbol *CGCP.OB*. On March 29, 2004, the last sale price of our common stock was \$0.76 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 2.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

You should rely only upon the information contained in this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

This prospectus is based on information provided by us and other sources that we believe are reliable. We have summarized certain documents and other information in a manner we believe to be accurate, but we refer you to the actual documents for a more complete understanding of what we discuss in this prospectus. In making an investment decision, you must rely on your own examination of our business and the terms of the offering, including the merits and risks involved.

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SUMMARY

The following summary highlights certain significant aspects of our business and the offering, but you should read this entire prospectus, including the information set forth under the heading Risk Factors, the financial statements and related notes and the other financial data included herein, before making an investment decision. In this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms we, us, our or other similar terms refer to CardioGenesis Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Our Business

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death and disability in the U.S. We design, develop and distribute laser-based surgical products and disposable fiber-optic accessories for the treatment of advanced cardiovascular disease through transmyocardial revascularization (TMR) and percutaneous myocardial revascularization (PMR). TMR and PMR are laser-based heart treatments in which channels are made in the heart muscle. Many scientific experts believe these procedures encourage new vessel formation. TMR is performed by a cardiac surgeon through a small incision in the chest under general anesthesia. PMR is performed by a cardiologist in a catheter-based procedure which utilizes local anesthesia.

We have received CE Mark approval for our TMR and PMR products, which allows us to commercially distribute these products within the European Community. The CE Marking is an international symbol of adherence to quality assurance standards and compliance with applicable European medical device directives. We have received final approval from the Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, to market and sell our TMR products in the United States for treatment of stable patients with certain types of angina. In July 2001, the FDA recommended against approval of our PMR products for public sale and use in the United States. In July 2003, the FDA agreed to an alternative process in which additional data in support of our application for approval of PMR could be submitted and reviewed by the FDA in an interactive review process. We submitted additional data in August 2003, and the FDA has informed us that they believe this additional data submitted in August 2003 is still not adequate to support approval by the FDA of our PMR system. As part of the interactive review process, we met with the FDA in March 2004. At that time, the FDA was unable to reach a favorable outcome on our application for approval of PMR. We expect to meet with the FDA in the near future in order to clarify any needs for additional clinical data on PMR. At this time, we have determined not to proceed to a Medical Services Resolution Panel review of our PMR application, although that option remains available. There can be no assurance, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA in the future for our PMR products.

Corporate Information

We incorporated in California in 1989. On March 17, 1999, we merged with the former CardioGenesis Corporation. Under the terms of the combination, each share of the former CardioGenesis Corporation was converted into 0.8 of a share of our common stock, and the former CardioGenesis Corporation became a wholly owned subsidiary of ours. Our principal executive offices are located at 26632 Towne Center Drive, Suite 320, Foothill Ranch, California 92610 and our telephone number is (714) 649-5000. Our website address is www.cardiogenesis.com. Information contained on our web site does not constitute part of this prospectus.

The Offering

This prospectus relates to the registration for resale of up to 7,848,838 shares of our common stock by the selling shareholders identified in this prospectus. The prices at which the selling shareholders may sell their shares will be determined by the prevailing market for the shares or in negotiated transactions. See Selling Shareholders on page 41.

Use of Proceeds

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock by the selling shareholders. We may receive proceeds from the exercise of the warrants if the selling shareholders opt to pay the exercise price in cash rather than executing a cashless exercise.

Risk Factors

You should carefully read and consider the information set forth in the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 2 before investing in our common stock.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below, together with all of the other information contained in this prospectus, before you decide to buy our common stock. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial also may impair our business. Any adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations could result in a decline in the trading price of our common stock and the loss of all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to our Business and Industry

Our ability to maintain current operations is dependent upon sustaining profitable operations or obtaining financing in the future.

We have incurred significant losses since inception. For example, for the fiscal years 2003, 2002 and 2001 we incurred net losses of \$348,000, \$530,000 and \$10,247,000 respectively. We will have a continuing need for new infusions of cash if we continue to incur losses in the future. We plan to increase our revenues through increased direct sales and marketing efforts on existing products and achieving regulatory approval for other products. If our direct sales and marketing efforts are unsuccessful or we are unable to achieve regulatory approval for our products, we will be unable to significantly increase our revenues. We believe that if we are unable to generate sufficient funds from sales or from debt or equity issuances to maintain our current expenditure rate, it will be necessary to significantly reduce our operations, including our sales and marketing efforts and research and development. If we are required to significantly reduce our operations, our business will be harmed.

We may be required to seek additional sources of financing, which could include short-term debt, long-term debt or equity. Although in the past we have been successful in obtaining financing, most recently through the private placement of equity securities in January 2004, there is a risk that we may be unsuccessful in obtaining financing in the future on terms acceptable to us and that we will not have sufficient cash to fund our continued operations.

Our revenues and operating income may be constrained:

if commercial adoption of our TMR laser systems by healthcare providers in the United States declines;

until such time, if ever, as we obtain FDA and other regulatory approvals for our PMR laser systems; and

for an uncertain period of time after such approvals are obtained.

We may fail to obtain required regulatory approvals in the United States to market our PMR laser system.

The FDA has not approved our PMR laser system for any application in the United States. In July 2001, the FDA Advisory Panel recommended against approval of PMR for public sale and use in the United States. In February 2003, the FDA granted an independent panel review of our pending PMA application for PMR by the Medical Devices Dispute Resolution Panel, or MDDRP. In July 2003, the FDA agreed to an alternative process in which additional data in support of our PMA supplement for PMR could be submitted and reviewed by the FDA in an interactive review process. The data was submitted in August 2003 and the independent panel review by the MDDRP was cancelled. The FDA agreed to reschedule the MDDRP hearing in the future if the dispute cannot be resolved. The FDA has informed us that they believe the data submitted in August 2003 in connection with the interactive review process is still not adequate to support approval by the FDA of our PMR system. As part of the interactive review process, we met with the FDA in March 2004. At that time, the FDA was unable to reach a favorable outcome on our

application for approval of PMR. We expect to meet with the FDA in the near future in order to clarify any needs for additional clinical data on PMR. At this time, we have determined not to proceed to a Medical Services Resolution Panel review of our PMR application, although that option remains available. There can be no assurance, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA in the future.

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We will not be able to derive any revenue from the sale of our PMR system in the United States until such time, if any, that the FDA approves the device. Such inability to realize revenue from sales of our PMR device in the United States may have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

In the future, the FDA could restrict the current uses of our TMR product and thereby restrict our ability to generate revenues.

We currently derive approximately 99% of our revenues from our TMR product. The FDA has approved this product for sale and use by physicians in the United States. At the request of the FDA, we are currently conducting post-market surveillance of our TMR product. If we should fail to meet the requirements mandated by the FDA or fail to complete our post-market surveillance study in an acceptable time period, the FDA could withdraw its approval for the sale and use of our TMR product by physicians in the United States. Additionally, although we are not aware of any safety concerns during our on-going post-market surveillance of our TMR product, if concerns over the safety of our TMR product were to arise, the FDA could possibly restrict the currently approved uses of our TMR product. In the future, if the FDA were to withdraw its approval or restrict the range of uses for which our TMR product can be used by physicians in the United States, such as restricting TMR's use with the coronary artery bypass grafting procedure, either outcome could lead to reduced or no sales of our TMR product in the United States and our business could be materially and adversely affected.

We must comply with FDA manufacturing standards or face fines or other penalties including suspension of production.

We are required to demonstrate compliance with the FDA's current good manufacturing practices regulations if we market devices in the United States or manufacture finished devices in the United States. The FDA inspects manufacturing facilities on a regular basis to determine compliance. If we fail to comply with applicable FDA or other regulatory requirements, we can be subject to:

- finances, injunctions, and civil penalties;
- recalls or seizures of products;
- total or partial suspensions of production; and
- criminal prosecutions.

The impact on us of any such failure to comply would depend on the impact of the remedy imposed on us.

We may fail to comply with international regulatory requirements and could be subject to regulatory delays, fines or other penalties.

Regulatory requirements in foreign countries for international sales of medical devices often vary from country to country. In addition, the FDA must approve the export of devices to certain countries. The occurrence and related impact of the following factors would harm our business:

- delays in receipt of, or failure to receive, foreign regulatory approvals or clearances;
- the loss of previously obtained approvals or clearances; or
- the failure to comply with existing or future regulatory requirements.

To market in Europe, a manufacturer must obtain the certifications necessary to affix to its products the CE Marking. The CE Marking is an international symbol of adherence to quality assurance standards and compliance with applicable European medical device directives. In order to obtain and to maintain a CE Marking, a manufacturer must be in compliance with the appropriate quality assurance provisions of the International Standards Organization and obtain certification of its quality assurance systems by a recognized European Union notified body. However, certain individual countries within Europe require further approval by their national regulatory agencies.

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We have completed CE Mark registration for all of our products in accordance with the implementation of various medical device directives in the European Union. Failure to maintain the right to affix the CE Marking or other requisite approvals could prohibit us from selling our products in member countries of the European Union or elsewhere. Any enforcement action by international regulatory authorities with respect to past or future regulatory noncompliance could cause our business to suffer. Noncompliance with international regulatory requirements could result in enforcement action such as prohibitions against us marketing our products in the European Union, which would significantly reduce international revenue.

We may not be able to successfully market our products if third party reimbursement for the procedures performed with our products is not available for our healthcare provider customers.

Few individuals are able to pay directly for the costs associated with the use of our products. In the United States, hospitals, physicians and other healthcare providers that purchase medical devices generally rely on third party payors, such as Medicare, to reimburse all or part of the cost of the procedure in which the medical device is being used. Effective July 1, 1999, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly the Health Care Financing Administration, commenced Medicare coverage for TMR systems for any manufacturer's TMR procedures. Hospitals and physicians are eligible to receive Medicare reimbursement covering 100% of the costs for TMR procedures. If CMS were to materially reduce or terminate Medicare coverage of TMR procedures, our business and results of operation would be harmed.

As PMR has not been approved by the FDA, the CMS has not approved reimbursement for PMR. If we obtain FDA approval for PMR in the future and CMS does not provide reimbursement, our ability to successfully market and sell our PMR products will be harmed.

Even though Medicare beneficiaries appear to account for a majority of all patients treated with the TMR procedure, the remaining patients are beneficiaries of private insurance and private health plans. We have limited experience to date with the acceptability of our TMR procedures for reimbursement by private insurance and private health plans. If private insurance and private health plans do not provide reimbursement, our business will suffer.

If we obtain the necessary foreign regulatory registrations or approvals for our products, market acceptance in international markets would be dependent, in part, upon the availability of reimbursement within prevailing healthcare payment systems. Reimbursement is a significant factor considered by hospitals in determining whether to acquire new equipment. A hospital is more inclined to purchase new equipment if third-party reimbursement can be obtained. Reimbursement and health care payment systems in international markets vary significantly by country. They include both government sponsored health care and private insurance. Although we expect to seek international reimbursement approvals, any such approvals may not be obtained in a timely manner, if at all. Failure to receive international reimbursement approvals could hurt market acceptance of our TMR and PMR products in the international markets in which such approvals are sought, which would significantly reduce international revenue.

We may not be able to meet future product demand on a timely basis and may be subject to delays and interruptions to product shipments because we depend on single source third party suppliers and manufacturers.

We purchase certain critical products and components for lasers and disposable handpieces from single sources. Moreover, we are currently exploring manufacturing outsourcing options for the TMR 2000 laser. In addition, we are vulnerable to delays and interruptions, for reasons out of our control, because we outsource the manufacturing of our products to third parties. We may experience harm to our business if we cannot timely provide lasers to our customers or if our outsourcing suppliers have difficulties supplying our needs for products and components.

In addition, we do not have long-term supply contracts. As a result, our sources are not obligated to continue to provide these critical products or components to us. Although we have identified alternative suppliers and manufacturers, a lengthy process would be required to qualify them as additional or replacement suppliers or manufacturers. Also, it is possible some of our suppliers or manufacturers could have difficulty meeting our needs if demand for our TMR and PMR laser systems were to increase rapidly or significantly. We believe that we have an adequate supply of lasers to meet our expected demand for the next twelve months and currently expect to have

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production capacity for our TMR 2000 laser by the fourth quarter of 2004. However, if demand for our TMR 2000 laser is greater than we currently anticipate and there is a delay in obtaining production capacity, unless we are able to obtain lasers originally placed through our loaned laser program and no longer utilized by a hospital, we may not be able to meet the demand for our TMR 2000 laser. In addition, any defect or malfunction in the laser or other products provided by our suppliers and manufacturers could cause delays in regulatory approvals or adversely affect product acceptance. Further, we cannot predict:

if materials and products obtained from outside suppliers and manufacturers will always be available in adequate quantities to meet our future needs; or

whether replacement suppliers and/or manufacturers can be qualified on a timely basis if our current suppliers and/or manufacturers are unable to meet our needs for any reason.

Expansion of our business may put added pressure on our management and operational infrastructure affecting our ability to meet any increased demand for our products and possibly having an adverse effect on our operating results.

In 2001 we began a restructuring of our business in order, in part, to bring our cost structure more in line with our revenues. As part of this restructuring we significantly reduced our workforce. Growth in our business may place a significant strain on our limited personnel, management, financial systems and other resources. The evolving growth of our business presents numerous risks and challenges, including:

the dependence on the growth of the market for our TMR and PMR systems;

our ability to successfully and rapidly expand sales to potential customers in response to potentially increasing clinical adoption of the TMR procedure;

the costs associated with such growth, which are difficult to quantify, but could be significant;

domestic and international regulatory developments;

rapid technological change;

the highly competitive nature of the medical devices industry; and

the risk of entering emerging markets in which we have limited or no direct experience.

To accommodate any such growth and compete effectively, we may need to obtain additional funding to improve information systems, procedures and controls and expand, train, motivate and manage our employees, and such funding may not be available in sufficient quantities, if at all. If we are not able to manage these activities and implement these strategies successfully to expand to meet any increased demand, our operating results could suffer.

Our operating results are expected to fluctuate and quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our results may not indicate future performance.

Our operating results have fluctuated significantly from quarter-to-quarter and are expected to continue to fluctuate significantly from quarter-to-quarter in future periods. We believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our operating results are not a good indication of our future performance. Due to the emerging nature of the markets in which we compete, forecasting operating results is difficult and unreliable. It is likely or possible that our operating results for a future quarter will fall below the expectations of public market analysts that may cover our stock and investors. When this occurred in the past, the price of our common stock fell substantially, and if this occurs in the

future, the price of our common stock may fall again, perhaps substantially.

Our common stock is listed on the OTC Bulletin Board which may have an unfavorable impact on our stock price and liquidity.

Effective April 3, 2003 our common stock was delisted from The Nasdaq SmallCap Market and became quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board on the same day. The OTC Bulletin Board is a significantly more limited market in comparison to the Nasdaq system. The listing of our shares on the OTC Bulletin Board may result in a less liquid

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market available for existing and potential shareholders to trade shares of our common stock, could ultimately further depress the trading price of our common stock and could have a long-term adverse impact on our ability to raise capital in the future.

The trading prices of many high technology companies, and in particular medical device companies, have been volatile which may result in large fluctuations in the price of our common stock.

The stock market has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that have particularly affected the trading prices of equity securities of many high technology companies. These fluctuations have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of many of these companies. Any negative change in the public's perception of medical device companies could depress our stock price regardless of our operating results.

The price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, which may result in losses for investors.

The market price of our common stock has been and may continue to be volatile. For example, during the 52-week period ended February 13, 2004, the closing prices of our common stock as reported on Nasdaq and on the OTC Bulletin Board ranged from a high of \$1.92 per share to a low of \$0.24 per share. We expect our stock price to be subject to fluctuations as a result of a variety of factors, including factors beyond our control. These factors include:

- actual or anticipated variations in our quarterly operating results;
- announcements of technological innovations or new products or services by us or our competitors;
- announcements relating to strategic relationships or acquisitions;
- additions or terminations of coverage of our common stock by securities analysts;
- statements by securities analysts regarding us or our industry;
- conditions or trends in the medical device industry; and
- changes in the economic performance and/or market valuations of other medical device companies.

The prices at which our common stock trades will affect our ability to raise capital, which may have an adverse affect on our ability to fund our operations.

We face competition from products of our competitors which could limit market acceptance of our products and render our products obsolete.

The market for TMR laser systems is competitive. We currently compete with PLC Systems, a publicly traded company which uses a carbon dioxide, or CO₂, laser and an articulated mechanical arm in its TMR products. Edwards Lifesciences, a well known, publicly traded provider of products and technologies to treat cardiovascular disease, has assumed full sales and marketing responsibility in the U.S. for PLC's TMR Heart Laser 2 System and associated kits pursuant to a co-marketing agreement between the two companies executed in January 2001. Through its significantly greater financial and human resources, including a well-established and extensive sales representative network, we believe Edwards has the potential to market to a greater number of hospitals and doctors that we currently can. If PLC, or any new competitor, is more effective than we are in developing new products and procedures and marketing existing and future products similar to ours, our business will suffer.

The market for TMR laser systems is characterized by rapid technical innovation. Our current or future competitors may succeed in developing TMR products or procedures that:

are more effective than our products;

are more effectively marketed than our products; or

may render our products or technology obsolete.

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If we obtain the FDA's approval for our PMR laser system, we will face competition for market acceptance and market share for that product. Our ability to compete may depend in significant part on the timing of introduction of competitive products into the market, and will be affected by the pace, relative to competitors, at which we are able to:

develop products;

complete clinical testing and regulatory approval processes;

obtain third party reimbursement acceptance; and

supply adequate quantities of the product to the market.

Third party intellectual property rights may limit the development and protection of our intellectual property, which could adversely affect our competitive position.

Our success is dependent in large part on our ability to:

obtain patent protection for our products and processes;

preserve our trade secrets and proprietary technology; and

operate without infringing upon the patents or proprietary rights of third parties.

The medical device industry has been characterized by extensive litigation regarding patents and other intellectual property rights. Companies in the medical device industry have employed intellectual property litigation to gain a competitive advantage. Certain competitors and potential competitors of ours have obtained United States patents covering technology that could be used for certain TMR and PMR procedures. We do not know if such competitors, potential competitors or others have filed and hold international patents covering other TMR or PMR technology. In addition, international patents may not be interpreted the same as any counterpart United States patents.

While we periodically review the scope of our patents and other relevant patents of which we are aware, the question of patent infringement involves complex legal and factual issues. Any conclusion regarding infringement may not be consistent with the resolution of any such issues by a court.

Costly litigation may be necessary to protect our intellectual property rights.

We may have to engage in time consuming and costly litigation to protect our intellectual property rights or to determine the proprietary rights of others. In addition, we may become subject to patent infringement claims or litigation, or interference proceedings declared by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to determine the priority of inventions.

Defending and prosecuting intellectual property suits, United States Patent and Trademark Office interference proceedings and related legal and administrative proceedings are both costly and time-consuming. We may be required to litigate further to:

enforce our issued patents;

protect our trade secrets or know-how; or

determine the enforceability, scope and validity of the proprietary rights of others.

Any litigation or interference proceedings will result in substantial expense and significant diversion of effort by technical and management personnel. If the results of such litigation or interference proceedings are adverse to us,

then the results may:

subject us to significant liabilities to third parties;

require us to seek licenses from third parties;

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prevent us from selling our products in certain markets or at all; or

require us to modify our products.

Although patent and intellectual property disputes regarding medical devices are often settled through licensing and similar arrangements, costs associated with such arrangements may be substantial and could include ongoing royalties. Furthermore, we may not be able to obtain the necessary licenses on satisfactory terms, if at all.

Adverse determinations in a judicial or administrative proceeding or failure to obtain necessary licenses could prevent us from manufacturing and selling our products. This would harm our business.

The United States patent laws have been amended to exempt physicians, other health care professionals, and affiliated entities from infringement liability for medical and surgical procedures performed on patients. We are not able to predict if this exemption will materially affect our ability to protect our proprietary methods and procedures.

We rely on patent and trade secret laws which are complex and may be difficult to enforce.

The validity and breadth of claims in medical technology patents involve complex legal and factual questions and, therefore, may be highly uncertain. Issued patent or patents based on pending patent applications or any future patent application may not exclude competitors or may not provide a competitive advantage to us. In addition, patents issued or licensed to us may not be held valid if subsequently challenged and others may claim rights in or ownership of such patents.

Furthermore, we cannot assure you that our competitors:

have not developed or will not develop similar products;

will not duplicate our products; or

will not design around any patents issued to or licensed by us.

Because patent applications in the United States were historically maintained in secrecy until the patents are issued, we cannot be certain that:

others did not first file applications for inventions covered by our pending patent applications; or

we will not infringe any patents that may issue to others on such applications

We may suffer losses from product liability claims if our products cause harm to patients.

We are exposed to potential product liability claims and product recalls. These risks are inherent in the design, development, manufacture and marketing of medical devices. We could be subject to product liability claims if the use of our TMR or PMR laser systems is alleged to have caused adverse effects on a patient or such products are believed to be defective. Our products are designed to be used in life-threatening situations where there is a high risk of serious injury or death. We are not aware of any material side effects or adverse events arising from the use of our TMR product. Though we are in the process of responding to the FDA's Circulatory Devices Panel's recent recommendation against approval of our PMR product because of concerns over the safety of the device and the data regarding adverse events in the clinical trials, we believe there are no material side effects or adverse events arising from the use of our PMR product. When being clinically investigated, it is not uncommon for new surgical or interventional procedures to result in a higher rate of complications in the treated population of patients as opposed to those reported in the control group. In light of this, we believe that the difference in the rates of complications between the treated groups and the control groups in the clinical trials for our PMR product are not statistically significant, which is why we believe that

there are no material side effects or material adverse events arising from the use of our PMR product.

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Any regulatory clearance for commercial sale of these products will not remove these risks. Any failure to comply with the FDA's good manufacturing practices or other regulations could hurt our ability to defend against product liability lawsuits.

Our insurance may be insufficient to cover product liability claims against us.

Our product liability insurance may not be adequate for any future product liability problems or continue to be available on commercially reasonable terms, or at all.

If we were held liable for a product liability claim or series of claims in excess of our insurance coverage, such liability could harm our business and financial condition. We maintain insurance against product liability claims in the amount of \$10 million per occurrence and \$10 million in the aggregate.

We may require increased product liability coverage as sales of approved products increase and as additional products are commercialized. Product liability insurance is expensive and in the future may not be available on acceptable terms, if at all.

We depend heavily on key personnel, and turnover of key employees and senior management could harm our business.

Our future business and results of operations depend in significant part upon the continued contributions of our key technical and senior management personnel. They also depend in significant part upon our ability to attract and retain additional qualified management, technical, marketing and sales and support personnel for our operations. If we lose a key employee or if a key employee fails to perform in his or her current position, or if we are not able to attract and retain skilled employees as needed, our business could suffer. Significant turnover in our senior management could significantly deplete our institutional knowledge held by our existing senior management team. For example, in November 2003, our employment relationship with Darrell Eckstein, our former President, Chief Operating Officer, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer and Secretary was terminated. We depend on the skills and abilities of these key employees in managing the manufacturing, technical, marketing and sales aspects of our business, any part of which could be harmed by further turnover.

We sell our products internationally which subjects us to specific risks of transacting business in foreign countries.

In future quarters, international sales may become a significant portion of our revenue if our products become more widely used outside of the United States. Our international revenue is subject to the following risks, the occurrence of any of which could harm our business:

foreign currency fluctuations;

economic or political instability;

foreign tax laws;

shipping delays;

various tariffs and trade regulations;

restrictions and foreign medical regulations;

customs duties, export quotas or other trade restrictions; and
difficulty in protecting intellectual property rights.

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Risks Relating to this Offering

This offering and future sales of our common stock could lower our stock price.

The sale of our common stock by our shareholders in this offering could cause the market price of our common stock to decline. In addition, if our shareholders sell substantial amounts of our common stock, including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants, in the public market following this offering, the market price of our common stock could decline. If these sales were to occur, we may also find it more difficult to sell equity or equity-related securities in the future at a time and price that we deem appropriate and desirable.

In the future, we may issue additional shares in public or private offerings. We cannot predict the size of future issuances of our common stock or the effect, if any, that future issuances and sales of our common stock would have on the market price of our common stock.

Provisions of our certificate of incorporation as well as our rights agreement could discourage potential acquisition proposals and could deter or prevent a change of control.

Our articles of incorporation authorize our board of directors, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series without shareholder approval. On August 17, 2001 we adopted a shareholder rights plan, as amended, and under the rights plan, our board of directors declared a dividend distribution of

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one right for each outstanding share of common stock to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 30, 2001. Pursuant to the Rights Agreement, in the event (a) any person or group acquires 15% or more of our then outstanding shares of voting stock (or 21% or more of our then outstanding shares of voting stock in the case of State of Wisconsin Investment Board), (b) a tender offer or exchange offer is commenced that would result in a person or group acquiring 15% or more of our then outstanding voting stock, (c) we are acquired in a merger or other business combination in which we are not the surviving corporation or (d) 50% or more of our consolidated assets or earning power are sold, then the holders of our common stock are entitled to exercise the rights under the Rights Plan, which include, based on the type of event which has occurred, (i) rights to purchase preferred shares from us, (ii) rights to purchase common shares from us having a value twice that of the underlying exercise price, and (iii) rights to acquire common stock of the surviving corporation or purchaser having a market value of twice that of the exercise price. The rights expire on August 17, 2011, and may be redeemed prior thereto at \$.001 per right under certain circumstances. The Board's ability to issue preferred stock without shareholder approval while providing desirable flexibility in connection with financings, acquisitions and other corporate purposes, and the existence of the rights plan might discourage, delay or prevent a change in the ownership of our company or a change in our management. In addition, these provisions could limit the price that investors would be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. The words believes, anticipates, plans, expects, intends, estimates and similar expressions are to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance and achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statement. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

our financial prospects;

our financing requirements and plans;

trends affecting our financial condition or operating results;

our strategies for growth, operations, and product development and commercialization;

our maintenance and receipt of regulatory approvals;

the availability of third party reimbursement for procedures performed with our products; and

our ability to develop and protect our intellectual property.

The foregoing does not represent an exhaustive list of risks. Other sections of this prospectus include additional factors which could adversely impact our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for our management to predict all risk factors, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements included in this prospectus are based on information available to us on the date of this prospectus. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained throughout this prospectus.

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We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock by the selling shareholders. When all or a portion of the warrants held by the selling shareholders are exercised, we will receive the proceeds from the exercise of those warrants to the extent that the exercise price is paid in cash. However, the warrants held by the selling shareholders may be exercised through a cashless exercise, in which event, we will not receive any proceeds from the exercise. If these warrants are exercised and the exercise price is paid in cash, we will receive \$5,870,931, which we intend to use for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

MARKET PRICE AND DIVIDEND INFORMATION

Our common stock is currently traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol CGCP.OB. In 2002, our common stock was listed on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market and Nasdaq National Market. For the periods indicated, the following table presents the range of high and low sale prices for the common stock as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board, Nasdaq National Market and Nasdaq SmallCap Market for the respective market on which our common stock was listed during the quarter being reported.

2002	High	Low
First Quarter	\$1.25	\$0.65
Second Quarter	\$1.20	\$0.67
Third Quarter	\$0.99	\$0.56
Fourth Quarter	\$0.93	\$0.25
2003	High	Low
First Quarter	\$0.66	\$0.22
Second Quarter	\$0.85	\$0.24
Third Quarter	\$1.49	\$0.72
Fourth Quarter	\$1.92	\$0.70
2004	High	Low
First Quarter (through March 24, 2004)	\$1.26	\$0.82

As of March 5, 2004 shares of our common stock were held by 217 shareholders of record.

We have never paid a cash dividend on our common stock and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future, as we intend to retain our earnings, if any, to generate increased growth and for general corporate purposes.

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BUSINESS

General

CardioGenesis Corporation, incorporated in California in 1989, designs, develops and distributes laser-based surgical products and disposable fiber-optic accessories for the treatment of advanced cardiovascular disease through transmyocardial revascularization (TMR) and percutaneous transluminal myocardial revascularization (PMR). TMR and PMR are recent laser-based heart treatments in which channels are made in the heart muscle. Many scientific experts believe these procedures encourage new vessel formation, or angiogenesis. TMR is performed by a cardiac surgeon through a small incision in the chest under general anesthesia. PMR is performed by a cardiologist in a catheter-based procedure which utilizes local anesthesia. Clinical studies have demonstrated a significant reduction in angina and increase in exercise duration in patients treated with TMR or PMR plus medications, when compared with patients who received medications alone.

We received CE Mark approval for our TMR system in May 1997 and our PMR system in April 1998, which allows us to commercially distribute these products within the European Community. The CE Marking is an international symbol of adherence to quality assurance standards and compliance with applicable European medical device directives. On February 11, 1999, we received final approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for our TMR products for treatment of stable patients with certain types of angina. Effective July 1, 1999, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly known as the Health Care Financial Administration (HCFA), began to provide Medicare coverage for any manufacturer s TMR procedures. As a result, hospitals and physicians are eligible to receive Medicare reimbursement for TMR equipment and procedures for Medicare patients.

We have completed pivotal clinical trials involving PMR, and study results were submitted to the FDA in a Pre Market Approval, or PMA application, in December 1999 along with subsequent amendments. In July 2001, the FDA Advisory Panel recommended against approval of PMR for public sale and use in the United States. In February 2003, the FDA granted an independent panel review of our pending PMA application for PMR by the Medical Devices Dispute Resolution Panel, or MDDRP. In July 2003, the FDA agreed to an alternative process in which additional data in support of our PMA supplement for PMR could be submitted and reviewed by the FDA in an interactive review process. The data was submitted in August 2003 and the independent panel review by the MDDRP was cancelled. The FDA agreed to reschedule the MDDRP hearing in the future if the dispute cannot be resolved. The FDA has informed us that they believe the data submitted in August 2003 in connection with the interactive review process is still not adequate to support approval by the FDA of our PMR system. As part of the interactive review process, we met with the FDA in March 2004. At that time, the FDA was unable to reach a favorable outcome on our application for approval of PMR. We expect to meet with the FDA in the near future in order to clarify any needs for additional clinical data on PMR. At this time, we have determined not to proceed to a Medical Services Resolution Panel review of our PMR application, although that option remains available. There can be no assurance, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA in the future.

On March 17, 1999, we merged with the former CardioGenesis Corporation. Under the terms of the combination, each share of the former CardioGenesis common stock was converted into 0.8 of a share of our common stock, and the former CardioGenesis has become a wholly owned subsidiary of ours. As a result of the transaction, our outstanding shares increased by approximately 9.9 million shares. The transaction was structured to qualify as a tax-free reorganization and has been accounted for as a pooling of interests. Accordingly, the financial information included in this report has been restated as if the combined entity existed for the 1999 period prior to the merger.

Background

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death and disability in the U.S. Coronary artery disease is the principal form of cardiovascular disease and is characterized by a progressive narrowing of the coronary arteries which supply blood to the heart. This narrowing process is usually due to atherosclerosis, which is the buildup of fatty deposits, or plaque, on the inner lining of the arteries. Coronary artery disease reduces the available supply of oxygenated blood to the heart muscle, potentially resulting in severe chest pain known as angina, as well as damage to the heart. Typically, the condition worsens over time and often leads to heart attack and/or death.

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Based on standards promulgated by the Canadian Heart Association, angina is typically classified into four classes, ranging from Class 1, in which angina pain results only from strenuous exertion, to the most severe, Class 4, in which the patient is unable to conduct any physical activity without angina and angina may be present even at rest. The American Heart Association estimates that more than six million Americans experience angina symptoms.

The primary therapeutic options for treatment of coronary artery disease are drug therapy, balloon angioplasty also known as percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty or (PTCA), other interventional techniques which augment or replace PTCA such as stent placement and atherectomy, and coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG). The objective of each of these approaches is to increase blood flow through the coronary arteries to the heart.

Drug therapy may be effective for mild cases of coronary artery disease and angina either through medical effects on the arteries that improve blood flow without reducing the plaque or by decreasing the rate of formation of additional plaque (e.g., by reducing blood levels of cholesterol). Because of the progressive nature of the disease, however, many patients with angina ultimately undergo either PTCA or CABG.

Introduced in the early 1980s, PTCA is a less-invasive alternative to CABG in which a balloon-tipped catheter is inserted into an artery, typically near the groin, and guided to the areas of blockage in the coronary arteries. The balloon is then inflated and deflated at each blockage site, thereby rupturing the blockage and stretching the vessel. Although the procedure is usually successful in widening the blocked channel, the artery often re-narrows within six months of the procedure, a process called restenosis, often necessitating a repeat procedure. A variety of techniques for use in conjunction with PTCA have been developed in an attempt to reduce the frequency of restenosis, including stent placement and atherectomy. Stents are small metal frames delivered to the area of blockage using a balloon catheter and deployed or expanded within the coronary artery. The stent is a permanent implant intended to keep the channel open. Atherectomy is a means of using mechanical, laser or other techniques at the tip of a catheter to cut or grind away plaque.

CABG is an open chest procedure developed in the 1960s in which conduit vessels are taken from elsewhere in the body and grafted to the blocked coronary arteries so that blood can bypass the blockage. CABG typically requires the use of a heart-lung bypass machine to render the heart inactive (to allow the surgeon to operate on a still, relatively bloodless heart) and involves prolonged hospitalization and patient recovery periods. Accordingly, it is generally reserved for patients with severe cases of coronary artery disease or those who have previously failed to receive adequate relief of their symptoms from PTCA or related techniques. Most bypass grafts fail within one to fifteen years following the procedure. Repeating the surgery (re-do bypass surgery) is possible, but is made more difficult because of scar tissue and adhesions that typically form as a result of the first operation. Moreover, for many patients CABG is inadvisable for various reasons, such as the severity of the patient's overall condition, the extent of coronary artery disease or the small size of the blocked arteries.

When these treatment options are exhausted, the patient is left with no viable surgical or interventional alternative other than, in limited cases, heart transplantation. Without a viable surgical alternative, the patient is generally managed with drug therapy, often with significant lifestyle limitations. TMR, which bears the CE Marking and has received FDA approval, and PMR, which bears the CE Marking and for which we are continuing to pursue FDA approval for use in the U.S., offer potential relief to a large population of patients with severe cardiovascular disease.

The TMR and PMR Procedures

TMR is a surgical procedure performed on the beating or non-beating heart, in which a laser device is used to create pathways through the myocardium directly into the heart chamber. The pathways are intended to supply blood to ischemic, or oxygen-deprived regions of the myocardium and reduce angina in the patient. TMR can be performed

using open chest surgery or minimally invasive surgery through a small incision between the ribs. TMR offers end-stage cardiac patients who have regions of ischemia not amenable to PTCA or CABG a means to alleviate their symptoms and improve their quality of life. We have received FDA approval for U.S. commercial distribution of our TMR laser system for treatment of stable patients with angina (Canadian Cardiovascular Society Class 4) refractory to medical treatment and secondary to objectively demonstrated coronary artery atherosclerosis and with a region of the myocardium with reversible ischemia not amenable to direct coronary revascularization.

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PMR is an interventional procedure performed by a cardiologist. PMR is based upon the same principles as TMR, but the procedure is much less invasive. The procedure is performed under local anesthesia and the patient is treated through a catheter inserted in the femoral artery at the top of the leg. A laser transmitting catheter is threaded up into the heart chamber, where channels are created in the inner portion of the myocardium (i.e. heart muscle). PMR has received the CE Marking approving its use within the European Union. See our discussion below under the caption *Regulatory Status*, for the status of our PMA application with the FDA seeking approval of PMR for public sale and use in the United States.

Business Strategy

Our objective is to become a recognized leader in the field of myocardial revascularization, with TMR and PMR established as well-known and acceptable therapies. Our strategies to achieve this goal are as follows:

Expand Market for our Products. We are seeking to expand market awareness of our products among leaders in the cardiovascular field, the referring physician community and the targeted patient population. In connection with the FDA approved TMR product, we have prioritized our efforts in the U.S. on the top 600 hospitals that perform the greatest number of cardiovascular procedures. We also currently intend to expand our marketing efforts in Europe and to the rest of the world through the establishment and expansion of direct international sales and support organizations and third party distributors and agents. In addition, we have developed a comprehensive training program to assist physicians in acquiring the expertise necessary to utilize our TMR and PMR products and procedures.

Demonstrate Clinical Utility of PMR. We are seeking to demonstrate the clinical safety and effectiveness of PMR. We have completed a pivotal clinical trial regarding PMR, and the study results were submitted to the FDA in a PMA application in December 1999, along with subsequent supplements. As discussed below under the caption *Regulatory Status*, the FDA Advisory Panel recommended against approval of PMR for public sale and use in the United States and further informed us that they believe the data submitted in August 2003 in connection with the interactive review process is still not adequate to support approval by the FDA of our PMR system. As part of the interactive review process, we met with the FDA in March 2004. At that time, the FDA was unable to reach a favorable outcome on our application for approval of PMR. We expect to meet with the FDA in the near future in order to clarify any needs for additional clinical data on PMR. At this time, we have determined not to proceed to a Medical Services Resolution Panel review of our PMR application, although that option remains available. We cannot assure you, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA in the future.

Leverage Proprietary Technology. We believe that our significant expertise in laser and catheter-based systems for cardiovascular disease and the proprietary technologies we have developed are important factors in our efforts to demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of our TMR and PMR procedures. We are seeking to develop additional proprietary technologies for TMR, PMR and related procedures. We have over 100 foreign and U.S. patents or allowed patent applications and more than 200 U.S. and foreign patent applications pending relating to various aspects of TMR, PMR and other cardiovascular therapies.

Products and Technology

TMR System

Our TMR system consists of a holmium laser console and a line of fiber-optic, laser-based surgical tools. Each surgical tool utilizes an optical fiber assembly to deliver laser energy from the source laser base unit to the distal tip of the surgical handpiece or PMR catheter. The compact base unit occupies a small amount of operating room floor space, operates on standard 220-volt power supply, and is light enough to move within the operating room or among operating rooms in order to use operating room space efficiently. Moreover, the flexible fiberoptic assembly used to

deliver the laser energy to the patient enables ready access to the patient and to various sites within the heart.

Our TMR system and related surgical procedures are designed to be used without the requirement of the external systems utilized with certain competitive TMR systems. For example, our TMR 2000 system does not require electrocardiogram synchronization, which monitors the electrical output of the heart and times the use of the laser to minimize electrical disruption of the heart, or transesophageal echocardiography, which tests each

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application of the laser to the myocardium during the TMR procedure to determine if the pathway has penetrated through the myocardium into the heart chamber.

Holmium Laser. Our TMR 2000 laser base unit generates 2.1 micron wavelength laser light by photoelectric excitation of a solid state holmium crystal. The holmium laser, because it uses a solid state crystal as its source, is compact, reliable and requires minimal maintenance.

SoloGrip. The single use SoloGrip handpiece system contains multiple, fine fiber-optic strands in a one millimeter diameter bundle. The flexible fiber optic delivery system combined with the ergonomic handpiece provides access for treating all regions of the left ventricle.

The SoloGrip fiber-optic delivery system has an easy to install connector that screws into the laser base unit, and the device is pre-calibrated in the factory so it requires no special preparation.

PMR System

Our PMR system is currently sold only outside the United States. The PMR system consists of the PMR Laser and ECG Monitor.

PMR Laser. Our holmium laser base unit generates 2.1 micron wavelength laser light in the mid-infrared spectrum. It provides a reliable source for laser energy with low maintenance.

Axcis Catheter System. Our Axcis catheter system is an over-the-wire system that consists of two components, the Axcis laser catheter and Axcis aligning catheter. Our Axcis catheter system is designed to provide controlled navigation and access to target regions of the left ventricle. The coaxial Axcis laser catheter has an independent, extendible lens with radiopaque lens markers which show the location and orientation of the tip for optimal contact with the ventricle wall. The Axcis laser catheter also has nitinol petals at the laser-lens tip which are designed for safe penetration of the endocardium and to provide depth control.

Regulatory Status

United States. On February 11, 1999, we received approval from the FDA for use of our TMR 2000 laser console and SoloGrip handpiece for treatment of stable patients with angina (Canadian Cardiovascular Society Class 4) refractory to other medical treatments and secondary to objectively demonstrated coronary artery atherosclerosis and with a region of the myocardium with reversible ischemia not amenable to direct coronary revascularization.

We have completed pivotal clinical trials involving PMR and study results were submitted to the FDA in a PMA application in December 1999 along with subsequent amendments. The PMR study compares PMR to conventional medical therapy in patients with no option for other treatment. In July 2001, the FDA Advisory Panel recommended against approval of PMR for public sale and use in the United States. In July 2003, the FDA agreed to an alternative process in which additional data in support of our PMA supplement for PMR could be submitted and reviewed by the FDA in an interactive review process. The data was submitted in August 2003 and the independent panel review by the MDDRP was cancelled. The FDA agreed to reschedule the MDDRP hearing in the future if the dispute cannot be resolved. The FDA has informed us that they believe the data submitted in August 2003 in connection with the interactive review process is still not adequate to support approval by the FDA of our PMR system. We are currently scheduled to meet with the FDA in March 2004 as part of the ongoing interactive review process. We cannot assure you, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA.

European Union. We have obtained approval to affix the CE Marking to substantially all of our products, which enables us to commercially distribute our TMR and PMR products throughout the European Community.

Sales and Marketing

We have received FDA approval for our surgical TMR laser system. In July 1999, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced its coverage policy for TMR equipment and procedures. We are

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promoting market awareness of our approved surgical products among opinion leaders in the cardiovascular field and are recruiting physicians and hospitals to use our TMR products.

In the United States, we currently offer a laser base unit at a current end user list price of \$355,000 per unit, and the disposable TMR handpiece (at least one of which must be used with each TMR procedure) at an end user unit list price of \$3,300. In addition to sales of lasers to hospitals outright, in an effort to accelerate market adoption of the TMR procedure, we developed a program in which we loan lasers to hospitals in return for the hospital purchasing a minimum number of handpieces at a premium over the list price.

Internationally, we sell our TMR and PMR products through a direct sales and support organization and through distributors and agents. We currently intend to expand our marketing efforts in Europe and to the rest of the world through the establishment and expansion of direct international sales and support organizations and third party distributors and agents. We can not assure you, however, that we will be successful in increasing our international sales.

We have developed, in conjunction with several major hospitals using our TMR or PMR products, a training program to assist physicians in acquiring the expertise necessary to utilize our products and procedures. This program includes a comprehensive one-day course including didactic training and hands-on performance of TMR or PMR in vivo. To date over 1,200 cardiothoracic surgeons have been trained on the CardioGenesis TMR system.

We exhibit our products at major meetings of cardiovascular medicine practitioners. Evaluators of our products have made presentations at meetings around the world, describing their results. Abstracts and articles have been published in peer-reviewed publications and industry journals to present the results of our clinical trials.

Research and Development

We believe that streamlining our research efforts and product offerings is essential to our ability to stimulate growth and maintain our market leadership position. Our ongoing research and product development efforts are focused on the development of new and enhanced lasers and fiber-optic handpieces for TMR and PMR applications.

We believe our future success will depend, in part, upon the success of our research and development programs. There can be no assurance that we will realize financial benefit from these efforts or that products or technologies developed by others will not render our products or technologies obsolete or non-competitive.

Manufacturing

We outsource the manufacturing and assembly of our TMR and PMR handpiece systems to a single contract manufacturer. We believe that we have an adequate supply of lasers to meet our expected demand for the next twelve months. We are currently exploring manufacturing outsourcing options for the TMR 2000 laser and currently expect to have production capacity by the fourth quarter of 2004. The PMR laser system is provided to us under a manufacturing agreement with a laser manufacturing company.

Certain components of our laser units and fiber-optic handpieces are generally acquired from multiple sources. Other laser and fiber-optic components and subassemblies are purchased from single sources. Although we have identified alternative vendors, the qualification of additional or replacement vendors for certain components or services is a lengthy process. Any significant supply interruption would have a material adverse effect on the ability to manufacture our products and, therefore, would harm our business. We intend to continue to qualify multiple sources for components that are presently single sourced.

Competition

We expect that the market for TMR and PMR, which is currently in the early stages of development, will be competitive. At this point in time, we believe that our only competitor is PLC Systems, Inc. (PLC) which markets FDA-approved TMR products in the U.S. and abroad. Other competitors may also enter the market,

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including large companies in the laser and cardiac surgery markets. Many of these companies have or may have significantly greater financial, research and development, marketing and other resources than we do.

PLC is a publicly traded corporation which uses a CO2 laser and an articulated mechanical arm in its TMR products. PLC obtained a Pre Market Approval for TMR in 1998. PLC has received the CE Marking, which allows sales of its products commercially in all European Union countries. PLC has been issued patents for its apparatus and methods for TMR. Edwards Lifesciences, a well known, publicly traded provider of products and technologies to treat cardiovascular disease, has assumed full sales and marketing responsibility in the U.S. for PLC's TMR Heart Laser 2 System and associated kits pursuant to a co-marketing agreement between the two companies executed in January 2001. Through its significantly greater financial and human resources, including a well-established and extensive sales representative network, we believe Edwards has the potential to market to a greater number of hospitals and doctors than we currently can.

We believe that the factors which will be critical to market success include: the timing of receipt of requisite regulatory approvals, effectiveness and ease of use of the TMR products and applications, breadth of product line, system reliability, brand name recognition, effectiveness of distribution channels and cost of capital equipment and disposable devices.

TMR and PMR also compete with other methods for the treatment of cardiovascular disease, including drug therapy, PTCA and CABG. Even with the FDA approval of our TMR system in patients for whom other cardiovascular treatments are not likely to provide relief, and when used in conjunction with other treatments, we cannot assure you that our TMR or PMR products will be accepted by cardiovascular professionals. Moreover, technological advances in other therapies for cardiovascular disease such as pharmaceuticals or future innovations in cardiac surgery techniques could make such other therapies more effective or lower in cost than our TMR procedure and could render our technology obsolete. We cannot assure you that physicians will use our TMR procedure to replace or supplement established treatments, or that our TMR procedure will be competitive with current or future technologies. Such competition could harm our business.

Our TMR laser system and any other product developed by us that gains regulatory approval will face competition for market acceptance and market share. An important factor in such competition may be the timing of market introduction of competitive products. Accordingly, the relative pace at which we can develop products, complete clinical testing, achieve regulatory approval, gain reimbursement acceptance and supply commercial quantities of the product to the market are important competitive factors. In the event a competitor is able to obtain a PMA for its products prior to our doing so, we may not be able to compete successfully. We may not be able to compete successfully against current and future competitors even if we obtain a PMA prior to our competitors.

Government Regulation

Laser-based surgical products and disposable fiber-optic accessories for the treatment of advanced cardiovascular disease through TMR are considered medical devices, and as such are subject to regulation in the U.S. by the FDA and outside the U.S. by comparable international regulatory agencies. Our devices require the rigorous PMA process for approval to market the product in the U.S. and must bear the CE Marking for commercial distribution in the European Community.

To obtain a Pre Market Approval (PMA) for a medical device, we must file a PMA application that includes clinical data and the results of preclinical and other testing sufficient to show that there is a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the product for its intended use. To begin a clinical study, an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) must be obtained and the study must be conducted in accordance with FDA regulations. An IDE application must contain preclinical test data demonstrating the safety of the product for human investigational use,

information on manufacturing processes and procedures, and proposed clinical protocols. If the FDA clears the IDE application, human clinical trials may begin. The results obtained from these trials are accumulated and, if satisfactory, are submitted to the FDA in support of a PMA application. Prior to U.S. commercial distribution, premarket approval is required from the FDA. In addition to the results of clinical trials, the PMA application must include other information relevant to the safety and effectiveness of the device, a description of the facilities and controls used in the manufacturing of the device, and proposed labeling. By law, the FDA has 180 days to review a PMA application. While the FDA has responded to PMA applications within the allotted time

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frame, reviews more often occur over a significantly longer period and may include requests for additional information or extensive additional trials. There can be no assurance that we will not be required to conduct additional trials which may result in substantial costs and delays, nor can there be any assurance that a PMA will be obtained for each product in a timely manner, if at all. In addition, changes in existing regulations or the adoption of new regulations or policies could prevent or delay regulatory approval of our products. Furthermore, even if a PMA is granted, subsequent modifications of the approved device or the manufacturing process may require a supplemental PMA or the submission of a new PMA which could require substantial additional clinical efficacy data and FDA review. After the FDA accepts a PMA application for filing, and after FDA review of the application, a public meeting is frequently held before an FDA advisory panel in which the PMA is reviewed and discussed. The panel then issues a favorable or unfavorable recommendation to the FDA or recommends approval with conditions. Although the FDA is not bound by the panel's recommendations, it tends to give such recommendations significant weight. In February 1999, we received a PMA for our TMR laser system for use in certain indications. As discussed above under the caption Regulatory Status, the FDA Advisory Panel recommended against approval of PMR for public sale and use in the United States and further informed us that they believe the data submitted in August 2003 in connection with the interactive review process is still not adequate to support approval by the FDA of our PMR system. As part of the interactive review process, we met with the FDA in March 2004. At that time, the FDA was unable to reach a favorable outcome on our application for approval of PMR. We expect to meet with the FDA in the near future in order to clarify any needs for additional clinical data on PMR. At this time, we have determined not to proceed to a Medical Services Resolution Panel review of our PMR application, although that option remains available. We cannot assure you, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA in the future.

Products manufactured or distributed by us pursuant to a PMA will be subject to pervasive and continuing regulation by the FDA, including, among other things, postmarket surveillance and adverse event reporting requirements. Failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements can result in, among other things, warning letters, fines, suspensions or delays of approvals, seizures or recalls of products, operating restrictions or criminal prosecutions. The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requires us to manufacture our products in registered establishments and in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) regulations and to list our devices with the FDA. Furthermore, as a condition to receipt of a PMA, our facilities, procedures and practices will be subject to additional pre-approval GMP inspections and thereafter to ongoing, periodic GMP inspections by the FDA. These GMP regulations impose certain procedural and documentation requirements upon us with respect to manufacturing and quality assurance activities. Labeling and promotional activities are subject to scrutiny by the FDA. Current FDA enforcement policy prohibits the marketing of approved medical devices for unapproved uses. Changes in existing regulatory requirements or adoption of new requirements could harm our business. We may be required to incur significant costs to comply with laws and regulations in the future and current or future laws and regulations may harm our business.

We are also regulated by the FDA under the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act, which requires laser products to comply with performance standards, including design and operation requirements, and manufacturers to certify in product labeling and in reports to the FDA that our products comply with all such standards. The law also requires laser manufacturers to file new product and annual reports, maintain manufacturing, testing and sales records, and report product defects. Various warning labels must be affixed and certain protective devices installed, depending on the class of the product. In addition, we are subject to California regulations governing the manufacture of medical devices, including an annual licensing requirement. Our facilities are subject to ongoing, periodic inspections by the FDA and California regulatory authorities.

Sales, manufacturing and further development of our TMR and PMR systems also may be subject to additional federal regulations pertaining to export controls and environmental and worker protection, as well as to state and local health, safety and other regulations that vary by locality and which may require obtaining additional permits. We cannot predict the impact of these regulations on our business.

Sales of medical devices outside of the U.S. are subject to foreign regulatory requirements that vary widely by country. In addition, the FDA must approve the export of devices to certain countries. To market in Europe, a manufacturer must obtain the certifications necessary to affix to its products the CE Marking. The CE Marking is an international symbol of adherence to quality assurance standards and compliance with applicable European medical device directives. In order to obtain and to maintain a CE Marking, a manufacturer must be in compliance with appropriate ISO 9001 standards and obtain certification of its quality assurance systems by a recognized European Union notified body. However, certain individual countries within Europe require further approval by their national regulatory agencies. We have achieved International Standards Organization and European Union certification for

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our manufacturing facility. In addition, we have completed CE mark registration for all of our products in accordance with the implementation of various medical device directives in the European Union. Failure to maintain the right to affix the CE Marking or other requisite approvals could prohibit us from selling our TMR and PMR products in member countries of the European Union or elsewhere.

Intellectual Property Matters

Our success depends, in part, on our ability to obtain patent protection for our products, preserve our trade secrets, and operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others. Our policy is to seek to protect our proprietary position by, among other methods, filing U.S. and foreign patent applications related to our technology, inventions and improvements that are important to the development of our business. We have over 100 U.S. and foreign patents or allowed patent applications and more than 200 U.S. and foreign patent applications pending relating to various aspects of TMR, PMR and other cardiovascular therapies. Our patents or patent applications may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented in the future or the rights granted may not provide a competitive advantage. We intend to vigorously protect and defend our intellectual property. We do not know if patent protection will continue to be available for surgical methods in the future. Costly and time-consuming litigation brought by us may be necessary to enforce our patents and to protect our trade secrets and know-how, or to determine the enforceability, scope and validity of the proprietary rights of others.

We also rely upon trade secrets, technical know-how and continuing technological innovation to develop and maintain our competitive position. We typically require our employees, consultants and advisors to execute confidentiality and assignment of inventions agreements in connection with their employment, consulting, or advisory relationships with us. If any of these agreements are breached, we may not have adequate remedies available thereunder to protect our intellectual property or we may incur substantial expenses enforcing our rights. Furthermore, our competitors may independently develop substantially equivalent proprietary information and techniques or otherwise gain access to our proprietary technology, or we may not be able to meaningfully protect our rights in unpatented proprietary technology.

The medical device industry in general, and the industry segment that includes products for the treatment of cardiovascular disease in particular, have been characterized by substantial competition and litigation regarding patent and other intellectual property rights. In this regard, our competitors have been issued a number of patents related to TMR and PMR. There can be no assurance that claims or proceedings will not be initiated against us by competitors or other third parties in the future. In particular, the introduction in the United States market of our PMR technology, should that occur, may create new exposures to claims of infringement of third party patents. Any such claims in the future, regardless of whether they have merit, could be time-consuming and expensive to respond to and could divert the attention of our technical and management personnel. We may be involved in litigation to defend against claims of our infringement, to enforce our patents, or to protect our trade secrets. If any relevant claims of third party patents are upheld as valid and enforceable in any litigation or administrative proceeding, we could be prevented from practicing the subject matter claimed in such patents, or we could be required to obtain licenses from the patent owners of each such patent or to redesign our products or processes to avoid infringement.

We cannot assure that our current and potential competitors and other third parties have not filed or in the future will not file patent applications for, or have not received or in the future will not receive, patents or obtain additional proprietary rights that will prevent, limit or interfere with our ability to make, use or sell our products either in the U.S. or internationally. In the event we were to require licenses to patents issued to third parties, such licenses may not be available or, if available, may not be available on terms acceptable to us. In addition, we cannot assure you that we would be successful in any attempt to redesign our products or processes to avoid infringement or that any such redesign could be accomplished in a cost-effective manner. Accordingly, an adverse determination in a judicial or administrative proceeding or failure to obtain necessary licenses could prevent us from manufacturing and selling our

products, which would harm our business.

Third Party Reimbursement

We expect that sales volumes and prices of our products will continue to depend significantly on the availability of reimbursement for surgical procedures using our products from third party payors such as governmental programs, private insurance and private health plans. Reimbursement is a significant factor considered

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by hospitals in determining whether to acquire new equipment. Reimbursement rates from third party payors vary depending on the third party payor, the procedure performed and other factors. Moreover, third party payors, including government programs, private insurance and private health plans, have in recent years been instituting increasing cost containment measures designed to limit payments made to healthcare providers by, among other measures, reducing reimbursement rates, limiting services covered, negotiating prospective or discounted contract pricing and carefully reviewing and increasingly challenging the prices charged for medical products and services.

Medicare reimburses hospitals on a prospectively determined fixed amount for the costs associated with an in-patient hospitalization based on the patient's discharge diagnosis, and reimburses physicians on a prospectively determined fixed amount based on the procedure performed, regardless of the actual costs incurred by the hospital or physician in furnishing the care and unrelated to the specific devices used in that procedure. Medicare and other third party payors are increasingly scrutinizing whether to cover new products and the level of reimbursement for covered products. In addition, Medicare traditionally has considered items or services involving devices that have not been approved or cleared for marketing by the FDA to be precluded from Medicare coverage. In July 1999, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services began coverage of FDA approved TMR systems for any manufacturer's TMR procedures. In October of 1999, CMS further clarified its coverage policy to include coverage of TMR when performed as an adjunctive to CABG.

In contrast to Medicare which covers a significant portion of the patients who are candidates for TMR, private insurers and health plans each make any individual decision whether or not to provide reimbursement for TMR and, if so, at what reimbursement level. We have limited experience to date ascertaining the acceptability of our TMR procedures for reimbursement by private insurance and private health plans. Private insurance and private health plans may not approve reimbursement for TMR or PMR. The lack of private insurance and health plans reimbursement may harm our business. Based on physician feedback, we believe many private insurers are reimbursing hospitals and physicians when the procedure is performed on non-Medicare patients. In May 2001, Blue Cross/Blue Shield's Technology Evaluation Center (TEC) assessed our therapy and confirmed that both TMR and TMR used as an adjunct to bypass surgery, improves net health outcomes. While TEC decisions are not binding, many Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans and other third-party payers use the center as a benchmark and adopt into policy those therapies that meet the TEC assessment.

In foreign markets, reimbursement is obtained from a variety of sources, including governmental authorities, private health insurance plans and labor unions. In most foreign countries, there are also private insurance systems that may offer payments for alternative therapies. Although not as prevalent as in the U.S., health maintenance organizations are emerging in certain European countries. We may need to seek international reimbursement approvals, and we may not be able to attain these approvals in a timely manner, if at all. Failure to receive foreign reimbursement approvals could make market acceptance of our products in the foreign markets in which such approvals are sought more difficult.

We believe that reimbursement in the future will be subject to increased restrictions such as those described above, both in the U.S. and in foreign markets. We also believe that the escalating cost of medical products and services has led to and will continue to lead to increased pressures on the healthcare industry, both foreign and domestic, to reduce the cost of products and services, including products offered by us. Third party reimbursement and coverage may not be available or adequate in U.S. or foreign markets, current levels of reimbursement may be decreased in the future and future legislation, regulation, or reimbursement policies of third party payors may reduce the demand for our products or our ability to sell our products on a profitable basis. Fundamental reforms in the healthcare industry in the U.S. and Europe that could affect the availability of third party reimbursement continue to be proposed, and we cannot predict the timing or effect of any such proposal. If third party payor coverage or reimbursement is unavailable or inadequate, our business may suffer.

Product Liability and Insurance

We maintain insurance against product liability claims in the amount of \$10 million per occurrence and \$10 million in the aggregate. We may not be able to obtain additional coverage or continue coverage in the amount desired or on terms acceptable to us, and such coverage may not be adequate for liabilities actually incurred. Any uninsured or underinsured claim brought against us or any claim or product recall that results in a significant cost to or adverse publicity against us could harm our business.

Employees

As of December 31, 2003 we had 31 employees, of which 18 employees were in sales and marketing. None of our employees is covered by a collective bargaining agreement and we have not experienced any work stoppages to date.

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The following selected consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and our financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The selected consolidated statement of operations data for fiscal years ended 2003, 2002 and 2001 and the consolidated balance sheet data for 2003 and 2002 set forth below are derived from our consolidated financial statements and are qualified by reference to our consolidated financial statements included herein.

The selected consolidated statement of operations data for fiscal years ended 2000 and 1999 and the consolidated balance sheet data for 2001, 2000 and 1999 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included herein. These historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for any future period. As a result of our 1999 pooling of interest with the former CardioGenesis, all data prior to the pooling has been restated as if the combined entity existed for the entire period presented.

Selected Consolidated Financial Data
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999(1)
Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:					
Net revenues	\$ 13,518	\$ 13,048	\$ 14,153	\$ 22,210	\$ 25,3
Cost of revenues	2,295	2,935	5,777	10,055	13,6
Gross profit	11,223	10,113	8,376	12,155	12,078
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	1,944	657	1,863	5,065	11,353
Sales, general and administrative	9,590	12,297	15,119	22,009	,581
Restructuring and merger-related costs			1,033		5,214
Total operating expenses	11,534	12,954	18,015	27,074	41,148
Operating loss	(311)	(2,841)	(9,639)	(14,919)	(29,070)
Interest and other income (expense), net	(37)	2,311	(608)	310	737

Net loss	\$ (348)	\$ (530)	\$ (10,7)	\$ (14,609)	\$ (28,333)
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Net loss per share basic and diluted	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.31)	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.99)
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Shares used in per share calculation	37,303	36,911	33,311	30,166	28,629
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Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:

Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 1,013	\$ 1,490	\$ 2,629	\$ 3,357	\$ 13,313
Working capital	2,001	1,614	1,048	4,662	10,031
Total assets	6,460	7,755	11,309	16,965	34,019
Long-term debt, less current portion	6	1	32	405	815
Accumulated deficit	(164,958)	(164,610)	(164,080)	(153,833)	(139,2)
Total shareholders equity	3,820	3,711	3,582	7,974	18,573

- (1) Cost of revenues includes \$2.5 million of inventory write-offs and upgrades associated with the March 1999 merger.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains descriptions of our expectations regarding future trends affecting our business. These forward-looking statements and other forward-looking statements made elsewhere in this document are made in reliance upon the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Please read the section below titled "Factors Affecting Future Results" to review conditions which we believe could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are identified by words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "will," "may" and similar expressions. In addition, any statements that refer to our plans, expectations, strategies or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. Our business may have changed since the date hereof and we undertake no obligation to update these forward looking statements.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with financial statements and notes thereto included in this prospectus.

Overview

CardioGenesis Corporation, formerly known as Eclipse Surgical Technologies, Inc., incorporated in California in 1989, designs, develops, manufactures and distributes laser-based surgical products and disposable fiber-optic accessories for the treatment of advanced cardiovascular disease through transmyocardial revascularization (TMR) and percutaneous transluminal myocardial revascularization (PMR).

On February 11, 1999, we received final approval from the FDA for our TMR products for certain indications, and we are permitted to sell those products in the U.S. on a commercial basis. We have also received the European Conforming Mark (CE Mark) allowing the commercial sale of our TMR laser systems and our PMR catheter system to customers in the European Community. Effective July 1, 1999, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began providing Medicare coverage for TMR. As a result, hospitals and physicians are now eligible to receive Medicare reimbursement for TMR equipment and procedures performed on Medicare recipients.

We have completed pivotal clinical trials involving PMR and study results were submitted to the FDA in a PMA application in December 1999 along with subsequent amendments. The PMR study compares PMR to conventional medical therapy in patients with no option for other treatment. In July 2001, the FDA Advisory Panel recommended against approval of PMR for public sale and use in the United States. In July 2003, the FDA agreed to an alternative process in which additional data in support of our PMA supplement for PMR could be submitted and reviewed by the FDA in an interactive review process. The data was submitted in August 2003 and the independent panel review by the MDDRP was cancelled. The FDA agreed to reschedule the MDDRP hearing in the future if the dispute cannot be resolved. The FDA has informed us that they believe the data submitted in August 2003 in connection with the interactive review process is still not adequate to support approval by the FDA of our PMR system. As part of the interactive review process, we met with the FDA in March 2004. At that time, the FDA was unable to reach a favorable outcome on our application for approval of PMR. We expect to meet with the FDA in the near future in order to clarify any needs for additional clinical data on PMR. At this time, we have determined not to proceed to a Medical Services Resolution Panel review of our PMR application, although that option remains available. There can be no assurance, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA in the future.

As of December 31, 2003, we had an accumulated deficit of \$164,958,000. We may continue to incur operating losses. The timing and amounts of our expenditures will depend upon a number of factors, including the efforts

required to develop our sales and marketing organization, the timing of market acceptance of our products and the status and timing of regulatory approvals.

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Results of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2003 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2002

Net Revenues

We generate our revenues primarily through the sale of our TMR laser base units and related handpieces, and related services. Net revenues of \$13,518,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003 increased \$470,000, or 4%, when compared to net revenues of \$13,048,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. The increase in net revenues was due to an increase in domestic handpiece and laser revenues of \$268,000 and \$286,000, respectively, offset by a decrease in international handpiece and laser sales of \$9,000 and \$69,000, respectively.

The increase in handpiece revenue is primarily related to a higher average per unit selling price in 2003 as compared to 2002. In an effort to accelerate market adoption of the TMR procedure, we developed a program pursuant to which we loan lasers to hospitals in return for the hospital purchasing a minimum number of handpieces at a premium over the list price. In the year ended December 31, 2003, domestic handpiece revenue consisted of \$2,649,000 in sales to customers operating under our loaned laser program, of which \$781,000 was attributed to premiums associated with such sales. In the year ended December 31, 2002, domestic handpiece revenue consisted of \$2,832,000 in sales of product to customers operating under our loaned laser program, of which \$756,000 was attributed to premiums associated with such sales. In the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, sales of product to customers not operating under our loaned laser program were \$6,387,000 and \$5,937,000, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, domestic laser sales increased by \$286,000 compared to the year ended December 31, 2002 primarily from a moderate increase in the conversion of loaned lasers to outright sales. International sales, accounting for approximately 3% of total sales for the year ended December 31, 2003, decreased \$78,000 from the prior year when international sales accounted for 4% of total sales. The decrease in international sales occurred primarily as a result of fewer handpiece sales resulting from decreased sales and marketing efforts in the international market compared to 2002. Service and other revenue of \$971,000 slightly decreased by \$6,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003 when compared to \$977,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased to 83% of net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2003 as compared to 78% of net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2002. Gross profit in absolute dollars increased by \$1,110,000 to \$11,223,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared to \$10,113,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. The increase in gross profit as a percent of sales, and in absolute terms, resulted from improved margins on lasers sold. These margins improved primarily due to sales of lasers originally placed under our laser loan program that were converted to outright sales. In addition, margins on disposable handpieces increased due to improvements in manufacturing which resulted in higher yields.

Research and Development

Research and development expenditures of \$1,944,000 increased \$1,287,000 or 196% for the year ended December 31, 2003 when compared to \$657,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. The increase in overall research and development expense resulted primarily from an increase in costs for outside services of \$463,000 related to the PMR approval process. For the year ended December 31, 2003, a reduction of \$601,000 of accrued liabilities was recorded for estimated clinical trial obligations. This reduction of accrued liabilities decreased \$828,000 from the corresponding reduction in the prior year.

Sales, General and Administrative

Sales, general and administrative expenditures of \$9,590,000 decreased \$2,707,000 or 22% for the year ended December 31, 2003 when compared to \$12,297,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. The decrease in expenses resulted primarily from a decrease in employee expenses of \$1,077,000 primarily related to reductions in our workforce. Additionally, outside services, advertising and marketing, training and clinical research, and facilities and office expense decreased \$564,000, \$396,000, \$152,000, \$118,000, respectively, due to overall cost cutting efforts.

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Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net

Interest and other income (expense), net is comprised of interest income, interest expense and our former ownership interest in Microheart, Inc., a privately-held company (Microheart).

Interest income of \$7,000 decreased \$32,000 or 82% for the year ended December 31, 2003 when compared to \$39,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. This decrease was due to lower interest rates and lower investments in cash equivalents.

Interest expense of \$44,000 increased \$31,000 or 238% for the year ended December 31, 2003 when compared to \$13,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. This increase is primarily due to a higher level of financing for equipment under capital lease and amortization of debt issue costs.

A gain on the sale of an investee of \$2,285,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002 resulted from the sale of our ownership interest in Microheart in April 2002.

Year Ended December 31, 2002 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2001

Net Revenues

Net revenues of \$13,048,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002 decreased \$1,105,000, or 8%, when compared to net revenues of \$14,153,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. The decrease in net revenues was due to a reduction in domestic handpiece revenues of \$1,810,000 and international sales of \$547,000 offset by an increase in domestic laser sales of \$761,000 and in service and other revenue of \$491,000.

The decrease in handpiece revenue was primarily related to our then current strategy of concentrating our sales resources on increasing procedure volume in our existing installed base, which had the effect of reducing handpiece revenues from loaned laser placements, when compared to the levels attained in the year ended December 31, 2001. The decline in loaned laser placements in 2002, when compared to the prior year, resulted in a year-over-year reduction in the number of handpieces sold as each shipped laser is normally accompanied by an order for handpieces. In the year ended December 31, 2002, domestic handpiece revenue consisted of \$2,832,000 in sales to customers operating under our loaned laser program, of which \$756,000 was attributed to premiums associated with such sales. In the year ended December 31, 2001, domestic handpiece revenue consisted of \$4,677,000 in sales of product to customers operating under our loaned laser program, of which \$1,424,000 was attributed to premiums associated with such sales. In the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, sales of product to customers not operating under our loaned laser program was \$5,937,000 and \$5,902,000, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2002, domestic laser sales increased by \$761,000 compared to the year ended December 31, 2001 primarily from an increase in sales of lasers that were previously on loan in our installed base. International sales, accounting for approximately 4% of total sales for the year ended December 31, 2002, decreased \$547,000 from the prior year when international sales accounted for 7% of total sales. This reduction in international sales occurred primarily as a result of fewer handpiece sales due to decreased shipments to distributors in the international market compared to 2001. Service and other revenue of \$976,000 increased \$491,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002 when compared to \$485,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001 due primarily to an increase in the number of service contracts sold.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased to 78% of net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2002 as compared to 59% of net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2001. Gross profit in absolute dollars increased by \$1,737,000 to \$10,113,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002, as compared to \$8,376,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. The increase in gross profit as a percent of sales, and in absolute terms, resulted from improved margins on lasers sold as well as improved margins on disposable handpieces. We achieved these improved margins through due to the outsourcing of disposables manufacturing which took place in the second half of 2001.

Table of Contents*Research and Development*

Research and development expenditures of \$657,000 decreased \$1,206,000 or 65% for the year ended December 31, 2002 when compared to \$1,863,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. While actual expenditures for research and development remained fairly constant from 2001 to 2002, the decrease in overall research and development expense resulted primarily from the effects of recording a total of \$1.3 million in reductions of accrued liabilities recorded in prior years for estimated clinical trial obligations.

Sales, General and Administrative

Sales, general and administrative expenditures of \$12,297,000 decreased \$2,822,000 or 19% for the year ended December 31, 2002 when compared to \$15,119,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. The decrease in expenses resulted primarily from a decrease in employee expenses of \$1,956,000. We achieved this decrease in expenses primarily related to reductions in our work force and overall cost cutting efforts. Additionally, facilities and office expenses decreased by \$685,000 primarily as a result of the relocation of our corporate headquarters which was completed in the third quarter of 2001.

Restructuring and Merger-Related Costs

During the year ended December, 31 2001, we recognized restructuring charges of \$1,303,000, which were partially offset by a change in estimate of \$270,000 in connection with merger-related costs that were incurred in 1999. The 2001 restructuring charges related to the company-wide restructuring which began in the second quarter of 2001. The restructuring included a reduction in headcount, the closing of our facilities in Sunnyvale, California and the move to a new facility located in Foothill Ranch, California. As a result of the restructuring, 48 employees were identified to be terminated under the original restructuring plan, primarily from the finance and manufacturing departments.

The following table summarizes the restructuring activity (*in thousands*):

	Personnel and Severance Costs	Lease and Other Contractual Commitments	Other Miscellaneous Costs	Total
Provisions	\$ 655	\$ 344	\$ 304	\$ 1,303
Payments	(655)	(252)	(176)	(1,083)
Non-cash charges		(52)	(116)	(168)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reserve balance as of December 31, 2001		40	12	52
Payments		(40)		(40)
Non-cash charges			(12)	(12)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reserve balance as of December 31, 2002	\$	\$	\$	\$



Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net

Interest and other income (expense), net is comprised of interest income, interest expense and our ownership interest in Microheart.

Interest income of \$39,000 decreased \$23,000 or 37% for the year ended December 31, 2002 when compared to \$62,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. This decrease was due to lower interest rates and lower investments in cash equivalents.

Interest expense of \$13,000 decreased \$5,000 or 28% for the year ended December 31, 2002 when compared to \$18,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. This decrease reflected a lower level of debt outstanding.

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A gain on the sale of an investee of \$2,285,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002 was related to the sale of our ownership interest in Microheart in April 2002. For the year ended December 31, 2001, the equity in net loss of \$652,000 represented our share of the net loss of Microheart, in which our ownership was approximately 30% at the time the net loss was recorded.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and cash equivalents were \$1,013,000 at December 31, 2003 compared to \$1,490,000 at December 31, 2002, a decrease of \$477,000. We used \$680,000 of cash for operating activities in the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 primarily to pay down accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Cash used in investing activities during the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 was \$80,000. Cash provided by financing activities during the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 was \$358,000 due to proceeds from employee stock option exercises and common stock purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

In March 2003, we entered into a Purchase and Security Agreement with a private equity fund and entered into a revolving Convertible Note credit facility (the Note) that matures on March 26, 2006. In conjunction with this transaction, we issued warrants to acquire 275,000 shares of our common stock. The warrants are exercisable for five years from the date of grant at exercise prices ranging from \$.35 to \$.44 per share. As of December 31, 2003, we had no outstanding borrowings on the Note. We intend to cancel the Note in the first quarter of 2004.

On January 22, 2004, we sold 3,100,000 shares of common stock to private investors for a total price of \$2,700,000. We also issued warrants to purchase 3,100,000 additional shares of common stock at a price of \$1.37 per share. The warrants are immediately exercisable and have a term of five years. The investors also have an option to purchase approximately 1,570,000 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share for a period of six months following the effective date of a related registration statement to be filed in connection with the transaction. We agreed to file this registration statement covering the resale of shares within 50 days of the closing date of the transaction.

We have incurred significant losses for the last several years and at December 31, 2003 we had an accumulated deficit of \$164,958,000. Our ability to maintain current operations is dependent upon achieving and maintaining profitable operations or obtaining additional debt or equity financing.

We also plan to continue our cost containment efforts by focusing on sales, general and administrative expenses. We have significantly reduced our cost of revenues, primarily due to the outsourcing of a significant portion of our manufacturing which allows us to purchase products at lower costs. To reduce operating expenses, we have focused our efforts on reducing headcount and overall expenses in functions that are not essential to core and critical activities.

Currently, our primary goal is to maintain profitability. Our actions have been guided by this initiative, and the resulting cost containment measures have helped to conserve our cash. Our focus is upon core and critical activities, thus operating expenses that are nonessential to our core operations have been eliminated.

We believe our cash balance as of December 31, 2003 and the proceeds from our January 2004 sale of common stock will be sufficient to meet our capital and operating requirements through the next 12 months. We believe that if revenues from sales or new funds from debt or equity instruments are insufficient to maintain the current expenditure rate, it will be necessary to significantly reduce our operations until an appropriate solution is implemented.

We will have a continuing need for new infusions of cash if we incur losses in the future. We plan to increase our sales through increased direct sales and marketing efforts on existing products and achieving regulatory approval

for other products. If our direct sales and marketing efforts are unsuccessful or we are unable to achieve regulatory approval for our products, we will be unable to significantly increase our revenues. We believe that if we are unable to generate sufficient funds from sales or from debt or equity issuances to maintain our current expenditure rate, it will be necessary to significantly reduce our operations. We may be required to seek additional

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sources of financing, which could include short-term debt, long-term debt or equity. There is a risk that we may be unsuccessful in obtaining such financing and that we will not have sufficient cash to fund our operations.

As part of the ongoing interactive review process for our PMR product we met with the FDA in March 2004. At that time, the FDA was unable to reach a favorable outcome on our application for approval of PMR. We expect to meet with the FDA in the near future in order to clarify any needs for additional clinical data on PMR. At this time, we have determined not to proceed to a Medical Services Resolution Panel review of our PMR application, although that option remains available. If we receive approval from the FDA to sell our PMR product in the United States, we intend to expend cash resources to educate potential customers and stimulate sales. We currently anticipate that our cash and cash equivalents and currently anticipated revenues combined with revenues from sales of our PMR products in the United States, if approved by the FDA, will be adequate to fund the introduction of our PMR product in the United States during 2004. However, if we experience unanticipated cash expenditures or revenues from the sale of our current products decrease, we may need to seek additional sources of funding, including debt or equity, in order to finance the introduction of PMR product in the United States. We cannot assure you, however, that we will receive a favorable determination from the FDA in the future.

Contractual Obligations	Payments due by period (In Thousands)				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Long Term Debt					
Capital Lease Obligations					
Operating Leases	\$ 1,006	\$ 350	\$ 656	\$	\$
Purchase Obligations					
Other Long Term Liabilities Reflected on the Registrant's Balance Sheet under GAAP					
Total	\$ 1,006	\$ 350	\$ 656	\$	\$

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The following presents a summary of our critical accounting policies, defined as those policies we believe are: (i) the most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations, and (ii) that require our most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain.

Revenue Recognition:

We recognize revenue on product sales upon receipt of a purchase order, shipment of the products, the price is fixed or determinable and collection of sales proceeds is reasonably assured. Where purchase orders allow customers

an acceptance period or other contingencies, revenue is recognized upon the earlier of acceptance or removal of the contingency.

Revenues from sales to distributors and agents are recognized upon shipment when there is evidence that an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred under the Company's standard FOB shipping point terms, the sales price is fixed or determinable and the ability to collect sales proceeds is reasonably assured. The contracts regarding these sales do not include any rights of return or price protection clauses.

We frequently loan lasers to hospitals in return for the hospital purchasing a minimum number of handpieces at a premium over the list price. The loaned lasers are depreciated to cost of revenues over a useful life of 24 months. The revenue on the handpieces is recognized upon shipment at an amount equal to the list price. The

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premium over the list price represents revenue related to the use of the laser unit and is recognized ratably, generally over the 24-month useful life of the placed lasers.

Revenues from service contracts, rentals, and per procedure fees are recognized upon performance or over the terms of the contract as appropriate.

Accounts Receivable:

We regularly evaluate the collectability of accounts receivable based upon our knowledge of customers and compliance with credit terms. The allowance for doubtful accounts is adjusted based on such evaluation, with a corresponding provision included in general and administrative expenses.

Inventories:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (principally standard cost, which approximates actual cost on a first-in, first-out basis) or market value.

Income Taxes:

We account for income taxes using the liability method under which deferred tax assets or liabilities are calculated at the balance sheet date using current tax laws and rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*Quantitative Disclosures*

We are exposed to market risks inherent in our operations, primarily related to interest rate risk and currency risk. These risks arise from transactions and operations entered into in the normal course of business. We do not use derivatives to alter the interest characteristics of our marketable securities or our debt instruments. We have no holdings of derivative or commodity instruments.

Interest Rate Risk. We are subject to interest rate risks on cash and cash equivalents and any future financing requirements. Our long-term debt at December 31, 2003 consisted of an outstanding balance on a lease obligation.

The following table presents the future principal cash flows or amounts and related weighted average interest rates expected by year for our existing cash and cash equivalents and long-term debt instruments:

In Thousands	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total Fair Value
Assets						
Cash, cash equivalents	\$1,013	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,013
Weighted average interest rate	1.0%					1.0%
Liabilities						
Fixed Rate Debt						

Lease obligation	\$	7	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	7
Weighted average interest rate		6.8%						6.8%

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Interest Rate Risk. Our primary interest rate risk exposures relate to the impact of interest rate movements on our ability to obtain adequate financing to fund future operations.

We manage interest rate risk on our outstanding long-term debts through the use of fixed rate debt. Our management evaluates our financial position on an ongoing basis.

We do not hedge any balance sheet exposures and intercompany balances against future movements in foreign exchange rates. The exposure related to currency rate movements would not have a material impact on future net income or cash flows.

Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*Quarterly Results of Operations*

The following table sets forth certain quarterly financial information for the periods indicated. This information has been derived from unaudited financial statements that, in the opinion of management, have been prepared on the same basis as the audited information, and includes all normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of such information. The results of operations for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any future periods.

Three Months Ended
(in thousands, except per share data)

	2003				2002			
	March 31	June 30	Sept. 30	Dec. 31	March 31	June 30	Sept. 30	Dec. 31
	Net revenues	\$ 3,422	\$ 3,090	\$ 3,594	\$ 3,412	\$ 3,158	\$ 3,010	\$ 3,210
Gross profit	2,800	2,588	2,973	2,862	2,332	2,338	2,515	2,928
Operating income/(loss)	119	(879)	(121)	570	(1,246)	(1,160)	(581)	146
Net income/(loss)	121	(878)	(129)	538	(1,239)	1,137	(576)	148
Net income/(loss) per share:								
Basic and diluted	0.00	(0.02)	0.00	0.01	(0.03)	0.03	(0.02)	0.00
Weighted average shares outstanding								
Basic	37,121	37,136	37,351	37,597	36,507	36,979	37,059	37,090
Weighted average shares outstanding	37,145	37,136	37,351	38,446	36,507	37,098	37,059	37,146

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See the Index to Financial Statement on page F-1 for a listing of the consolidated financial statements and supplementary data filed as part of this prospectus.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity. SFAS 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously classified as equity. This Statement is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 (except for mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests). For all instruments that existed prior to May 31, 2003, the Standard is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003 (except for mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests). For mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests, the FASB has deferred the provisions of FAS 150 until further notice. The provisions of SFAS 150 adopted thus far did not have a material

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effect on our financial statements and the adoption of the remaining provision of SFAS 150 is not expected to have a material effect on our financial statements.

In December 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (FIN 46R). FIN 46R requires the application of either FIN 46 or FIN 46R by Public Entities to all Special Purpose Entities (SPE) created prior to February 1, 2003 as of December 31, 2003 for calendar year-end companies. FIN 46R is applicable to all non-SPEs created prior to February 1, 2003 at the end of the first interim or annual period ending after March 15, 2004. For all entities created subsequent to January 31, 2003, Public Entities were required to apply the provisions of FIN 46. The adoption of FIN 46 did not have a material impact to our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The adoption of FIN 46R for SPEs did not have an impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows, and we do not believe the adoption of FIN 46R for non-SPEs will have a material impact to our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2003, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 104, Revenue Recognition. SAB 104 codifies, revises and rescinds certain sections of SAB No. 101 in order to make this interpretive guidance consistent with current authoritative accounting and auditing guidance and SEC rules and regulations. Accordingly, there is no impact to our results of operations, financial position or cash flows as a result of the issuance of SAB No. 104.

MANAGEMENT**Executive Officers and Directors**

Our directors and executive officers, their age and their position as of March 12, 2004 are set forth below.

Name	Age	Position
Michael J. Quinn	60	President, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and Director
Christine G. Ocampo	31	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer & Secretary
Richard P. Lanigan	45	Senior Vice President of Marketing
Henry Rossell, Jr.	48	Senior Vice President, General Manager, Atlantic Business Unit
Joseph R. Kletzel, II	54	Director
Robert L. Mortensen	69	Director
Marvin J. Slepian, M.D.	48	Director
Robert C. Strauss	62	Director
Kurt E. Wehberg, M.D.	39	Director

Michael J. Quinn has served as our Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and Director since October 2000 and also President from October 2000 to May 2002. From November 1999 to September 2000, Mr. Quinn served as Chief Executive Officer, President and a member of the Board of Directors for Premier Laser Systems, a manufacturer of surgical and dental products. From January 1999 to November 1999, Mr. Quinn served as

President and Chief Operating Officer of Imagyn Medical Technologies, Inc., a manufacturer of minimally invasive surgical specialty products. From 1995 through December 1997, Mr. Quinn served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Fisher Scientific Company. Prior to 1995, Mr. Quinn held senior operating management positions at major healthcare organizations including American Hospital Supply Corporation, Picker International, Cardinal Health Group and Bergen Brunswig.

Christine G. Ocampo has served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer and Secretary since November 2003. From 2001 to 2003, Ms. Ocampo served in the role of Vice President and Corporate Controller. She first joined the Company in April 1997 and spent four years as our Accounting Manager. Prior to CardioGenesis, Ms. Ocampo held a management position in Finance at Mills-Peninsula Health Systems in Burlingame, CA, and spent three years as an Audit Senior for Ernst & Young LLP. She graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Accounting from Seattle University and became a licensed Certified Public Accountant in 1996.

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Richard P. Lanigan has been our Senior Vice President of Marketing since November 2003. Prior to November 2003, Mr. Lanigan served in a variety of different capacities. From March 2001 to October 2003, Mr. Lanigan was Vice President of Government Affairs and Business Development. From March 2000 to March 2001, Mr. Lanigan served in the role of Vice President of Sales and Marketing and from 1997 to 2000, Mr. Lanigan was the Director of Marketing. From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Lanigan served in various positions, most recently Marketing Manager, at Stryker Endoscopy. From 1987 to 1992, Mr. Lanigan served in Manufacturing and Operations management at Raychem Corporation. From 1981 to 1987, he served in the U.S. Navy where he completed six years of service as Lieutenant in the Supply Corps. Mr. Lanigan has a Bachelors of Arts in Finance from Notre Dame and a Masters degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

Henry R. Rossell, Jr. has been our Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Atlantic Business Unit since January 2004. Prior to that, Mr. Rossell served as our Senior Vice President of Worldwide Sales and Marketing since January 2003. From 1999 to 2002, Mr. Rossell served as Senior Vice-President, Sales and Marketing, Surgical Products Division at Imagyn Medical Technologies, Inc. From 1998 to 1999, he served as Vice President of the Education Services Group at Medascend, Inc. From 1994 to 1998, Mr. Rossell served as Vice President of Sales at Deknatel Snowden-Pencer and at Genzyme Surgical Products following the acquisition of Deknatel by Genzyme. Prior to Genzyme, Mr. Rossell spent 17 years in several sales management positions at Baxter Healthcare International where his most recently held position was Area Vice President, Corporate Sales and Marketing. Mr. Rossell has a Bachelors of Arts in History from Duke University.

Joseph R. Kletzel, II became a member of the Board in September 2001. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. Kletzel served as Chief Operating Officer for Advanced Tissue Sciences in La Jolla, California, where he was responsible for the daily operations, as well as all aspects of product & clinical research and development, the management of strategic alliances, regulatory and information technology functions. Mr. Kletzel's previous positions include President of the Research Division of Fisher Scientific International in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from 1996-1998 and President and COO of Devon Industries in Chatsworth, California from 1992-1996. He received his Bachelor of Science in Biology at Villanova University and is a retired Captain from the U.S. Marine Corps.

Robert L. Mortensen has served as one of our directors since April 1992. Mr. Mortensen is a member of the Board of Directors of Lightwave Electronics Corporation, a solid-state laser company that he founded in 1984 and until 2001 was either President or Chairman of the Board of that company. Mr. Mortensen holds an M.B.A. from Harvard University.

Marvin J. Slepian, M.D. became a member of our Board of Directors in December 2003. Since 1991, Dr. Slepian has taught medicine at the University of Arizona and currently serves as a Professor of Medicine and Director of Interventional Cardiology at the Saver Heart Center at the University of Arizona. Dr. Slepian is also the founder and chief executive officer of SynCardia Systems, Inc., a privately-held company that is developing a complete artificial heart for patients with end-stage heart disease. He was also one of the founders of Focal, Inc., a publicly-traded company that developed novel polymer-based therapeutics for surgery and angioplasty, including the world's first synthetic tissue sealant. Focal Inc. was acquired by Genzyme, Inc. in April 2001. Dr. Slepian received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1977 and a Medical Doctor degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1981. He did his residency in internal medicine at NYU School of Medicine/Bellevue Hospital, where he was also chief resident. In addition, Dr. Slepian was a Clinical and Research Fellow in the Cardiology Division of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and participated in a second fellowship in interventional Cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Robert C. Strauss has been one of our directors since March 1999. Mr. Strauss formerly served on the Board of Directors of the former CardioGenesis Corporation from December 1997 to March 1999. Mr. Strauss has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc. since December 1997.

From March 1997 to July 1997, Mr. Strauss served as President and Chief Operating Officer of IVAX Corporation, a pharmaceutical company. In 1983, Mr. Strauss joined Cordis Corporation, a medical device company, as Chief Financial Officer. From February 1987 to February 1997, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cordis Corporation and in 1995, Mr. Strauss was named Chairman of the Board. Mr. Strauss serves on the board of trustees for the University of Miami and holds positions on the board of directors of several public companies. Mr. Strauss received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics from the University of Illinois and his Master of Science in Physics from the University of Idaho.

Kurt E. Wehberg, M.D. became a member of our Board of Directors in December 2003. Since 2001, Dr. Wehburg has served as the Director of the Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Center and the TMR Program at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland. From 1998 to 2001, Dr. Wehburg participated in a fellowship program for cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Maryland Medical System. He did his residency training in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore. Dr. Wehburg received a Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola College in 1986 and a Medical Doctor degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1992.

Board Composition

Each director serves until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until a successor is elected and qualified, or until his earlier resignation or removal.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors is currently composed of three directors, Robert L. Mortensen, Robert C. Strauss and Joseph R. Kletzel, II. Messrs. Mortensen and Strauss are independent directors as that term is defined by the listing standards of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. The Audit Committee is primarily responsible for approving the services performed by our independent auditors and for reviewing and evaluating our accounting principles and our system of internal accounting controls. The Audit Committee met five times in 2003. Our Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee.

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Nominating Committee. Our Nominating Committee is currently composed of three directors, Robert L. Mortensen, Joseph R. Kletzel, II and Robert C. Strauss. The Nominating Committee proposes nominees for election or reelection to the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee did not meet in 2003. Should a vacancy in the Board of Directors occur, the Nominating Committee will seek and nominate qualified individuals. The Nominating Committee will consider nominees for director whose names are timely submitted by holders of our common stock in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee accompanied by such information regarding the nominee as would be required under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission were the shareholder soliciting proxies with regard to the election of such nominee.

Compensation Committee. Our Compensation Committee currently consists of Robert L. Mortensen, Robert C. Strauss and Joseph R. Kletzel, II. The Compensation Committee met one time in 2003. This committee reviews and approves our executive compensation policy and plan.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

No member of the Compensation Committee has a relationship that would constitute an interlocking relationship with executive officers or directors of another entity.

Director Compensation

For serving on the Board of Directors, directors who are not compensated as our employees or as consultants to us receive fees of \$1,500 per board meeting and \$500 per committee meeting, provided such committee meeting does not occur on the same day as a board meeting. We also have a Director Stock Option Plan for non-employee directors. In 2003, directors Joseph R. Kletzel, II, Robert C. Strauss and Robert L. Mortensen were each granted an option to purchase an aggregate of 7,500 shares of common stock upon re-election to our Board of Directors in May 2003. In addition, Messrs. Kletzel, Strauss and Mortensen were each granted an option to purchase an aggregate of 30,000 shares of common stock in June 2003. Marvin J. Slepian, M.D. and Kurt E. Wehberg, M.D. were each granted an option to purchase an aggregate of 22,500 shares of common stock upon their election to our Board of Directors in December 2003.

Executive Officer Compensation

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the annual and long-term compensation for services rendered in all capacities to us for the fiscal year 2003 by (i) all individuals who served at one point during 2003 as our Chief Executive Officer, (ii) the three most highly compensated executive officers having compensation of at least \$100,000 or more serving at the end of the fiscal year 2003, and (iii) two additional individuals who served as executive officers for us during the fiscal year 2003 but were not employed as executive officers at the end of the fiscal year 2003.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation		Other Annual Compensation	Long Term Compensation Awards
		Salary	Bonus		Securities Underlying Compensation Options/SARs

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Michael J. Quinn	2003	\$388,400	\$80,000		439,008
Chief Executive Officer, President and	2002	369,930			75,000
Chairman of the Board	2001	330,000		\$36,258(1)	200,000
Christine G. Ocampo	2003	136,000(2)	20,000		94,138
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,	2002	121,000	11,000		17,000
Secretary and Treasurer	2001	95,000		20,000(3)	45,000

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Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Annual Compensation		Other	Long Term Compensation Awards
		Salary	Bonus	Annual Compensation	Securities Underlying Options/SARs
Richard P. Lanigan Senior Vice President of Marketing	2003	\$223,650	\$30,000		233,134
	2002	222,555			37,500
	2001	175,000			50,000
Henry R. Rossell Senior Vice President and General Manager, Atlantic Division	2003	200,000			150,000
	2002				
Darrell F. Eckstein (5) Former President, Chief Operating Officer and	2003	266,148	40,000		298,578
	2002	266,148			50,000
Acting Chief Financial Officer	2001	227,596		\$26,487(3)	50,000
Michael A. Tuckerman (6) Former Vice President of Sales	2003	301,921			
	2002	301,921			75,000
	2001	174,470			50,000

(1) Housing allowance and health insurance premiums.

(2) Upon her appointment as Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer, Ms. Ocampo's annual base salary for 2003 was increased to \$160,000.

(3) Relocation allowance.

(4) Housing allowance.

(5) Mr. Eckstein's employment with CardioGenesis was terminated in November 2003.

(6) Mr. Tuckerman's employment with CardioGenesis was terminated in April 2003.

Employment Agreements

Michael J. Quinn entered into an employment agreement with us on September 27, 2001 which was amended on July 3, 2002. Mr. Quinn's employment agreement provides for an annual salary of \$369,930, subject to annual review and increase at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Mr. Quinn may also be entitled to receive (i) an annual bonus, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors, not to exceed 50% of Mr. Quinn's annual salary, and (ii) options or other rights to acquire our common stock, under terms and conditions determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Mr. Quinn's employment agreement provides that his employment is for an initial term of three years, which automatically renews for one year terms after the initial term unless terminated in writing thirty days prior to the commencement of a new one year term. Mr. Quinn may be

terminated at any time with or without cause subject to certain termination provisions.

In November 2003, our employment relationship with Darrell Eckstein was terminated. In connection with his departure, Mr. Eckstein has made certain breach of contract claims arising out his employment agreement with us, as well as certain tort claims. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Eckstein's employment agreement, we have agreed to submit the matter to binding arbitration. We believe Mr. Eckstein's claims are without merit and we intend to vigorously defend against these claims.

Table of Contents**Option Grants in Fiscal Year 2003**

The following table sets forth information regarding grants of stock options to purchase shares of our common stock made to the executive officers who appear in the Summary Compensation Table above during the year ended December 31, 2003.

Individual Grants⁽¹⁾

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted	Percentage of Total Options Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year	Exercise Price Per Share	Expiration Date	Potential Realizable Value At Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Term ⁽²⁾	
					5%	10%
Michael J. Quinn	289,008	15%	\$0.32	1/07/2013	\$58,162	\$147,393
Michael J. Quinn	150,000	8%	\$0.70	6/24/2013	\$66,034	\$167,343
Christine G. Ocampo	82,138	4%	\$0.32	1/07/2013	\$16,530	\$41,890
Christine G. Ocampo	12,000	1%	\$0.70	6/24/2013	\$5,283	\$13,387
Richard P. Lanigan	133,134	7%	\$0.32	1/07/2013	\$26,793	\$67,898
Richard P. Lanigan	100,000	5%	\$0.70	6/24/2013	\$44,023	\$111,562
Henry R. Rossell	100,000	5%	\$0.32	1/07/2013	\$44,023	\$111,562
Henry R. Rossell	50,000	3%	\$0.70	6/24/2013	\$22,011	\$55,781
Darrell F. Eckstein	173,578	9%	\$0.32	1/07/2013	\$34,932	\$88,524
Darrell F. Eckstein	125,000	7%	\$0.70	6/24/2013	\$55,028	\$139,452
Michael A. Tuckerman						

* Less than 1%.

- (1) Each of these options was granted pursuant to our Stock Option Plan. A total of 1,876,500 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options were granted to our employees during the year ended December 31, 2003.
- (2) In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, shown are the hypothetical gains or option spreads that would exist for the respective options. These gains are based on assumed rates of annual compounded stock price appreciation of 5% and 10% from the date the option was granted over the full option term. The 5% and 10% assumed rates of appreciation are mandated by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not represent our estimate or projection of future increases in the price of our common stock.

Table of Contents**Aggregate Option Exercises in Last Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year-End Option Values**

The following table sets forth certain information for the year ended December 31, 2003 concerning exercised, exercisable and unexercisable stock options held by each of the executive officers in the Summary Compensation Table above.

	Shares Acquired On Exercise	Value Realized	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options At Fiscal Year-end		Value of Unexercised In-the-money Options At Fiscal Year-end (1)	
			Exercisable	Unexercisable	Exercisable	Unexercisable
Michael J. Quinn			1,244,564	169,444	\$ 147,504	\$ 15,000
Christine G. Ocampo	82,138	\$ 49,746	63,028	18,889	840	1,200
Richard P. Lanigan			334,272	92,362	68,567	10,000
Henry R. Rossell			54,166	95,834	23,916	32,084
Darrell F. Eckstein	127,092	106,786	239,540		49,182	
Michael A. Tuckerman	58,332	66,732				

(1) The value for an in the money option represents the difference between the exercise price of such option as determined by CardioGenesis Board of Directors and \$0.82, the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2003, multiplied by the total number of shares subject to the option.

Stock Option and Other Benefit Plans

Our Stock Option Plan, as restated in June 2003, was adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the shareholders in April 1996. The total number of shares currently reserved for issuance under the Option Plan is 8,600,000 shares. The Option Plan terminates in March 2006. We believe the Option Plan is an essential tool to link the long-term interests of shareholders and employees, especially executive management, and serves to motivate executives to make decisions that will, in the long term, give the best returns to shareholders. Stock options are generally granted when an employee joins us, with subsequent grants also taking into account the individual's performance and the vesting status of previously granted options. These options typically vest over a three year period and are granted at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock at the date of grant. The sizes of initial option grants are based upon the position, responsibilities and expected contribution of the individual. This approach is designed to maximize shareholder value over a long term, as no benefit is realized from the option grant unless the price of our Common Stock has increased over a number of years.

In addition to the Option Plan, our employees are eligible to participate in our 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as restated in June 2003 (the ESPP). The total number of shares currently reserved for issuance under the ESPP is 850,000 shares. The ESPP terminates in April 2006. The ESPP allows employees to purchase shares of our common stock at a price equal to 85% of the lower of the fair market value at the beginning of the offering period or the fair market value at the end of the purchase period.

We also maintain a Directors Stock Option Plan which provides for the grant of nonstatutory options to directors who are neither officers nor employees of ours. We currently have 575,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under this plan. Under this plan, options are granted at the trading price of the common stock at the date of grant. Options generally vest over twelve to thirty-six months and expire ten years from date of grant. No shares of common stock issued under this plan are subject to repurchase.

Other elements of employee benefits include life and long-term disability insurance, medical benefits and a 401(k) plan with an employer matching contribution for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. All such benefits are available to all of our regular, full-time employees. We also maintain a Management Incentive Compensation Program for officers and certain other management positions, pursuant to which bonuses are paid out if we attain certain bonus targets.

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Limitation of Directors and Officers Liability

As allowed by the California Corporations Code, we have adopted provisions in our articles of incorporation that provide that the liability of our directors for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permissible under California law. Furthermore, our articles of incorporation provide that we are authorized to provide indemnification of agents (including directors and executive officers) through bylaw provisions or through agreements with the agents, or both, in excess of the indemnification otherwise permitted by Section 317 of the California Corporations Code, subject only to the applicable limits set forth in Section 204 of the California Corporations Code with respect to actions for breach of duty to the company and its shareholders. Our amended and restated bylaws provide that our agents shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with the successful defense on the merits in any proceeding that they are a party to by reason of the fact that they were agents of ours, but only if they acted in good faith, in a manner that they believed to be in our best interests (or in certain instances, in a manner that they did not believe to be contrary to our best interests), and with such care as a reasonably prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

If an agent is not successful on the merits in any such proceeding, then we will only indemnify the agent if it is determined that the agent has satisfied the foregoing standard of conduct, and such determination is made by:

a majority vote of a quorum of directors who are not parties to the proceeding;

independent legal counsel in a written opinion in the event a quorum of directors who are not parties to the proceeding is not obtainable;

approval by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our shares entitled to vote at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present or by written consent of the holders of a majority of shares entitled to vote; or

the court in which the proceeding was pending.

However, our amended and restated bylaws provide that, in the case of an action by or in the right of us, no indemnification will be permitted:

if the agent is adjudged to be liable in the performance of the agent's duty to us, unless and only to the extent that the court determines that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, the agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses which the court shall determine,

for amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of a threatened or pending action, with or without court approval, and

for expenses incurred in defending a threatened or pending action that is settled or otherwise disposed of with or without court approval.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors or officers pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

We enter into indemnification agreements with our officers and directors. We maintain insurance policies which insure our directors and officers against certain liabilities.

At present, there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers, employees or other agents as to which indemnification is being sought, nor are we aware of any pending or threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification by any director, officer, employee or other agent.

Table of Contents**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The table below sets forth information known to us regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of March 5, 2004, by each of the following:

each person known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock;

each named executive officer;

each of our directors; and

all executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and generally includes voting power and/or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of common stock subject to options currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days of the date of this prospectus are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the beneficial ownership by the person holding such options, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage beneficially owned by any other person. Except as otherwise noted, the persons or entities named have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares shown as beneficially owned by them. Unless otherwise indicated, the principal address of each of the shareholders below is CardioGenesis Corporation, 26632 Towne Center Drive, Suite 320, Foothill Ranch, California, 92610.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned(1)	
	Number	Percentage Ownership
5% Shareholders:		
Perkins Capital Management, Inc. (2) 730 East Lake Street Wayzata, MN 55391	5,507,600	13.4%
Directors:		
Joseph R. Kletzel, II (3)	111,250	*
Robert L. Mortensen (4)	213,946	*
Marvin J. Slepian, M.D. (5)	7,500	*
Robert C. Strauss (6)	141,250	*
Kurt E. Wehberg, M.D. (7)	7,500	*
Named Executive Officers:		
Michael J. Quinn (8)(9)	1,416,657	3.3%
Christine G. Ocampo (10)	69,361	*
Richard P. Lanigan (11)	387,216	*
Henry R. Rossell (12)	76,389	*
Darrell F. Eckstein (13)		*
Michael A. Tuckerman (13)		*
All directors and officers as a group (9 persons)(14)	2,431,069	5.6%

* Less than 1%.

(1) Percentage ownership is based on 41,238,183 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 5, 2004.

(2) The number of shares of common stock beneficially owned or of record has been determined solely from information reported on a Schedule 13G as of February 2, 2004.

(3) Represents 111,250 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Mr. Kletzel that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.

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- (4) Includes 187,750 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Mr. Mortensen that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (5) Represents 7,500 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Dr. Slepian that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (6) Represents 141,250 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Mr. Strauss that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (7) Represents 7,500 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Dr. Wehberg that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (8) Michael J. Quinn is both a member of the Board of Directors and a Named Executive Officer in his positions as CardioGenesis Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board.
- (9) Includes 1,289,007 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Mr. Quinn that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (10) Represents 69,361 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Ms. Ocampo that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (11) Includes 351,633 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Mr. Lanigan that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (12) Represents 76,389 shares of common stock subject to stock options held by Mr. Rossell that are exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.
- (13) No longer an employee of CardioGenesis.
- (14) Includes options to purchase an aggregate of 2,241,640 shares of common stock held by all officers and directors as a group exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004.

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The following table sets forth the names of the selling shareholders and the number of shares of common stock being registered for resale as of the date of this prospectus and sets forth the number of shares of common stock known by us to be beneficially owned by the selling shareholders. The following table assumes that each selling shareholder will sell all of the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus for its account. However, we are unable to determine the exact number of shares that will actually be sold. The shares of common stock offered by this prospectus may be offered from time to time by the selling shareholders. This information is based upon information provided by the selling shareholders, and is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. The number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by the selling shareholders is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. For some of the selling shareholders, the number of shares of common stock being sold in the offering will be greater than the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned prior to the offering. This is due to a limitation on the number of shares of common stock that these selling shareholders can hold at any given time. However, regardless of this limitation, we are obligated to register the resale of all of the shares of common stock that are issuable upon conversion of these securities. Consequently, some of the selling shareholders are shown in the table below as selling a greater number of shares of common stock than they beneficially own. None of the selling shareholders has had a material relationship with us within the past three years other than as a result of its ownership of our securities. The term "selling shareholder" includes the shareholders listed below and their transferees, assignees, pledgees, donees or other successors. The percent of beneficial ownership for each selling shareholder is based on 41,238,183 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 5, 2004. Shares of common stock subject to warrants, options and other convertible securities that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 5, 2004, are considered outstanding and beneficially owned by a selling shareholder who holds those warrants, options or other convertible securities for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of that selling shareholder but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other selling shareholder.

After the date of effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, the selling shareholders listed in the table may have sold or transferred, in transactions covered by this prospectus or in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, some or all of their common stock. Information about the selling shareholders may change over time. Any changed information will be set forth in an amendment to the registration statement or supplement to this prospectus, to the extent required by law.

Name of Selling Shareholder	Number of Shares of Common Stock Registered for Sale Hereby	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to this Offering (1)	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering
Capital Ventures International	4,360,465(2)	2,074,255	0
Castle Creek Healthcare Partners LLC	2,616,280(3)	2,092,577	0
CC Lifescience, Ltd.	872,093(4)	872,093	0

- (1) Consists of all shares of our common stock beneficially owned by the selling shareholders as of March 5, 2004, plus the shares of common stock currently exercisable under the warrants held by the selling shareholders. Pursuant to a contractual agreement between us and each of the selling shareholders, the warrants pursuant to which some of the shares we are registering are issuable may not be exercised to the extent that after giving effect to any exercise of the warrant, in whole or in part, the selling shareholder would beneficial owner in excess of 4.99% of our outstanding common stock.
- (2) Consists of (i) 1,744,186 shares of common stock; (ii) 1,744,186 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants having an exercise price of \$1.37 per share; and (iii) 872,093 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants having an exercise price of \$1.00 per share.
- (3) Consists of (i) 1,046,512 shares of common stock; (ii) 1,046,512 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants having an exercise price of \$1.37 per share; and (iii) 523,256 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants having an exercise price of \$1.00 per share.
- (4) Consists of (i) 348,837 shares of common stock; (ii) 348,837 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants having an exercise price of \$1.37 per share; and (iii) 174,419 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants having an exercise price of \$1.00 per share.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering, on behalf of the selling shareholders, 3,139,535 shares of outstanding common stock held by the selling shareholders, 3,139,535 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise by the selling shareholders of outstanding warrants having an exercise price of \$1.37 and 1,569,768 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise by the selling shareholders of outstanding warrants having an exercise price of \$1.00. We issued these securities to the selling shareholders in a private placement transaction. The selling shareholders named in the table above or their transferees, assignees, pledgees, donees, or other successors-in-interest who receive common stock or warrants from the selling shareholders as a gift, partnership distribution or other non-sale related transfer after the date of this prospectus may sell the shares of common stock listed in the table above from time to time.

The selling shareholders will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. The sales may be made on one or more exchanges or in the over the counter market or otherwise, at prices and at terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market price, or in negotiated transactions. The selling shareholders may effect these transactions by selling the shares of our common stock to or through broker-dealers.

The shares of our common stock may be sold by one or more of, or a combination of, the following:

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

block trades in which the broker-dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the shares of our common stock 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 this broker-dealer for its account through this prospectus;

an exchange distribution that complies with the rules of the exchange;

in privately negotiated transactions;

settlement of short sales entered into after the date of this prospectus;

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

a combination of any such methods of sale; or

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution. In effecting sales, broker-dealers engaged by the selling shareholders may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in the resales.

The selling shareholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers in connection with distributions of the shares of our common stock or otherwise. In these transactions, broker-dealers may engage in short sales of the shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume with the selling shareholders. The selling shareholders also may sell shares short and redeliver the shares of our common stock to close out these short positions. The selling shareholders may enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers which require the delivery to the broker-dealer of the shares of our common stock. The broker-dealer may then resell or otherwise transfer these shares through this prospectus. The selling shareholders may also loan or pledge the shares to a broker-dealer. The broker-dealer may sell the shares of our common stock so loaned, or upon a default the broker-dealer may sell the pledged shares by use of this prospectus.

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Broker-dealers or agents may receive compensation in the form of commissions, discounts or concessions from the selling shareholders. Broker-dealers or agents may also receive compensation from the purchasers of the shares of our common stock for whom they act as agents or to whom they sell as principals, or both. Compensation as to a particular broker-dealer might be in excess of customary commissions and will be in amounts to be negotiated in connection with the sale. Broker-dealers or agents and any other participating broker-dealers or the selling shareholders may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act in connection with sales of the shares of our common stock. Accordingly, any commission, discount or concession received by them and any profit on the resale of the shares of our common stock purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act. Because selling shareholders may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act, the selling shareholders will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. In addition, any securities covered by this prospectus which qualify for sale through Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act may be sold under Rule 144 rather than through this prospectus. The selling shareholders have advised us that they have not entered into any agreements, understandings or arrangements with any underwriters or broker-dealers regarding the sale of the securities. There is no underwriter or coordinating broker acting in connection with the proposed sale of shares by the selling shareholders.

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 shares may not engage in market making activities with respect to our common stock during certain restricted periods. In addition, the selling shareholders will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the associated rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of our common stock by the selling shareholders. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling shareholders and the selling shareholders have been informed of the need for delivery of copies of this prospectus to purchasers at or prior to the time of any sale of the shares.

We will file a supplement to this prospectus, if required, pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act upon being notified by a selling shareholder that any material arrangement has been entered into with a broker-dealer for the sale of shares through a block trade, special offering, exchange distribution or secondary distribution or a purchase by a broker or dealer. Such supplement will disclose:

the name of each such selling shareholder and of the participating broker-dealer(s);

the number of shares involved;

the price at which such shares were sold;

the commissions paid or discounts or concessions allowed to such broker-dealer(s), where applicable;

that such broker-dealer(s) did not conduct any investigation to verify the information set out or incorporated by reference in this prospectus; and

other facts material to the transaction.

We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the shares. The selling shareholders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to their respective sales of the shares. We and the selling shareholders have agreed to indemnify each other against certain losses, damages, claims and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The selling shareholders may agree to indemnify any broker-dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving sales of the shares against some liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Our authorized capital stock consists of 75,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, no par value. As of March 5, 2004, there were 41,238,183 shares of common stock outstanding, a total of 217 shareholders of record and no shares of Preferred Stock outstanding. The following descriptions of our securities are qualified in their entirety by reference to our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws, and the agreements described below.

Common Stock

The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of the shareholders. Upon giving the legally required notice, shareholders may cumulate their votes in the election of directors. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then-outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends as may be declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available therefor. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company, holders of the common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and any liquidation preference of any then-outstanding preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no right to convert their common stock into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are, and all shares of common stock to be outstanding upon completion of this offering will be, fully paid and nonassessable.

Preferred Stock

Our board of directors has the authority, without the requirement of further shareholder approval, to designate one or more series of preferred stock and to fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, preemptive rights, terms of redemption, liquidation preferences and sinking fund terms. Our board of directors similarly has the authority to fix the number of shares of each such series (up to an aggregate for all series of preferred stock of 5,000,000 shares); to increase or decrease such number of shares (but not below the number of shares of any such series then outstanding); and to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock. The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of holders of common stock and the likelihood that such holders will receive dividend payments and payments upon liquidation and could have the effect of delaying, deferring, or preventing a change in control of us.

Warrants

As of March 5, 2004, there were warrants outstanding to purchase 5,059,303 shares of common stock at exercise prices ranging from \$0.35 to \$1.63 per share and expiration dates through January 2009. All warrants contain provisions for the adjustment of the exercise price upon the occurrence of certain events including stock dividends, stock splits, reorganizations, reclassifications and mergers and termination upon certain public offerings, mergers or sales of our assets. The foregoing warrants were issued in reliance on exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Shareholder Rights Plan

We currently have in effect a shareholder rights plan, which is governed by the terms and conditions of the Rights Agreement between us and Equiserve Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent, dated August 17, 2001, as amended. The Rights Agreement expires on August 17, 2011. Pursuant to the Rights Agreement, in the event (a) any person or group acquires 15% or more of our then outstanding shares of voting stock (or 21% or more of our then outstanding shares of voting stock in the case of State of Wisconsin Investment Board), (b) a tender offer or exchange offer is commenced that would result in a person or group acquiring 15% or more of our then outstanding voting stock, (c) we are acquired in a merger or other business combination in which we are not the surviving corporation or (d) 50% or more of our consolidated assets or earning power are sold, then the holders of our common stock are entitled to exercise the rights under the Rights Plan, which include, based on the type of event which has occurred, (i) rights to purchase preferred shares from us, (ii) rights to purchase common shares from us having a value twice that of the underlying exercise price, and (iii) rights to acquire common stock of the surviving corporation or purchaser having a market value of twice that of the exercise price.

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The Rights Plan has certain anti-takeover effects. The Rights Plan will cause substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire us on terms not approved by our board of directors. The Rights Plan should not interfere with any asset purchase, merger or other business combination approved by our board of directors because the rights may be redeemed by us prior to any such transaction.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by the Rights Agreement which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Potential Anti-Takeover Effect of Provisions of California Law and Bylaws.

California Law. Section 1203 of the California Corporations Code includes provisions that may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying or preventing changes in control or management of our company. First, if an interested person makes an offer to purchase the shares of some or all of our existing shareholders, we must obtain an affirmative opinion in writing as to the fairness of the offering price prior to completing the transaction. California law considers a person to be an interested person if the person directly or indirectly controls our company, if the person is directly or indirectly controlled by one of our officers or directors, or if the person is an entity in which one of our officers or directors holds a material financial interest. If after receiving an offer from such an interested person, we receive a subsequent offer from a neutral third party, then we must notify our shareholders of this offer and afford each of them the opportunity to withdraw their consent to the interested person offer. Section 1203 and other provisions of the California Corporations Code could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding voting stock by discouraging a hostile bid, or delaying, preventing or deterring a merger, acquisition or tender offer in which our shareholders could receive a premium for their shares, or effect a proxy contest for control of our company or other changes in our management.

Bylaw Provisions. Our amended and restated bylaws limit the ability of our shareholders to call a special meeting of the shareholders. In addition, our amended and restated bylaws establish an advance notice procedure for shareholders to bring any business before any annual or special meeting of our shareholders. The amended and restated bylaws provide that at any annual or special meeting of shareholders only such business may be conducted as has been brought before the meeting by, or at the direction of, the board of directors or by a shareholder who has given timely written notice to our secretary of such shareholder's intention to bring such business before such meeting. Generally, for notice of business to be brought before an annual or special meeting to be timely under the amended and restated bylaws, such notice must be received by us not less than 90 days prior to the meeting; provided, however, that in the event that less than 100 days notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to the shareholders, notice by the shareholder to be timely must be received by us not later than the close of business on the 10th following the day on which such notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made. Under the amended and restated bylaws, a shareholder's notice must also contain certain information specified in the bylaws. These and other provisions contained in our amended and restated bylaws could delay or discourage transactions involving an actual or potential change in control of us or our management, including transactions in which shareholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares over their current prices. Such provisions could also limit the ability of shareholders to remove current management or approve transactions that shareholders may deem to be in their best interests and could adversely affect the price of our common stock.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The Transfer Agent and Registrar for the common stock is Equiserve Trust Company, N.A.

Listing

The common stock is listed on the OTC Bulletin Board under the trading symbol CGCP.OB.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of our common stock offered in this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Redwood Shores, California.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 included in this prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-1 with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding this offering. This prospectus, which is part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement, and you should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits to read that information. We are subject to the informational reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and, under that Act, we file reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy the registration statement, the related exhibits and other annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can also request copies of those documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms. The SEC also maintains an Internet site www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file with the SEC. You may also request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at:

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of

CardioGenesis Corporation

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing on page F-1 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CardioGenesis Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) at December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Orange County, California
February 25, 2004

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SCHEDULE**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of

CardioGenesis Corporation

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements of CardioGenesis Corporation referred to in our report dated February 25, 2004, appearing in this Registration Statement also included an audit of the consolidated financial statement schedule listed in Item 16 (b) of this Registration Statement. In our opinion, this financial statement schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Orange County, California
February 25, 2004

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Table of Contents**CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****December 31, 2003 and 2002****(in thousands)**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,013	\$ 1,490
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$26 and \$449 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively	1,830	1,961
Inventories, net of reserves of \$373 and \$361 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively	1,339	1,632
Prepays and other current assets	453	574
	<u>4,635</u>	<u>5,657</u>
Property and equipment, net	408	589
Other assets	1,417	1,509
	<u>1,417</u>	<u>1,509</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,460</u>	<u>\$ 7,755</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 876	\$ 1,241
Accrued liabilities	1,159	2,101
Customer deposits	25	50
Deferred revenue	573	621
Current portion of capital lease obligation	1	30
	<u>2,634</u>	<u>4,043</u>
Total current liabilities	2,634	4,043
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	6	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,640</u>	<u>4,044</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock:		
no par value; 5,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding;		
Common stock:		
no par value; 75,000 shares authorized; 37,859 and 37,121 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively		
	168,778	168,321
Accumulated deficit	(164,958)	(164,610)
	<u>3,820</u>	<u>3,711</u>
Total shareholders' equity	3,820	3,711
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 6,460</u>	<u>\$ 7,755</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Net revenues	\$ 13,518	\$ 13,048	\$ 14,153
Cost of revenues	2,295	2,935	5,777
	<u>11,223</u>	<u>10,113</u>	<u>8,376</u>
Gross profit			
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	1,944	657	1,863
Sales, general and administrative	9,590	12,297	15,119
Restructuring and merger-related costs			1,033
	<u>11,534</u>	<u>12,954</u>	<u>18,015</u>
Total operating expenses			
Operating loss	(311)	(2,841)	(9,639)
Interest expense	(44)	(13)	(18)
Interest income	7	39	62
Equity in net loss of investee			(652)
Gain on sale of investee		2,285	
	<u>(348)</u>	<u>(530)</u>	<u>(10,247)</u>
Net loss			
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax:			
Foreign currency translation adjustment		88	(23)
		<u>88</u>	<u>(23)</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (348)</u>	<u>\$ (442)</u>	<u>\$ (10,270)</u>
Net loss per share:			
Basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.01)</u>	<u>\$ (0.01)</u>	<u>\$ (0.31)</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding	<u>37,303</u>	<u>36,911</u>	<u>33,311</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY
For the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001
(in thousands)

	Common Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive		Total	
	Shares	Amount	Deferred Compensation	Income (Loss)		Accumulated Deficit
Balances, December 31, 2000	30,836	\$ 161,938	\$ (66)	\$ (65)	\$ (153,833)	\$ 7,974
Issuance of common stock pursuant to exercise of options	446	719				719
Issuance of common stock pursuant to stock purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan	105	120				120
Issuance of common stock purchase warrants		94				94
Issuance of common stock for cash	5,120	4,884				4,884
Deferred stock compensation		(5)	5			
Amortization of deferred compensation			61			61
Foreign currency translation adjustment				(23)		(23)
Net loss					(10,247)	(10,247)
Balances, December 31, 2001	36,507	167,750		(88)	(164,080)	3,582
Issuance of common stock pursuant to stock purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan	114	85				85
Issuance of common stock for cash	500	486				486
Foreign currency translation adjustment				88		88
Net loss					(530)	(530)
Balances, December 31, 2002	37,121	168,321			(164,610)	3,711
Issuance of common stock pursuant to exercise of options	607	294				294
Issuance of common stock pursuant to stock purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan	131	88				88
Issuance of common stock purchase warrants		75				75
Net loss					(348)	(348)
Balances, December 31, 2003	37,859	\$ 168,778	\$	\$	\$ (164,958)	\$ 3,820

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001
(in thousands)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss	\$ (348)	\$ (530)	\$ (10,247)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	261	308	450
Gain from sale of equity investee		(2,285)	
Loss from equity investee			652
Provision for doubtful accounts	26	335	904
Inventory reserves	198	854	1,144
Amortization of deferred compensation for options to consultants			61
Amortization of other assets	195	194	211
Amortization of debt issue costs	44		
Accretion of long-term liability			31
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		28	4
Reduction of clinical trial accrual	(601)	(1,282)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	105	34	420
Inventories	95	729	1,041
Prepays and other current assets	202	619	346
Other receivables			119
Other assets	(103)		
Accounts payable	(365)	(307)	859
Accrued liabilities	(316)	(1,084)	(1,322)
Current portion of long term liabilities		(495)	(5)
Long term liabilities			(370)
Customer deposits	(25)	(4)	(132)
Deferred revenue	(48)	(310)	(379)
	<u>(680)</u>	<u>(3,196)</u>	<u>(6,213)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sale of equity in investee		2,285	
Acquisition of property and equipment	(80)	(62)	(269)
	<u>(80)</u>	<u>2,223</u>	<u>(269)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock from exercise of options and from stock purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan	307	85	839
Net proceeds from sale of common stock to private entities		486	4,884
(Payments on) proceeds from short term borrowings		(794)	439
Repayment of note payable			(355)
Repayments of capital lease obligations	(24)	(31)	(30)
	<u>283</u>	<u>(254)</u>	<u>5,777</u>
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		88	(23)
	<u>(477)</u>	<u>(1,139)</u>	<u>(728)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(477)	(1,139)	(728)

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,490	2,629	3,357
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$1,013	\$ 1,490	\$ 2,629
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Supplemental schedule of cash flow information:			
Interest paid	\$ 19	\$ 13	\$ 21
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Taxes paid	\$ 23	\$ 60	\$ 74
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:			
Issuance of common stock purchase warrants	\$ 75	\$	\$ 94
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred compensation	\$	\$	\$ (5)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of Operations:

CardioGenesis Corporation (CardioGenesis or the Company), formerly known as Eclipse Surgical Technologies, Inc., was founded in 1989 to develop, manufacture and market surgical lasers and accessories for the treatment of disease. Currently, CardioGenesis emphasis is on the development and manufacture of products used for transmyocardial revascularization (TMR) and percutaneous myocardial revascularization (PMR), which are cardiovascular procedures. CardioGenesis markets its products for sale primarily in the U.S., Europe and Asia. CardioGenesis operates in a single segment.

These financial statements contemplate the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. CardioGenesis has sustained significant operating losses for the last several years and may continue to incur losses through 2004. Management believes its cash balance as of December 31, 2003 is sufficient to meet the Company s capital and operating requirements for the next 12 months. (See Note 15).

CardioGenesis may require additional financing in the future. There can be no assurance that CardioGenesis will be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing, if and when needed, on terms acceptable to the Company. Any additional equity or debt financing may involve substantial dilution to CardioGenesis shareholders, restrictive covenants or high interest costs. The failure to raise needed funds on sufficiently favorable terms could have a material adverse effect on the execution of the Company s business plan, operating results and financial condition. CardioGenesis long term liquidity also depends upon its ability to increase revenues from the sale of its products and maintain profitability. The failure to achieve these goals could have a material adverse effect on the execution of the Company s business plan, operating results and financial condition.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Presentation:

On March 17, 1999, Eclipse Surgical Technologies, Inc. (Eclipse) completed the acquisition of the former CardioGenesis Corporation pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the merger) dated as of October 21, 1998. The merger was accounted for using the pooling of interests method of accounting for business combinations. The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

All highly liquid instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less are considered cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivables:

The Company regularly evaluates the collectability of accounts receivable based upon its knowledge of customers and compliance with credit terms. The allowance for doubtful accounts is adjusted based on such evaluation, with a corresponding provision included in general and administrative expenses.

Inventories:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (principally standard cost, which approximates actual cost on a first-in, first-out basis) or market value.

Patent Expenses:

Patent and patent related expenditures are expensed as general and administrative expenses as incurred.

Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of two to seven years. Assets acquired under capital leases are amortized over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the term of the related lease (generally three to five years). Amortization of leasehold improvements is based on the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated useful life or the lease term.

Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets:

CardioGenesis evaluates the recoverability of its long-lived assets in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (SFAS 144). SFAS 144 requires recognition of the impairment of long-lived assets in the event the net book value of such assets exceeds the future undiscounted cash flows attributable to such assets.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments:

The carrying amounts of certain of CardioGenesis financial instruments including cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and customer deposits approximate fair value due to their short maturities.

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CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)::

Revenue Recognition:

CardioGenesis recognizes revenue on product sales upon receipt of a purchase order, shipment of the products, the price is fixed or determinable and collection of sales proceeds is reasonably assured. Where purchase orders allow customers an acceptance period or other contingencies, revenue is recognized upon the earlier of acceptance or removal of the contingency.

Revenues from sales to distributors and agents are recognized upon shipment when there is evidence that an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred under the Company's standard FOB shipping point terms, the sales price is fixed or determinable and the ability to collect sales proceeds is reasonably assured. The contracts regarding these sales do not include any rights of return or price protection clauses.

CardioGenesis frequently loans lasers to hospitals in return for the hospital purchasing a minimum number of handpieces at a premium over the list price. The loaned lasers are depreciated to cost of revenues over a useful life of 24 months. The revenue on the handpieces is recognized upon shipment at an amount equal to the list price. The premium over the list price represents revenue related to the use of the laser unit and is recognized ratably, generally over the 24-month useful life of the placed lasers.

Revenues from service contracts, rentals, and per procedure fees are recognized upon performance or over the terms of the contract as appropriate.

Shipping and Handling Costs and Revenues:

All shipping and handling costs are expensed as incurred and are recorded as a component of cost of sales. Charges for shipping and handling are included as a component of revenue.

Research and Development:

Research and development expenses are charged to operations as incurred.

Warranties:

CardioGenesis laser products are generally sold with a one year warranty. CardioGenesis provides for estimated future costs of repair or replacement which are reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Advertising:

CardioGenesis expenses all advertising as incurred. CardioGenesis advertising expenses were \$80,000, \$221,000 and \$137,000 for 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. Advertising expenses include fees for website design and hosting, reprints from medical journals, promotional materials and sales sheets.

Table of Contents**CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):***Income Taxes:*

CardioGenesis accounts for income taxes using the liability method under which deferred tax assets or liabilities are calculated at the balance sheet date using current tax laws and rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized.

Foreign Currency Translation:

CardioGenesis' international subsidiary, a foreign sales corporation (FSC) uses its local currency as its functional currency. Assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date and income and expense accounts at average exchange rates during the year. Resulting translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income/loss in shareholders' equity. Transaction gains and losses are included in the results of operations and have not been significant for all periods presented. In 2003, the Company decided to discontinue this FSC and at December 31, 2003 the only remaining asset is a nominal cash balance.

Stock-Based Compensation:

CardioGenesis accounts for its stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (APB 25). CardioGenesis has elected to adopt the disclosure only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS 123), which requires pro forma disclosures in the financial statements as if the measurement provisions of SFAS 123 had been adopted. In addition, the Company has made the appropriate disclosures as required under the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure.

The Company has adopted the disclosure only provisions of SFAS 123 as updated by FAS 148. CardioGenesis, however, continues to apply APB 25 and related interpretations in accounting for its plans. Had compensation cost for the Stock Option Plan, the Director's Stock Option Plan and the ESPP been determined based on the fair value of the options at the grant date for awards consistent with the provisions of SFAS 123, CardioGenesis' net loss and net loss per share would have increased to the pro forma amounts indicated below (*in thousands, except per share amounts*):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Net loss as reported	\$ (348)	\$ (530)	\$(10,247)
Stock-based employee compensation, net of related tax effects	\$(1,135)	\$(1,404)	\$ (1,362)
Pro forma net loss	\$ (1,483)	\$ (1,934)	\$(11,609)
Basic and diluted net loss per share as reported	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.31)
Pro forma basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.35)

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The above pro-forma disclosures are not necessarily representative of the effects on reported net income (loss) for future years. The aggregate fair value and weighted average fair value per share of options granted in the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$651,000, \$646,000 and \$1,400,000, and \$0.33, \$0.58 and \$1.53, respectively. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for grants in 2003, 2002 and 2001:

	December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Expected life of option	7 years	7 years	7 years
Risk-free interest rate	3.68%	4.04%	5.26%
Expected dividends			
Expected volatility	151%	75%	100%

The aggregate fair value and weighted average fair value per share of purchase rights under the ESPP in fiscal years 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$55,000, \$56,000 and \$61,000, and \$0.43, \$0.59 and \$0.64, respectively.

The fair value for the purchase rights under the ESPP is estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, with the following assumptions for the rights granted in 2003, 2002 and 2001:

	December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Expected life	.5 years	.5 years	.5 years
Risk-free interest rate	3.68%	4.04%	5.26%
Expected dividends			
Expected volatility	151%	152%	193%

CardioGenesis accounts for equity instruments issued to non-employees in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123 and Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 96-18 Accounting for Equity Instruments with Variable Terms That Are Issued for Consideration Other Than Employee Services under FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation.

Net Loss Per Share:

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is computed giving effect to all dilutive potential common shares that were outstanding during the period. Dilutive potential common shares consist of incremental shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options and warrants using the treasury stock method.

Options to purchase 4,070,000, 3,477,000, and 2,787,000 shares of common stock were outstanding at December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The range of per share exercise prices for these options was \$0.32-\$12.6875 for 2003 and \$0.563-\$12.6875 for 2002 and 2001. Warrants to purchase 75,000 shares of common stock at \$1.63 per share were outstanding as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001. Warrants to purchase 275,000 shares of common stock at prices ranging from \$.35 to \$.44 per share were outstanding as of December 31, 2003. None of the options and warrants were included in the calculation of diluted EPS because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Recently Issued Accounting Standards:

In May 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity. SFAS 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously classified as equity. This Statement is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 (except for mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests). For all instruments that existed prior to May 31, 2003, the Standard is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003 (except for mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests). For mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests, the FASB has deferred the provisions of FAS 150 until further notice. The provisions of SFAS 150 adopted thus far did not have a material effect on the Company s financial statements and the adoption of the remaining provision of SFAS 150 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company s financial statements.

In December 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (FIN 46R). FIN 46R requires the application of either FIN 46 or FIN 46R by Public Entities to all Special Purpose Entities (SPE) created prior to February 1, 2003 as of December 31, 2003 for calendar year-end companies. FIN 46R is applicable to all non-SPEs created prior to February 1, 2003 at the end of the first interim or annual period ending after March 15, 2004. For all entities created subsequent to January 31, 2003, Public Entities were required to apply the provisions of FIN 46. The adoption of FIN 46 did not have a material impact to our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The adoption of FIN 46R for SPEs did not have an impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows, and we do not believe the adoption of FIN 46R for non-SPEs will have a material impact to our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2003, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 104, Revenue Recognition. SAB 104 codifies, revises and rescinds certain sections of SAB No. 101 in order to make this interpretive guidance consistent with current authoritative accounting and auditing guidance and SEC rules and regulations. Accordingly, there is no impact to our results of operations, financial position or cash flows as a result of the issuance of SAB No. 104.

3. Restructuring Costs:

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Company recognized restructuring charges of \$1,303,000, which were partially offset by a change in estimate of \$270,000 in connection with merger-related costs that were incurred in 1999. The restructuring included a reduction in headcount and the closing of the Company s facilities in Sunnyvale, California. As a result of the restructuring, 48 employees were identified to be terminated under the original restructuring plan, primarily from the finance and manufacturing departments.

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The following table summarizes the restructuring activity and the remaining restructuring reserve balance (*in thousands*):

	Personnel and Severance Costs	Lease and Other Contractual Commitments	Other Miscellaneous Costs	Total
Provisions	\$ 655	\$ 344	\$ 304	\$ 1,303
Payments	(655)	(252)	(176)	(1,083)
Non-cash charges		(52)	(116)	(168)
	—	—	—	—
Balance as of December 31, 2001		40	12	52
Payments		(40)		(40)
Non-cash charges			(12)	(12)
	—	—	—	—
Balance as of December 31, 2002	\$	\$	\$	\$

There is no remaining restructuring reserve balance at December 31, 2003 or December 31, 2002.

4. Inventories:

Inventories consist of the following (*in thousands*):

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Raw materials	\$ 1,042	\$ 1,121
Work in process	159	136
Finished goods	511	736
	—	—
	1,712	1,993
Less reserves	(373)	(361)
	—	—
	\$ 1,339	\$ 1,632

5. Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment consists of the following (*in thousands*):

	December 31,	
	2003	2002

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Computers and equipment	\$ 2,733	\$ 2,677
Manufacturing and demonstration equipment	2,181	2,177
Leasehold improvements	193	172
	<u>5,106</u>	<u>5026</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,698)	(4,437)
	<u>\$ 408</u>	<u>\$ 589</u>

CardioGenesis leases certain equipment under a capital lease which expired in November 2003. Accordingly, capitalized equipment costs of \$138,000, net of accumulated amortization of \$138,000 at December 31, 2003 is included in computers and equipment.

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On January 5, 1999, CardioGenesis entered into an Agreement (the PLC agreement) with PLC Medical Systems, Inc. (PLC), which granted CardioGenesis a non-exclusive worldwide use of certain PLC patents. In return, CardioGenesis agreed to pay PLC a fee totaling \$2,500,000 over an approximately forty-month period. The present value of these payments of \$2,300,000 was recorded as a prepaid asset, included in other assets, and is being amortized over the life of the underlying patents. The Company has included the related amortization expense in Sales, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The Company has recorded related accumulated amortization of \$973,000 and \$778,000 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

At December 31, 2001, CardioGenesis had a 30% ownership interest in Microheart, Inc., formerly known as Microheart Holdings, Inc., (Microheart), which was accounted for under the equity method. For the year ended December 31, 2001, CardioGenesis recorded an expense of \$652,000 which represented CardioGenesis' equity in the losses incurred by Microheart. As of December 31, 2001 the investment in Microheart was fully written down. In the second quarter of 2002, CardioGenesis recorded a gain of \$2,285,000 resulting from the sale of the Company's minority interest in Microheart.

7. Accrued Liabilities:

Accrued liabilities consists of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Accrued research support	\$ 152	\$ 753
Accrued accounts payable and related expenses	327	557
Accrued vacation	203	198
Accrued commissions	234	276
Accrued other	243	317
	<u>1,159</u>	<u>2,101</u>

8. Credit Facility:

On March 27, 2003, the Company entered into a Purchase and Security Agreement with a private equity fund and entered into a revolving Convertible Note credit facility (the Note) that matures on March 26, 2006. The Note, which is collateralized by substantially all of the Company's assets, provides for borrowings of up to \$2,000,000 based upon eligible accounts receivable. Advances under the Note will bear interest at prime plus 3.35%. The Note includes a right of conversion into common stock at a fixed conversion price of \$.30 per share, subject to adjustment. In conjunction with this transaction, we issued 275,000 five year warrants. The warrants are exercisable for common stock at exercise prices ranging from \$.35 to \$.44 per share. As of December 31, 2003, the Company's borrowing capacity was approximately \$1,300,000 based on eligible accounts receivable and there were no outstanding borrowings on the Note. The Company intends to cancel the credit facility in the first quarter of 2004.

Table of Contents**CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****9. Commitments and Contingencies:**

CardioGenesis has entered into an operating lease for an office facility with terms extending through October 2006. The minimum future rental payments are as follows (*in thousands*):

Year Ending December 31,	
2004	\$ 350
2005	350
2006	306
	\$ 1,006

Rent expense was approximately \$547,000, \$504,000 and \$1,154,000 for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

In November 2003, the Company's employment relationship with Darrell Eckstein, former President, Chief Operating Officer, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer and Secretary was terminated. In connection with his departure from the Company, Mr. Eckstein has made certain breach of contract claims arising out of his employment agreement with the Company, as well as certain tort claims. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Eckstein's employment agreement, the Company has agreed to submit the matter to binding arbitration. The Company believes Mr. Eckstein's claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend against these claims. However, if Mr. Eckstein were to prevail on some or all of his claims, there can be no assurance that such claims would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

10. Shareholders' Equity:*Issuances of Common Stock:*

In March 2001, the Company sold 898,202 shares of common stock to a private company. The sale was at a negotiated purchase price of \$1.1133 per share.

In April 2002, December 2001 and April 2001, the Company sold 500,000, 2,222,225 and 2,000,000 shares, respectively, of common stock to a governmental entity. The April 2002 and April 2001 sales were at a negotiated purchase price of \$1.00 per share and the December 2001 sale was at a negotiated purchase price of \$0.90 per share. Certain bylaws were amended as a condition of these sales.

In January 2004, CardioGenesis sold approximately 3,100,000 shares of common stock to private investors for a total price of \$2,700,000. (See Note 15).

Warrants:

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Company issued warrants to purchase 75,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$1.63 per share in connection with a facilities lease agreement executed in 2001. The warrants were fair valued at \$94,000 using the Black-Scholes pricing model and are being amortized over the five-year lease term. For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Company recorded amortization charges to rent expense of \$19,000 per year in connection with these warrants. The warrants expire in May 2006 and were outstanding at December 31, 2003.

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10. Shareholders Equity (continued):

During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company issued five-year warrants to purchase 275,000 shares of common stock at exercise prices ranging from \$.35 to \$.44 per share in connection with a Convertible Note credit facility (See Note 8) with a private equity fund executed in March 2003. The warrants were fair valued at \$75,000 using the Black-Scholes pricing model and are being amortized over the five-year term. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company recorded amortization of \$44,000 in connection with these warrants. The warrants expire in March 2008 and were outstanding at December 31, 2003.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, no warrants were issued. During the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, no warrants were exercised.

On January 22, 2004, CardioGenesis issued warrants to purchase approximately 3,100,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$1.37 per share. The warrants are immediately exercisable and have a term of five years. The investors also have an option to purchase approximately 1,570,000 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share for a period of six months following the effective date of the related registration statement. (See Note 15).

Options Granted to Consultants:

At December 31, 2002 and 2001, options for consultants to purchase a total of 47,000 and 86,000 shares of common stock, respectively, at exercise prices ranging from \$.78 to \$8.75 per share were outstanding. No options for consultants were outstanding as of December 31, 2003. The termination of this plan and terms under which stock options are exercised are the same as CardioGenesis Stock Option Plan which is described below. CardioGenesis recorded deferred stock compensation of \$61,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001, related to these options. No deferred compensation was recorded in the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. These options are included in the Stock Option Plan disclosures below.

Stock Option Plan:

CardioGenesis maintains a Stock Option Plan, which includes the Employee Program under which incentive and nonstatutory options may be granted to employees and the Consultants Program, under which nonstatutory options may be granted to consultants of the Company. As of December 31, 2003, CardioGenesis had reserved a total of 8,600,000 shares of common stock for issuance under this plan. Under the plan, options may be granted at not less than fair market value (110% of fair market value for options granted to 10% shareholders), as determined by the Board of Directors. Options generally vest over a period of three years and expire ten years from date of grant (five years for options granted to 10% shareholders). No shares of common stock issued under the plan are subject to repurchase.

Directors Stock Option Plan:

CardioGenesis maintains a Directors Stock Option Plan which provides for the grant of nonstatutory options to directors who are not officers or employees of the Company. As of December 31, 2003, CardioGenesis had reserved 575,000 shares of common stock for issuance under this plan. Under this plan, options are granted at the trading price of the common stock at the date of grant. Options generally vest over twelve to thirty-six months and expire ten years from date of grant. No shares of common stock issued under the plan are subject to repurchase.

Table of Contents**CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****10. Shareholders Equity (continued):***Employee Stock Purchase Plan:*

CardioGenesis maintains an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP), under which 1,028,400 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance. CardioGenesis adopted the ESPP in April 1996. The purpose of the ESPP is to provide eligible employees of CardioGenesis with a means of acquiring common stock of CardioGenesis through payroll deductions. Eligible employees are permitted to purchase common stock at 85% of the fair market value through payroll deductions of up to 15% of an employee's compensation, subject to certain limitations. During fiscal years 2003, 2002 and 2001, approximately 131,000, 114,000 and 105,000 shares, respectively, were sold through the ESPP.

Option activity under the Stock Option Plan and the Directors Stock Option Plan is as follows (*in thousands, except per share amounts*):

	Shares Available For Grant	Outstanding Options	
		Number of Shares	Weighted Average Price per Share
Balance, December 31, 2000		3,243	\$ 4.99
Additional shares reserved	500		
Options granted	(2,075)	2,075	\$ 1.61
Options canceled	2,085	(2,085)	\$ 5.27
Options exercised		(446)	\$ 1.58
Balance, December 31, 2001	510	2,787	\$ 2.42
Additional shares reserved	1,500		
Options granted	(1,105)	1,105	\$ 0.82
Options canceled	415	(415)	\$ 3.86
Balance, December 31, 2002	1,320	3,477	\$ 1.74
Additional shares reserved	1,500		
Options granted	(2,034)	2,034	\$ 0.52
Options canceled	834	(834)	\$ 1.46
Options exercised		(607)	\$ 0.48
Balance, December 31, 2003	1,620	4,070	\$ 1.37

The following table summarizes information about the Company's stock options outstanding and exercisable under the Stock Option Plan and the Director's Stock Option Plan at December 31, 2003:

Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable	
	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price

	(in thousands)			(in thousands)	
\$0.32-\$0.37	822	9.12	\$ 0.32	756	\$ 0.32
\$0.56-\$0.83	871	8.80	\$ 0.70	426	\$ 0.69
\$0.84-\$1.00	467	8.30	\$ 0.89	452	\$ 0.89
\$1.01-\$1.16	340	8.11	\$ 1.03	268	\$ 1.03
\$1.19-\$1.44	522	7.67	\$ 1.26	402	\$ 1.24
\$1.67-\$1.75	714	5.18	\$ 1.69	714	\$ 1.69
\$2.57-\$6.06	191	6.74	\$ 3.51	174	\$ 3.58
\$6.38-\$12.69	143	4.42	\$ 9.75	143	\$ 9.75
	<u>4,070</u>	8.01	\$ 1.37	<u>3,335</u>	\$ 1.48

Table of Contents**CARDIOGENESIS CORPORATION****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****10. Shareholders' Equity (continued):**

The Company's stock options exercisable under the Stock Option Plan and the Director's Stock Option Plan at December 31, 2003 and 2002 were 3,335,000 and 2,119,000 shares, respectively.

11. Employee Retirement Plan:

CardioGenesis maintains a 401(k) plan for its employees. The plan allows eligible employees to defer up to 15% of their earnings, not to exceed the statutory amount per year on a pretax basis through contributions to the plan. The plan provides for employer contributions at the discretion of the Board of Directors. For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, \$85,000, \$93,000 and \$110,000 of employer contributions were made to the plan, respectively.

12. Segment Disclosures

The Company operates in one segment. The principal markets for the Company's products are in the United States of America. International sales occur in Europe, the Middle East and Asia and amounted to \$415,000, \$494,000 and \$1,000,000 for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The international sales represent 3%, 4% and 7% of total sales for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The majority of international sales are denominated in US dollars.

13. Income Taxes:

Significant components of CardioGenesis' deferred tax assets are as follows (*in thousands*):

	December 31	
	2003	2002
Net operating losses	\$ 55,741	\$ 56,042
Credits	4,362	4,330
Research and development	525	583
Reserves	379	670
Accrued liabilities	516	572
Depreciation	118	263
	<u>61,641</u>	<u>62,460</u>
Net deferred tax asset	61,641	62,460
Less valuation allowance	(61,641)	(62,460)
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Net deferred tax assets	\$	\$

The Company has established a valuation allowance to the extent of its deferred tax assets because it was determined by management that it was more likely than not at the balance sheet date that such deferred tax assets would not be realized. At such time as it is determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets are realizable, the valuation allowance will be reduced.

As of December 31, 2003, the Company had federal and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$152,500,000 and \$43,800,000, respectively, to offset future taxable income. In addition, the Company had federal and state credit carryforwards of approximately \$2,562,000 and \$1,578,000 available to offset future tax liabilities. The Company's net operating loss carryforwards, as well as federal credit carryforwards, will expire at various dates beginning in 2003 through 2023, if not utilized. Research and experimentation credits carry forward indefinitely for state purposes. The Company also has a manufacturer's investment credit for state purposes of approximately \$222,000.

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13. Income Taxes:

The Internal Revenue Code limits the use of net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards in certain situations where changes occur in the stock ownership of a company. The Company believes that the sale of common stock in its initial public offering and the merger with CardioGenesis resulted in changes in ownership which could restrict the utilization of the carryforwards.

Income tax expense for each of the three years ended December 31, 2003 was \$800 per year.

14. Risks and Concentrations:

CardioGenesis sells its products primarily to hospitals and other healthcare providers in North America, Europe and Asia. CardioGenesis performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and generally does not require collateral. Although CardioGenesis maintains allowances for potential credit losses that it believes to be adequate, a payment default on a significant sale could materially and adversely affect its operating results and financial condition. At December 31, 2003, two customers individually accounted for more than 10% of gross accounts receivable. For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, no customer individually accounted for 10% or more of net revenues.

Certain components of laser units and fiber-optic handpieces are generally acquired from multiple sources. Other laser and fiber-optic components and subassemblies are purchased from single sources. Although the Company has identified alternative vendors, the qualification of additional or replacement vendors for certain components or services is a lengthy process. Any significant supply interruption would have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to manufacture its products and, therefore, would harm its business. The Company intends to continue to qualify multiple sources for components that are presently single sourced.

15. Subsequent Event:

On January 22, 2004, CardioGenesis sold approximately 3,100,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$.86 per share to private investors for a total price of \$2,700,000. CardioGenesis also issued warrants to purchase 3,100,000 additional shares of common stock at a price of \$1.37 per share. The warrants are immediately exercisable and have a term of five years. The investors also have the option in the form of a warrant to purchase approximately 1,570,000 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share for a period of six months following the effective date of the related registration statement. The Company agreed to file such registration statement covering the resale of shares within 50 days of the closing date of the transaction.