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October 6, 2017

Dear Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to join us for our special meeting of stockholders of EnteroMedics Inc., which will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, at the offices of Fox Rothschild LLP, 222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2000, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Holders of record of our common stock as of the close of business on October 2, 2017, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting.

The Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders and the proxy statement that follow describe the business to be conducted at the meeting.

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting. However, even if you plan to attend in person, please vote your shares promptly to ensure that they are represented at the meeting. You may submit your proxy vote by telephone or internet as described in the following materials or by completing and signing the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the envelope provided. If you previously submitted a proxy vote but decide to attend the meeting and change your proxy vote, you may do so by voting in person at the meeting. Your vote will automatically be changed to reflect your vote at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the special meeting.

Sincerely,

Dan W. Gladney

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President and Chief Executive Officer



#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

**Date and Time:** 

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., Central Time

Place.

Fox Rothschild LLP

222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2000 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

**Items of Business:** 

- 1. To approve the conversion of 1,000,181 shares of our conditional convertible preferred stock issued to the former equity holders of BarioSurg, Inc. ("BarioSurg") in connection with our completed acquisition of BarioSurg into 5,000,905 shares of our common stock (the "Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal").
- 2. To approve the issuance of 916,834 shares of our common stock upon the exercise of outstanding warrants issued to certain parties (each, a "Holder") to the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated November 4, 2015, between us and the other parties named therein, as consideration for the waiver by each of the Holders of their right to participate in future securities offerings by us (the "Warrant Issuance Proposal").
- 3. To approve an amendment to our Sixth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to reduce the number of authorized shares of common stock from 300,000,000 to 275,000,000 (the "Authorized Common Stock Proposal").
- 4. To approve one or more adjournments of the special meeting to a later date or dates if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes to approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal at the time of the special meeting or in the absence of a quorum (the "Adjournment Proposal").
- 5. Any other business that may properly be considered at the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

**Record Date:** 

You may vote at the meeting if you were a holder of record of our common stock at the close of business on October 2, 2017. However, under the applicable NASDAQ Stock Market rules (i) stockholders who acquired their shares of common stock in connection with our acquisition of BarioSurg are not entitled to vote such shares on the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal and (ii) the Holders are not entitled to vote their shares of common stock on the Warrant Issuance Proposal.

**Voting by Proxy:** 

If you cannot attend the special meeting in person, you may vote your shares by telephone or internet by no later than 12:00 p.m. Central Time on October 24, 2017 (as directed on the enclosed proxy card), or by completing, signing and promptly returning the enclosed proxy card by mail for receipt prior to the date of the special meeting. We encourage you to vote by telephone or internet in order to reduce our mailing and handling expenses. If you choose to submit your proxy by mail, we have enclosed an envelope addressed to our transfer agent, Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, for which no postage is required if mailed in the United States.

By Order of the Board of Directors:

Scott P. Youngstrom

Secretary

October 6, 2017

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# PROXY STATEMENT SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2017

The Board of Directors of EnteroMedics Inc. ("EnteroMedics" or the "Company") is soliciting proxies for use at the special meeting of stockholders to be held on October 25, 2017, and at any adjournment of the meeting. This proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card are first being mailed or given to stockholders on or about October 6, 2017.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE SPECIAL MEETING AND VOTING

#### What is the purpose of the meeting?

At our special meeting, stockholders will act upon the matters outlined in the Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders, including:

- To approve the conversion of 1,000,181 shares of our conditional convertible preferred stock issued to the former equity holders of BarioSurg, Inc. ("BarioSurg") in connection with our completed acquisition of BarioSurg into 5,000,905 shares of our common stock—the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal.
- To approve the issuance of 916,834 shares of our common stock upon the exercise of outstanding warrants issued to certain parties (each, a "Holder") to the Securities Purchase Agreement (as amended, the "Purchase Agreement"), dated November 4, 2015, between us and the other parties named therein, as consideration for the waiver by each of the Holders of their right to participate in future securities offerings by us—the Warrant Issuance Proposal.
- To approve an amendment to our Sixth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to reduce the number of authorized shares of common stock from 300,000,000 to 275,000,000—the Authorized Common Stock Proposal.
- To approve one or more adjournments of the special meeting to a later date or dates if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes to approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal at the time of the special meeting or in the absence of a quorum—the Adjournment Proposal.
- Any other business that may properly be considered at the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

#### Who is entitled to vote at the meeting?

Our Board of Directors has set October 2, 2017 as the record date for the special meeting. If you were a stockholder of record of our common stock at the close of business on October 2, 2017, you are entitled to vote at the meeting. However, under the applicable NASDAQ Stock Market rules (i) stockholders who acquired their shares of common stock in connection with our acquisition of BarioSurg are not entitled to vote such shares on the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal and (ii) the Holders are not entitled to vote their shares of common stock on the Warrant Issuance Proposal.

As of the record date, 14,565,400 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding and, therefore, eligible to vote at the meeting. However, because (i) the 1,380,684 shares of common stock that were issued to former BarioSurg equity holders in connection with the acquisition of BarioSurg are not entitled to vote on the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal, 8,748,252 shares of common stock are eligible to vote on the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal and (ii) the shares of common stock held by the Holders as of the record date are not entitled to vote on the Warrant Issuance Proposal. To our knowledge, the Holders did not own any shares of our common stock on the record date.

#### What are my voting rights?

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share. There is no cumulative voting.

#### How many shares must be present to hold the meeting?

In accordance with our bylaws, shares equal to a majority of all of the shares of our outstanding common stock as of the record date must be present at the meeting in order to hold the meeting and conduct business. This is called a quorum. Your shares are counted as present at the meeting if:

- you are present and vote in person at the meeting; or
- you have properly submitted a proxy card by mail, telephone or internet.

Therefore, in order for a quorum to be present, there must be a total of 5,064,469 shares of common stock present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the special meeting on at least one of the proposals.

#### How do I give a proxy to vote my shares?

If you are a stockholder of record as of the record date, you can give a proxy to be voted at the meeting in any of the following ways:

- over the telephone by calling a toll-free number;
- electronically, via the internet; or
- by completing, signing and mailing the enclosed proxy card.

The telephone and internet procedures have been set up for your convenience. We encourage you to save corporate expense by submitting your vote by telephone or internet. The procedures have been designed to authenticate your identity, to allow you to give voting instructions, and to confirm that those instructions have been recorded properly. If you are a stockholder of record and you would like to submit your proxy by telephone or internet, please refer to the specific instructions provided on the enclosed proxy card. If you wish to submit your proxy by mail, please return your signed proxy card to our transfer agent before the special meeting.

If you hold your shares in "street name," you must vote your shares in the manner prescribed by your broker or other nominee. Your broker or other nominee has enclosed or otherwise provided a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the broker or nominee how to vote your shares, and telephone and internet voting is also encouraged for stockholders who hold their shares in street name.

#### What is the difference between a stockholder of record and a "street name" holder?

If your shares are registered directly in your name, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank, trust or other nominee, then the broker, bank, trust or other nominee is considered to be the stockholder of record with respect to those shares. However, you still are considered the beneficial owner of those shares, and your shares are said to be held in "street name." Street name holders generally cannot vote their shares directly and must instead instruct the broker, bank, trust or other nominee how to vote their shares using the method described above.

#### What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

If you receive more than one proxy card, it means that you hold shares registered in more than one account. To ensure that all of your shares are voted, sign and return each proxy card or, if you submit your proxy vote by telephone or internet, vote once for each proxy card you receive.

#### Can I vote my shares in person at the meeting?

If you are a stockholder of record of our common stock, you may vote your shares in person at the meeting by completing a ballot at the meeting. Even if you currently plan to attend the meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting.

If you are a street name holder, you may vote your shares in person at the meeting only if you obtain a signed letter or other proxy from your broker, bank, trust or other nominee giving you the right to vote the shares at the meeting.

#### What vote is required for a proposal to be approved?

The Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal, the Warrant Issuance Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal will be determined by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock present in person or by proxy at the meeting and eligible to vote on that matter. The Authorized Common Stock Proposal will be determined by the affirmative vote of the holders of the majority of our outstanding shares of common stock as of the record date.

#### How are votes counted?

You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" on each of the proposals.

If you submit your proxy but abstain from voting or withhold authority to vote on one or more matters, your shares will be counted as present at the meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum. Your shares also will be counted as present at the meeting for the purpose of calculating the vote on the particular matter with respect to which you abstained from voting or withheld authority to vote. If you abstain from voting on a proposal, your abstention has the same effect as a vote against that proposal.

If you hold your shares in street name with a brokerage firm that exercises discretionary proxy authority and do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares will be considered to be "broker non-votes" and will not be voted on any proposal on which your broker or other nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote under the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market (a "Non-Discretionary Proposal"). Shares that constitute broker non-votes will be counted as present at the meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum, but will not be considered entitled to vote on any Non-Discretionary Proposal. Your broker or other nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote your shares with regard to the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal. However, the Authorized Common Stock Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal are considered routine matters on which a broker or other nominee has discretionary authority to vote.

#### How will the proxies vote on any other business brought up at the meeting?

By submitting your proxy card, you authorize the proxies to use their judgment to determine how to vote on any other matter brought before the meeting. We do not know of any other business to be considered at the meeting.

The proxies' authority to vote according to their judgment applies only to shares you own as the stockholder of record.

#### Who will count the vote?

Representatives of Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, our transfer agent, will tabulate votes and act as independent inspector of elections.

#### How does the Board of Directors recommend that I vote?

You will vote on the following management proposals:

- Approval of the conversion of 1,000,181 shares of our conditional convertible preferred stock issued to the former equity holders of BarioSurg in connection with our completed acquisition of BarioSurg into 5,000,905 shares of our common stock—the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal.
- Approval of the issuance of 916,834 shares of our common stock upon the exercise of outstanding warrants issued to the Holders as consideration for the waiver by each of the Holders of their right to participate in future securities offerings by us—the Warrant Issuance Proposal.
- Approval of an amendment to our Sixth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to reduce the number of authorized shares of common stock from 300,000,000 to 275,000,000—the Authorized Common Stock Proposal.
- Approval of one or more adjournments of the special meeting to a later date or dates if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies if
  there are insufficient votes to approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal at the time of the special meeting
  or in the absence of a quorum—the Adjournment Proposal.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** each of the proposals.

#### What if I do not specify how I want my shares voted?

If you submit a signed proxy card or submit your proxy by telephone and do not specify how you want to vote your shares, we will vote your shares **FOR** each of the proposals.

#### Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before your proxy is voted at the special meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy and change your vote by submitting a later-dated proxy by telephone, internet or mail, or by voting in person at the meeting. To request an additional proxy card, or if you have any questions about the special meeting or how to vote or revoke your proxy, you should contact Wells Fargo Shareowner Services at 1-800-468-9716.

#### Where and when will I be able to find the results of the voting?

Preliminary results will be announced at the meeting. We will publish the final results in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than four business days after the date of our special meeting.

# Who pays for the cost of proxy preparation and solicitation?

We pay for the cost of proxy preparation and solicitation, including the reasonable charges and expenses of brokerage firms, banks or other nominees for forwarding proxy materials to street name holders. We are soliciting proxies primarily by mail. In addition, our directors, officers and regular employees may solicit proxies by telephone, facsimile or personally. These individuals will receive no additional compensation for their services other than their regular salaries and/or director fees.

We have engaged The Proxy Advisory Group, LLC® to assist in the solicitation of proxies and provide related advice and informational support, for a services fee, plus customary disbursements, which are not expected to exceed \$15,000 in total.

#### What are the deadlines for submitting stockholder proposals for the 2018 annual meeting?

In order for a stockholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement for the 2018 annual meeting, the written proposal must be received at our principal executive offices at 2800 Patton Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113, Attention: Secretary, on or before December 27, 2017. The proposal must comply with Securities and Exchange Commission regulations regarding the inclusion of stockholder proposals in Company-sponsored proxy materials.

Our bylaws provide that a stockholder may present from the floor a proposal that is not included in the proxy statement if proper written notice is received by the Secretary of EnteroMedics at our principal executive offices in St. Paul, Minnesota, no less than 90 days and no more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the last annual meeting. For the 2018 annual meeting, director nominations and stockholder proposals must be received on or after February 1, 2018 and on or before March 2, 2018. The proposal must contain the specific information required by our bylaws. In the event that the 2018 annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days of the anniversary date of the 2017 annual meeting, stockholder proposals must be received in accordance with the timeline set forth in our bylaws. You may request a copy of our bylaws by writing to Secretary, EnteroMedics Inc., 2800 Patton Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113, or calling (651) 634-3003. Stockholder proposals that are received by us after March 2, 2018 may not be presented in any manner at the 2018 annual meeting.

# How can I communicate with EnteroMedics' Board of Directors?

Stockholders may communicate with our Board of Directors by sending a letter addressed to the Board of Directors, all independent directors or specified individual directors to: EnteroMedics Inc., c/o Secretary, 2800 Patton Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113. All communications will be compiled by the Secretary and submitted to the Board of Directors or the specified directors on a periodic basis.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2017

This proxy statement and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 are available at http://ir.enteromedics.com/annual-proxy.cfm.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table shows the beneficial ownership of our common stock by each person or group who beneficially owned 5% or more of our common stock, each of our directors, each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table in our proxy statement for our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, and our directors and executive officers as a group, as of September 15, 2017. Beneficial ownership calculations are based on 15,861,076 shares of common stock outstanding as of September 15, 2017 and assume the conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock into shares of common stock. The beneficial ownership calculations do not include shares issued in connection with our acquisition of ReShape Medical, Inc. that we completed on October 2, 2017. The information regarding the beneficial owners of more than 5% of our common stock is based upon information supplied to us by our directors, officers and principal stockholders or on Schedules 13G or 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Unless otherwise noted, the stockholders listed in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock owned by them and their address is c/o EnteroMedics Inc., 2800 Patton Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113.

	Amount and Nature of Beneficial	Percent of
Name of Beneficial Owner	Ownership(1)	Class
Dr. Raj Nihalani(2)	4,669,885	32.5%
Dan W. Gladney(4)(7)	209,709	1.3
Scott P. Youngstrom(4)	62,213	*
Greg S. Lea(4)(5)	164	*
Naqeeb A. Ansari(4)	41,606	*
Peter M. DeLange(4)(6)	42,231	*
Paul F. Hickey(4)	41,463	*
Gary D. Blackford(3)(4)	13,137	*
Carl Goldfischer, M.D.(3)(4)(8)	15,437	*
Bobby I. Griffin(3)(4)	15,489	*
Lori C. McDougal(3)(4)	13,222	*
Nicholas L. Teti, Jr.(3)(4)(8)	17,666	*
Jon T. Tremmel(3)(4)	15,677	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (12 persons)(6)	5,157,899	32.5%

<sup>\*</sup> The percentage of shares of common stock beneficially owned does not exceed one percent of the outstanding shares of common stock.

- (1) For purposes of this table, a person or group of persons is deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of any shares of common stock which that person has the right to acquire within 60 days following September 15, 2017. For purposes of computing the percentage of outstanding shares of common stock held by each person or group of persons named above, any shares which that person or persons has or have the right to acquire within 60 days following September 15, 2017, is deemed to be outstanding, but is not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.
- (2) Consists of (i) 978,845 shares of common stock, (ii) 3,545,498.99 shares of common stock underlying 709,099.8 shares of conditional convertible preferred stock and (iii) 145,540.6 shares of common stock underlying 29,108.12 shares of conditional convertible preferred stock held in escrow on behalf of BarioSurg's equity holders and subject to forfeiture until February 22, 2018 to satisfy indemnification obligations under the merger agreement

- in connection with our acquisition of BarioSurg. Each share of non-voting conditional convertible preferred stock will automatically convert into five shares of common stock, subject to and contingent upon the post-closing approval of our stockholders in accordance with the NASDAQ Stock Market Rules, as set forth in the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal.
- (3) In connection with our acquisition of BarioSurg, Dr. Nihalani, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of BarioSurg, entered into a voting agreement and irrevocable proxy (the "Voting Agreement") with us pursuant to which Dr. Nihalani agreed to vote all shares of our common stock he owns after the merger, including shares of common stock issued upon conversion of our conditional convertible preferred stock, in accordance with the recommendation of our Board of Directors. As a result of the Voting Agreement, each of the members of our Board of Directors, in his or her capacity as a member of the Board of Directors, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of, and have shared voting power with respect to, such shares, as set forth in the Schedule 13D filed by the reporting persons with the SEC on June 1, 2017.
- (4) Includes the following shares subject to options exercisable currently or within 60 days of September 15, 2017: Mr. Gladney, 207,784 shares; Mr. Youngstrom, 62,213 shares; Mr. Lea, 164 shares; Mr. Ansari, 41,463 shares; Mr. DeLange, 41,838 shares; Mr. Hickey, 41,463 shares; Mr. Blackford, 13,137 shares; Dr. Goldfischer, 15,437 shares; Mr. Griffin, 15,437 shares; Ms. McDougal, 13,170 shares; Mr. Teti, 17,656 shares; and Mr. Tremmel, 15,675 shares. Dr. Goldfischer has assigned the shares underlying his options to Bay City Capital Fund IV, L.P. and Bay City Capital Fund IV Co-Investment Fund, L.P. upon the exercise of these options.
- (5) Mr. Lea retired as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer effective October 3, 2016.
- (6) Includes 391 shares owned by Mr. DeLange and 2 shares owned by Mr. DeLange's son.
- (7) Includes 485,437 shares issuable upon the exercise of options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of September 15, 2017, inclusive of options exercisable as described in footnote (4).
- (8) Dr. Goldfischer resigned from our Board of Directors on September 30, 2017 and Mr. Teti resigned from our Board of Directors on October 2, 2017.

#### PROPOSAL 1—PREFERRED STOCK CONVERSION PROPOSAL

#### **Background**

On May 22, 2017, we completed our acquisition of BarioSurg, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BarioSurg"), pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), among EnteroMedics, BarioSurg, Acorn Subsidiary Inc., a Delaware corporation and our wholly owned subsidiary ("Merger Sub"), Acorn Subsidiary Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and our wholly owned subsidiary ("Sub LLC"), and Dr. Raj Nihalani, solely in his capacity as representative of BarioSurg's stockholders and option holders (collectively, the "equity holders"), pursuant to which, among other things, Merger Sub merged with and into BarioSurg, with BarioSurg surviving as our wholly owned subsidiary (the "Merger"). BarioSurg was subsequently merged with and into Sub LLC, with Sub LLC as the surviving company. The Merger was approved by our Board of Directors.

BarioSurg developed the Gastric Vest System $^{TM}$ , an investigational, minimally-invasive, laparoscopically implanted medical device being studied for weight loss in morbidly obese patients. The device, which wraps around the stomach and emulates the effect of conventional weight loss surgery, is intended to enable gastric volume reduction without permanently changing patient anatomy. We believe that our acquisition of BarioSurg will help us move toward building a comprehensive bariatric and metabolic continuum of care platform to effectively address unmet needs within these areas.

The aggregate merger consideration we paid for all of the outstanding shares of capital stock and outstanding options of BarioSurg was:

- 1,380,684 shares of our common stock, representing 19.99% of our outstanding common stock immediately prior to the Merger;
- 1,000,181 shares of our newly created conditional convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which shares will convert into 5,000,905 shares of common stock subject to and contingent upon the approval of our stockholders in accordance with the NASDAQ Stock Market Rules; and
- \$2 million in cash, less the amount of third party expenses that we paid on behalf of BarioSurg, as set forth in the Merger Agreement.

At the closing of the Merger, 100,018 shares of conditional convertible preferred stock were deposited with an escrow agent to fund-post closing indemnification obligations of BarioSurg's former equity holders. The issuance of the common stock and conditional convertible preferred stock in connection with the Merger was intended to be exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) thereof and Regulation D promulgated thereunder, based upon representations and certifications that we obtained from BarioSurg and its equity holders

Although stockholder approval was not required for the Merger, under the terms of the Merger Agreement, we agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to call and hold a meeting of our stockholders to obtain the requisite approval for the conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock into shares of common stock, as required by the NASDAQ Stock Market Rules, within 120 days after the date of the Merger Agreement (which deadline has subsequently been extended by agreement between the parties) and, if such approval is not obtained at that meeting, to seek to obtain such approval at an annual or special stockholders meeting to be held at least every six months thereafter.

Therefore, we are seeking stockholder approval for the issuance of 5,000,905 shares of our common stock upon the conversion of 1,000,181 shares of our conditional convertible preferred stock in

order to comply with Rule 5635 of the NASDAQ Listing Rules and the limitations set forth therein. NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635 requires stockholder approval prior to, among other things:

- the issuance of securities in connection with a transaction other than a public offering involving the sale, issuance or potential issuance by us of our common stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock) equal to 20% or more of the common stock or 20% or more of the voting power outstanding immediately before the issuance; and
- the issuance of securities when the issuance or potential issuance will result in a change of control of the company. Under the NASDAQ rules, generally a change of control would occur when, as a result of the issuance, an investor or a group would own, or have the right to acquire, 20% or more of the outstanding shares of common stock or voting power and such ownership or voting power would be the largest ownership position.

You are being asked to approve the issuance of the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock because:

- the issuance of such shares, when combined with the shares of common stock issued at the closing of the Merger, would exceed 19.99% of the voting power and number of shares of common stock outstanding immediately prior to the Merger; and
- the issuance of such shares, when combined with the shares of common stock issued at the closing of the Merger, may be deemed to result in a change of control of our company under the applicable NASDAQ rules. The transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement may be deemed to be a change of control of our company because in connection with the Merger (i) Dr. Nihalani will own, or have the right to acquire, approximately 34% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, measured immediately after the Merger, which represents our largest ownership position as of such time, assuming conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock into common stock, and (ii) pursuant to the voting agreement described below, Dr. Nihalani has agreed to vote his shares of common stock (including shares of common stock that he beneficially owns in his capacity as representative of BarioSurg's equity holders) in accordance with the recommendations of our Board of Directors. Prior to the consummation of the Merger, Dr. Nihalani did not own any shares of our common stock and the members of our Board of Directors owned in the aggregate approximately 3.4% of our outstanding common stock.

The shares of common stock issued at the closing of the Merger represented approximately 10.4% of the total outstanding shares of common stock immediately following the Merger and approximately 7.1% of the total outstanding shares of common stock as of the record date. Subject to receipt of the required approval of our stockholders, the number of shares of common stock to be issued upon conversion of the shares of conditional convertible preferred stock represents approximately 37.6% of the total outstanding shares of common stock immediately following the Merger and approximately 25.6% of the total outstanding shares of common stock as of the record date, each on an as-converted basis. Collectively, the shares of common stock and conditional convertible preferred stock (assuming conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock into common stock) issued in connection with the Merger represent approximately 48.0% of our issued and outstanding capital stock immediately following the Merger and approximately 32.6% of our issued and outstanding common stock as of the record date, each on an as-converted basis. Shares of conditional convertible preferred stock are non-voting until the receipt of the required stockholder approval.

## **Effects of Approving the Conversion**

If our stockholders vote to approve the conversion of 1,000,181 shares of conditional convertible preferred stock into 5,000,905 shares of our common stock, the conversion, and our issuance of

common stock necessary to effect the conversion, will occur automatically upon the approval by our stockholders and will not require any additional approval by us, our common stockholders, or the holders of the conditional convertible preferred stock. The shares of conditional convertible preferred stock that are converted into shares of common stock will revert to the status of authorized but unissued and undesignated shares of conditional convertible preferred stock. Upon the conversion, in addition to any other holdings they may have, the former holders of the conditional convertible preferred stock in the aggregate would hold approximately 32.6% of our common stock outstanding, based on the number of shares of common stock outstanding on the record date assuming conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock. In particular, Dr. Nihalani would hold approximately 23.9% of our common stock outstanding based on the number of shares of common stock outstanding on the record date assuming conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock. The common stock issued in the conversion would dilute the percentage ownership of the holders of common stock currently outstanding, and the resale of these shares could have an adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock. The shares issued to the former BarioSurg equity holders in connection with the Merger were issued in a transaction intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act. Therefore, those shares are not currently freely tradeable under the federal securities laws. However, those shares will become tradeable upon the expiration of the holding period under Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act, subject to and in accordance with any restrictions set forth in Rule 144.

#### **Effects of Failure to Approve the Conversion**

If our stockholders do not approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal, under the terms of the Merger Agreement, we will be required to continue to seek the requisite stockholder approval for the conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock into common stock at subsequent annual or special meetings to be held at least every six months until such approval is obtained, which would be time consuming and costly.

Until we obtain the requisite stockholder approval, the conditional convertible preferred stock will remain outstanding in accordance with its terms. The terms of the conditional convertible preferred stock, which are set forth in the certificate of designation of preferences, rights and limitations of conditional convertible preferred stock filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware (the "certificate of designation"), are briefly summarized below:

**Dividends:** The conditional convertible preferred stock is entitled to receive dividends (on an as-if-converted-to-common stock basis) actually paid on shares of common stock when, as and if such dividends are paid on shares of common stock. No other dividends will be paid on shares of conditional convertible preferred stock. The certificate of designation does not provide for any restriction on the repurchase of the conditional convertible preferred stock by us while there is any arrearage in the payment of dividends on the conditional convertible preferred stock. There are no sinking fund provisions applicable to the conditional convertible preferred stock.

**Voting Rights:** In general, the conditional convertible preferred stock does not have voting rights. However, as long as any shares of conditional convertible preferred stock remain outstanding, the certificate of designation provides that we shall not, without the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the then-outstanding shares of conditional convertible preferred stock, (a) alter or change adversely the powers, preferences or rights given to the conditional convertible preferred stock or alter or amend the certificate of designation, (b) amend our certificate of incorporation or other charter documents in any manner that adversely affects any rights of the holders of conditional convertible preferred stock, (c) increase the number of authorized shares of conditional convertible preferred stock or (d) enter into any agreement with respect to any of the foregoing.

**Liquidation:** In the event of a liquidation, the holders of shares of conditional convertible preferred stock are entitled to an amount equal to the par value per share of conditional convertible preferred stock, plus any accrued but unpaid dividends thereon, and to participate on an as-converted-to-common stock basis with holders of the common stock in any distribution of our assets to the holders of common stock. In addition, in the event we consummate a merger or consolidation with or into another person or other reorganization event in which our common shares are converted or exchanged for securities, cash or other property, or we sell, lease, license, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets or we or another person acquire 50% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock, then following such event, the holders of the conditional convertible preferred stock will be entitled to receive upon conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock the same kind and amount of securities, cash or property which the holders would have received had they converted the conditional convertible preferred stock immediately prior to such fundamental transaction. Any successor to us or surviving entity shall assume the obligations under the certificate of designation with respect to the conditional convertible preferred stock.

Conversion: Each share of conditional convertible preferred stock will be automatically converted into five shares of common stock at 5:00 p.m. Central time on the date that our stockholders approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal, without any further action by the holder thereof. In no event will the conditional convertible preferred stock convert into shares of common stock prior to the approval by our stockholders of the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal. Shares of conditional convertible preferred stock converted into common stock will revert to the status of authorized but unissued and undesignated shares of conditional convertible preferred stock. We do not intend to apply for listing of the conditional convertible preferred stock on any securities exchange or other trading system.

#### **Interests of Certain Persons in the Transaction**

On May 22, 2017, in connection with and as a condition to the execution of the Merger Agreement, we entered into a voting agreement and irrevocable proxy with Dr. Raj Nihalani, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of BarioSurg, pursuant to which Dr. Nihalani agreed to vote all shares of our common stock he owns after the Merger, including shares of common stock issued upon conversion of conditional convertible preferred stock, in accordance with the recommendation of our Board of Directors. Dr. Nihalani holds approximately 23.9% of the outstanding common stock as of the record date (assuming conversion of the conditional convertible preferred stock into common stock). Except for certain limited exceptions, including transfers permitted under Rule 144 of the Securities Act, Dr. Nihalani agreed to not transfer any common stock owned, subject any common stock owned to any pledges, liens or other encumbrances or arrangements, or grant any proxies or powers of attorney with respect to any common stock in contravention of the obligations under the voting agreement. The voting agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (i) the date Dr. Nihalani and his affiliates no longer beneficially own at least 5% of our outstanding capital stock or (ii) our written notice to Dr. Nihalani of termination of the voting agreement.

We also entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Nihalani pursuant to which he serves as our Chief Technology Officer. The employment agreement provides for an annual base salary of \$300,000 and a potential cash incentive payment of up to 32% of annual base salary. Dr. Nihalani also entered into an indemnification agreement with us in substantially the same form as our other executive officers. In connection with the Merger Agreement, we entered into a non-competition agreement with Dr. Nihalani pursuant to which Dr. Nihalani agreed, among other things, not to engage in any business activities that are directly related to bariatric surgery medical devices for a period of three-years after the Merger.

As a result of the voting agreement, each member of our Board of Directors, in his or her capacity as a member of the Board of Directors, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of, and have shared

voting power with respect to, the shares owned by Dr. Nihalani. Collectively, our directors and executive officers as a group beneficially own approximately 26.4% of our outstanding common stock as of the record date, including shares they may be deemed to beneficially own as a result of the voting agreement with Dr. Nihalani. As a result of Dr. Nihalani's share ownership and the voting agreement and irrevocable proxy, our Board of Directors and executive officers are able to influence matters requiring stockholder approval, such as the election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions. The interests of our Board of Directors and executive officers could oppose a third party offer to acquire us that the other stockholders might consider attractive. In such case and in similar situations, our other stockholders may disagree with our Board of Directors and executive officers as to whether the action opposed or supported by our Board of Directors and executive officers is in the best interest of our stockholders.

#### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal at the special meeting will be required to approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal. However, the 1,380,684 shares of common stock that were issued to former BarioSurg equity holders in connection with the Merger are not entitled to vote on this proposal.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the approval of the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal.

#### PROPOSAL 2—WARRANT ISSUANCE PROPOSAL

#### **Background**

On August 16, 2017, we completed an underwritten public offering (the "Public Offering") of units consisting of one share of series B convertible preferred stock, which is convertible into 435 shares of common stock, and one seven-year warrant to purchase 435 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.30 per share. A total of 20,000 shares of series B convertible preferred stock convertible into 8,700,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 8,700,000 shares of common stock were issued in the Public Offering. As of the record date, 8,997 shares of series B convertible preferred stock issued in the Public Offering had been converted into 3,913,695 shares of common stock.

On August 16, 2017, we also issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 2,575,000 shares of common stock, at an exercise price of \$2.30 per share (the "Warrants"), to the Holders, as consideration for the waiver by each of the Holders of their right to participate in future securities offerings by our company, which rights were granted in November 2015 pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. The offering of Warrants, including the offering of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants, was registered under our effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3.

The Warrants issued to the Holders will not be exercisable for shares of common stock representing more than 19.99% of our outstanding common stock immediately prior to their issuance until we obtain the required approval of our stockholders under the applicable rules and regulations of the NASDAQ Stock Market. Therefore, the Warrants are initially exercisable for an aggregate of 1,658,166 shares of our common stock, which is equal to 19.99% of the 8,294,796 shares of our common stock outstanding immediately prior to the issuance of the Warrants, and subject to and contingent upon receipt of the required stockholder approval, the Warrants will become exercisable for an additional 916,834 shares of our common stock.

The following table sets forth, for each Holder (i) the total number of shares of common stock subject to the Warrants, (ii) the number of shares of common stock for which the Warrants are initially exercisable, regardless of whether stockholder approval is obtained, and (iii) the number of additional shares of common stock for which the Warrants will become exercisable upon receipt of stockholder approval.

	Total Shares Subject to	Number of Shares Exercisable Upon	Number of Additional Shares Exercisable Upon Stockholder
<u>Holder</u>	Warrants	Issuance	Approval
CVI Investments, Inc.	1,000,000	643,948	356,052
Hudson Bay Master Fund Ltd.	875,000	563,454	311,546
Sabby Volatility Warrant Master Fund, Ltd.	575,000	370,270	204,730
Alto Opportunity Master Fund, SPC—Segregated Master Portfolio A	125,000	80,494	44,506
TOTAL	2,575,000	1,658,166	916,834

Although stockholder approval of the issuance of the Warrants was not required, we agreed to hold a special meeting of our stockholders at the earliest practicable date, but in no event later than 75 days following our agreement to issue the Warrants to the Holders, for the purpose of obtaining the required stockholder approval for the issuance of the additional 916,834 shares of common stock upon exercise of the Warrants, as required by the NASDAQ Stock Market Rules, and to use our reasonable best efforts to obtain any required stockholder approval. If we do not obtain the required stockholder approval at the first stockholder meeting, then we will be required to call a meeting every three months thereafter to seek stockholder approval.

Therefore, we are seeking stockholder approval for the exercisability of the Warrants for an additional 916,834 shares of our common stock in order to comply with Rule 5635 of the NASDAQ Listing Rules and the limitations set forth therein. NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635 requires stockholder approval prior to, among other things, the issuance of securities in connection with a transaction other than a public offering involving the sale, issuance or potential issuance by us of our common stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock) equal to 20% or more of the common stock or 20% or more of the voting power outstanding immediately before the issuance.

You are being asked to approve the exercisability of the Warrants for an additional 916,834 shares of our common stock because the issuance of such shares upon exercise of the Warrants, when combined with the 1,658,166 shares of common stock for which the Warrants are initially exercisable, would exceed 19.99% of the voting power and number of shares of common stock outstanding immediately prior to the issuance of the Warrants.

#### **Effects of Approving the Issuance**

If our stockholders vote to approve Warrant Issuance Proposal, the Warrants will become exercisable for an additional 916,834 shares of our common stock, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Warrants described below. The 916,834 shares of common stock that would become exercisable under the Warrants upon stockholder approval represent approximately 6.3% of our outstanding common stock as of the record date. The shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants would dilute the percentage ownership of the holders of common stock currently outstanding, and the resale of these shares could have an adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

#### Effects of Failure to Approve the Issuance

If our stockholders do not approve the Warrant Issuance Proposal, we will be required to continue to seek the requisite stockholder approval for the exercise of the Warrants for an additional 916,834 shares of our common stock at subsequent annual or special meetings to be held at least every three months until such approval is obtained, which would be time consuming and costly.

Until we obtain the requisite stockholder approval, the portion of the Warrants subject to stockholder approval will remain outstanding in accordance with the terms of the Warrants. If we do not obtain the requisite stockholder approval prior to the expiration date of the Warrants, then the Warrants will never become exercisable for the 916,834 shares of common stock that are subject to stockholder approval.

#### **Description of Warrants**

The terms of the Warrants are briefly summarized below.

Each Warrant may be exercised to purchase a number of shares of common stock equal to \$1,000 divided by \$2.30 at any time for up to seven years after the date of the closing of the Public Offering. The Holder of a Warrant will not be deemed a holder of our underlying common stock until the Warrant is exercised, except as set forth in the Warrants.

Subject to limited exceptions, a Holder of Warrants will not have the right to exercise any portion of its Warrants if the holder (together with such Holder's affiliates, and any persons acting as a group together with such Holder or any of such Holder's affiliates) would beneficially own a number of shares of common stock in excess of 4.99% (or, at the election of the Holder, 9.99%) of the shares of our common stock then outstanding after giving effect to such exercise (the "Beneficial Ownership Limitation"); provided, however, that upon notice to us, the Holder may increase or decrease the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, provided that in no event will the Beneficial Ownership Limitation exceed 9.99% and any increase in the Beneficial Ownership Limitation will not be effective until 61 days following notice of such increase from the Holder to us.

The exercise price and the number of shares issuable upon exercise of the Warrants is subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of recapitalization events, stock dividends, dilutive issuances, stock splits, stock combinations, reclassifications, reorganizations or similar events affecting our common stock. The Holders must pay the exercise price in cash upon exercise of the Warrants, unless such Holders are utilizing the cashless exercise provision of the Warrants, which is only available in certain circumstances such as if the underlying shares are not registered with the SEC pursuant to an effective registration statement. We intend to use commercially reasonable efforts to have the registration statement of which the prospectus supplement for issuance of the Warrants forms a part, effective when the Warrants are exercised. If a Warrant is exercised via the "cashless" exercise provision, the Holder will receive the number of shares equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the difference between the volume weighted average price (VWAP) (as determined pursuant to the terms of the Warrants) and the exercise price of the Warrant multiplied by the number of shares issuable under the Warrant by (ii) the VWAP.

In addition, in the event we consummate a merger or consolidation with or into another person or other reorganization event in which our shares of common stock are converted or exchanged for securities, cash or other property, or we sell, lease, license, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets or we or another person acquire 50% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock (a "fundamental transaction"), then following such event, the Holders will be entitled to receive upon exercise of the Warrants the same kind and amount of securities, cash or property which the Holders would have received had they exercised the Warrants immediately prior to such fundamental transaction. Any successor to us or surviving entity is required to assume the

obligations under the Warrants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a fundamental transaction, the Holders will have the option, which may be exercised within 30 days after the consummation of the fundamental transaction, to require us or the successor entity purchase the Warrant from the Holder by paying to the Holder an amount of cash equal to the Black Scholes value of the remaining unexercised portion of the Warrant on the date of the consummation of the fundamental transaction. However, if the fundamental transaction is not within our control, including not approved by our Board of Directors or the consideration is not in all stock of the successor entity, the Holder will only be entitled to receive from us or any successor entity, as of the date of consummation of such fundamental transaction, the same type or form of consideration (and in the same proportion), at the Black Scholes value of the unexercised portion of the Warrant, that is being offered and paid to the holders of our common stock in connection with the fundamental transaction, whether that consideration be in the form of cash, stock or any combination thereof, or whether the holders of common stock are given the choice to receive from among alternative forms of consideration in connection with the fundamental transaction.

Upon the holder's exercise of a Warrant, we will issue the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrant within three trading days following our receipt of a notice of exercise, provided that payment of the exercise price has been made (unless exercised via the "cashless" exercise provision).

If, at any time after the initial issuance of the Warrants, we sell or grant any option to purchase or sell or grant any right to reprice, or otherwise dispose of or issue, any of our common stock or securities convertible into or exercisable for shares of our common stock at an effective price per share that is lower than the then exercise price of the Warrant, then the exercise price will be reduced to equal such lower price (provided that the reduced exercise price will not be less than the greater of (a) \$0.10 and (b) 20% of the closing bid price of our common stock on the date prior to the date of the underwriting agreement entered into in connection with the Public Offering), subject to an exception for the following types of issuances (i) issuances to our employees, officers or directors pursuant to any stock or option plan adopted by a majority of the non-employee members of our Board of Directors or committee thereof, (ii) issuances upon the exercise or exchange of any securities issued in connection with the offering of the Warrants to the Holders or the Public Offering or convertible into shares of common stock issued and outstanding on the date of the underwriting agreement entered into in connection with the Public Offering, provided that such securities have not been amended since the date of the underwriting agreement to increase the number of securities or decrease the exercise, exchange or conversion price, or (iii) issuances pursuant to acquisitions or strategic transactions approved by a majority of the disinterested members of our Board of Directors, provided that such securities are "restricted securities" under Rule 144 and carry no registration rights that require or permit the filing of any registration statement in connection therewith during the 90-day period following the original issuance date of the Warrants, and provided that any such issuance is to a person or its equityholders that is an operating company or an owner of an asset in a business synergistic with the business of our

We have not applied, and do not intend to apply, for listing of the Warrants on any securities exchange or other trading system.

#### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the Warrant Issuance Proposal at the special meeting will be required to

approve the Warrant Issuance Proposal. However, any shares of common stock held by the Holders are not entitled to vote on this proposal.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the approval of the Warrant Issuance Proposal.

#### PROPOSAL 3—AUTHORIZED COMMON STOCK PROPOSAL

Our Board of Directors has adopted resolutions approving, declaring advisable and recommending that our stockholders approve, an amendment to our Sixth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to reduce the number of authorized shares of common stock from 300,000,000 to 275,000,000. The reduction in our number of authorized shares of common stock would become effective upon the filing of an amendment to our certificate of incorporation. The full text of Section 1 of Article IV of our certificate of incorporation, as proposed to be amended, is as follows:

1. *Authorized Stock*. The Corporation is authorized to issue two classes of shares to be designated respectively Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The total number of shares of Preferred Stock authorized is 5,000,000. The total number of shares of Common Stock authorized is 275,000,000.

#### **Current Capitalization**

As of the record date, our capitalization was as follows:

- 12,208,671 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding;
- 1,339,527 shares of our common stock were subject to outstanding stock options granted pursuant to our Second Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan;
- 1,655,750 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to future awards that may be granted under our Second Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan;
- 12,806 shares of common stock were subject to outstanding inducement stock options awarded in 2015 and 2016 to four executives in connection with their hiring;
- 1,000,181 shares of conditional convertible preferred stock were outstanding, which shares are convertible into 5,000,905 shares of our common stock, subject to stockholder approval as set forth in the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal;
- 187,772 shares of series C convertible preferred stock were outstanding, which shares are convertible into 18,777,200 shares of our common stock, subject to stockholder approval;
- 5,608,337 shares of common stock were subject to outstanding warrants (including the Warrants issued to Holders under the Purchase Agreement);
- 4,786,305 shares of our common stock were issuable upon the conversion of the series B convertible preferred stock sold in the Public Offering;
   and
- 8,700,000 shares of our common stock were issuable upon the exercise of the warrants sold in the Public Offering.

Based on the above capitalization information, 239,553,770 shares of our currently authorized common stock remain unissued and unreserved and available for future issuance as of the record date.

#### **Purpose of the Amendment**

As described above, there are a significant number of authorized but unissued shares of our common stock relative to the number of shares outstanding. Our Board of Directors believes that, due to the decrease in the number of outstanding shares of common stock resulting from the 1-for-70 reverse stock split we effected in December 2016, we no longer have a need for 300,000,000 authorized shares of common stock and that 275,000,000 authorized shares of common stock is sufficient for our company at this time.

Our Board of Directors is mindful of the potential negative effects of a large number of authorized but unissued shares of our common stock. For instance, future issuances of common stock or securities convertible into common stock could have a negative impact on our earnings per share and book value per share and would dilute the voting power and ownership of our existing stockholders. In addition, the availability of a substantial number of authorized but unissued shares of common stock could, under certain circumstances, discourage or make more difficult efforts to obtain control of our company. However, our Board of Directors is not aware of any attempt, or contemplated attempt, to acquire control of our company, and this proposal is not being presented in connection with any such acquisition attempt. Further, because the amount of a Delaware corporation's franchise tax fees is based on the number of authorized shares of its capital stock, a larger number of authorized shares results in increased Delaware franchise tax obligations.

Our Board of Directors believes that the number of shares of our common stock that is currently authorized, 300,000,000 shares, provides significantly more available shares than are necessary for our reasonably foreseeable future needs. As a result, our Board of Directors has approved and is recommending that our stockholders approve a reduction in the number of shares of our common stock that we are authorized to issue from 300,000,000 shares to 275,000,000 shares. Our Board of Directors believes 275,000,000 authorized shares of common stock will provide us with sufficient flexibility to issue shares of our common stock as needed for general corporate purposes for the foreseeable future.

#### **Potential Adverse Effects of the Amendment**

Although our Board of Directors believes 275,000,000 authorized shares of common stock will be sufficient for our expected purposes for the foreseeable future, these expectations could turn out to be wrong and we may require additional authorized shares sooner than we expect. In that case, we would be forced to obtain the approval of our stockholders to effect an increase to our authorized shares, which would require us to solicit proxies and hold a vote at an annual or special meeting of our stockholders. The stockholder meeting process can be costly and time-consuming and is subject to a variety of SEC rules that implement waiting periods throughout the process, which could prevent us from obtaining any increase to our authorized shares in a timely manner. Moreover, our stockholders may not approve any proposal to increase our authorized shares. Either of these outcomes could force us to forego opportunities that our Board of Directors believes to be valuable or prevent us from using equity for compensation or other corporate purposes, which could limit our flexibility and prospects and strain our cash resources.

#### No Appraisal Rights

Under applicable Delaware law, our stockholders are not entitled to appraisal rights with respect to the proposed amendment to our certificate of incorporation.

### **Procedure for Effecting the Amendment**

If the proposed amendment is approved and adopted by our stockholders at the special meeting, it will become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware a certificate of

amendment to our certificate of incorporation. Subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors, which could elect to abandon the amendment at any time before or after stockholder approval, we expect to file the certificate of amendment with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as soon as practicable following stockholder approval.

#### **Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock as of the record date will be required to approve the Authorized Common Stock Proposal.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the approval of the amendment to our Sixth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to reduce the number of authorized shares of common stock from 300,000,000 to 275,000,000.

#### PROPOSAL 4—ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL

We are asking our stockholders to approve a proposal to approve one or more adjournments of the special meeting to a later date or dates if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes to approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal at the time of the special meeting or if we do not have a quorum at the special meeting. If our stockholders approve the Adjournment Proposal, we could adjourn the special meeting and any reconvened session of the special meeting and use the additional time to solicit additional proxies, including the solicitation of proxies from stockholders that have previously returned properly executed proxies voting against approval of the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal. Among other things, approval of the Adjournment Proposal could mean that, even if we had received proxies representing a sufficient number of votes against approval of the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal such that the proposal to approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal and seek to convince the holders of those shares to change their votes to votes in favor of approval of the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal. Additionally, we may seek to adjourn the special meeting if a quorum is not present at the special meeting.

Our Board of Directors believes that it is in the best interests of our company and our stockholders to be able to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates if necessary or appropriate for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies in respect of the approval of the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal if there are insufficient votes to approve the Preferred Stock Conversion Proposal or the Warrant Issuance Proposal at the time of the special meeting or in the absence of a quorum.

#### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the Adjournment Proposal at the special meeting will be required to approve the Adjournment Proposal.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the proposal to approve one or more adjournments of the special meeting.

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On October 2, 2017, we acquired ReShape Medical, Inc.. a Delaware corporation ("ReShape"), pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "ReShape Merger Agreement") among EnteroMedics, ReShape, Nixon Subsidiary Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Nixon Merger Sub"), Nixon Subsidiary Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Nixon Sub LLC"), and HealthCor Partners Fund II, L.P. and Endeavour Medtech GP Limited, solely in their capacity as members of the committee (the "ReShape Holder Committee") representing the ReShape stockholders and convertible promissory note holders receiving a portion of the merger consideration (the "ReShape Holders"). Pursuant to the ReShape Merger Agreement, among other things, Nixon Merger Sub initially merged with and into ReShape, with ReShape surviving as our wholly owned subsidiary and, subsequently, ReShape merged with and into Nixon Sub LLC, with Nixon Sub LLC surviving as our wholly owned subsidiary (the "ReShape Merger"). The ReShape Merger was approved by our Board of Directors.

The aggregate merger consideration we paid for all of the outstanding shares of capital stock and securities convertible into shares of capital stock of ReShape is: (i) 2,356,729 million shares of common stock, (ii) 187,772 million shares of our newly created series C convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which shares will become convertible into 18,777,200 million shares of common stock subject to and contingent upon the post-closing approval of our stockholders in accordance with the NASDAQ Stock Market Rules, as described in more detail below, and (iii) approximately \$5 million in cash, which amount, together with ReShape's cash on hand was immediately used to pay ReShape's outstanding senior secured indebtedness and certain transaction expenses of ReShape. The series C convertible preferred stock has a liquidation preference of \$274.8774 per share, or \$2.748774 per underlying share or common stock. Holders of the series C convertible preferred stock have the right to convert their shares into shares of common stock, assuming the required stockholder approval is obtained, instead of receiving the liquidation preference. At the closing of the ReShape Merger, 22,198 shares of series C convertible preferred stock were deposited with an escrow agent to fund post-closing indemnification obligations of the ReShape Holders.

The shares of common stock issued at the closing of the ReShape Merger represent approximately 19.9% of the total outstanding shares of common stock immediately prior to the ReShape Merger and approximately 16.6% of the total outstanding shares of common stock immediately following the ReShape Merger. Collectively, the shares of common stock and series C convertible preferred stock issued in connection with the ReShape Merger represent approximately 49.0% of our issued and outstanding capital stock of immediately following the ReShape Merger, assuming the conversion of the series C convertible preferred stock and all of our other outstanding shares of preferred stock into shares of common stock.

The ReShape Holders will not be permitted to convert their shares of series C convertible preferred stock into shares of common stock to the extent such conversion would cause them to hold more than 49.0% of our outstanding voting securities at the time of any such conversion. Other than with respect to certain specific matters set forth in the certificate of designation of the series C convertible preferred stock, shares of series C convertible preferred stock will be non-voting until the receipt of the required approval of our stockholders. Upon the post-closing approval of our stockholders, a portion of the shares of series C convertible preferred stock will automatically convert into 8,238,400 million shares of common stock and the remaining shares of series C convertible preferred stock will become convertible into shares of common stock at the option of the holders of the shares. However, if the volume weighted average price of our common stock exceeds \$5.00 per share for at least 20 trading days, then all outstanding shares of series C convertible preferred stock will automatically convert into shares of common stock.

Approval by our stockholders was not required in connection with the closing of the ReShape Merger and the issuance of shares of common stock and series C convertible preferred stock in

connection with the ReShape Merger. Under the terms of the ReShape Merger Agreement, we have agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to call and hold a meeting of our stockholders to obtain the requisite approval for the conversion of the series C convertible preferred stock into shares of common stock, for purposes of the NASDAQ Stock Market Rules, no later than December 31, 2017 and, if such approval is not obtained at that meeting, to obtain such approval at an annual or special stockholders meeting to be held at least every six months thereafter.

As long the ReShape Holders own at least 10% of our outstanding common stock (for this purpose treating as outstanding the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the series C convertible preferred stock), the ReShape Holder Committee will have the right to designate for nomination two directors to our Board of Directors, although any nominees must be reasonably acceptable to our then current Board members and we will nominate and use commercially reasonable efforts to appoint each such person to the Board. At the closing of the Merger, Michael Y. Mashaal, M.D. was appointed to our Board as a designee of the Company Holder Committee.

In connection with and as a condition to the execution of the ReShape Merger Agreement, we entered into a voting and standstill agreement with each ReShape Holder who will hold at least 5% of our outstanding common stock (on an as-converted basis) after the ReShape Merger, pursuant to which such ReShape Holders agreed to (i) vote all shares of our common stock in the same manner as and in the same proportion as the votes cast on the matter by the holders of our voting securities entitled to vote on the matter, unless such requirement is waived by our Board, and (ii) certain customary standstill provisions pursuant to which such ReShape Holders will refrain from various actions that might relate to the acquisition of control of our company, such as making proposals to acquire our company or launching a proxy context. Collectively, the ReShape Holders party to the voting and standstill Agreements own approximately 41.9% of our outstanding common stock (on an as-converted basis) immediately following the completion of the ReShape Merger.

#### "HOUSEHOLDING" OF PROXY MATERIALS

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy delivery requirements for proxy statements and annual reports with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement or annual report, as applicable, addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "householding," potentially provides extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies. Although we do not household for our registered stockholders, some brokers household EnteroMedics proxy materials and annual reports, delivering a single proxy statement and annual report to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected stockholders. Once you have received notice from your broker that they will be householding materials to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate proxy statement or annual report, or if you are receiving multiple copies of either document and wish to receive only one, please notify your broker. We will deliver promptly upon written or oral request a separate copy of our annual report and/or proxy statement to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of either document was delivered. For copies of either or both documents, stockholders should write to Secretary, EnteroMedics Inc., 2800 Patton Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113, or call (651) 634-3003.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

As required by Article I, Section 1.2 of our Amended and Restated Bylaws, business transacted at special meetings shall be confined to the purpose or purposes stated in the notice of special meeting.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public through the Internet at the SEC's web site at *www.sec.gov*. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about its public reference facilities and their copy charges.

#### INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them. This allows us to disclose important information to you by referencing those filed documents. We have previously filed the following documents with the SEC and are incorporating them by reference into this proxy statement:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016;
- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 2017;
- Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 5, 2017, January 24, 2017, January 31, 2017, February 14, 2017, February 21, 2017, May 2, 2017, May 23, 2017, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-K/A filed on July 10, 2017 and Amendment No. 2 on Form 8-K/A filed on August 1, 2017, June 5, 2017, July 25, 2017, July 26, 2017, August 16, 2017 and October 3, 2017; and
- the description of our common stock contained in any registration statement on Form 8-A that we have filed, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating this description.

You can obtain a copy of any documents which are incorporated by reference in this proxy statement, except for exhibits which are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at:

EnteroMedics Inc. 2800 Patton Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55113 Attention: Secretary (651) 634-3003

Scott P. Youngstrom
Secretary

Dated: October 6, 2017



Shareowner Services P.O. Box 64945

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	Your phone or Internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.
	Use the Internet to vote your proxy until 12:00 p.m. (CT) on October 24, 2017.
	PHONE – 1-866-883-3382 Use a touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy until 12:00 p.m. (CT) on October 24, 2017.
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<ol> <li>Approval of conversion of conditional convertible preferred stock into common stock.</li> </ol>	☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Abstain
<ol><li>Approval of issuance of 916,834 shares of common stock upon exercise of warrants.</li></ol>	☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Abstain
<ol> <li>Approval of amendment to Sixth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to reduce number of authorized shares of common stock from 300,000,000 to 275,000,000.</li> </ol>	For Against Abstain
<ol><li>Approval of one or more adjournments of the special meeting to a later date or dates if necessary to solicit additional proxies.</li></ol>	☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Abstain
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# ENTEROMEDICS INC.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

October 25, 2017 9:00 a.m., Central Time

Fox Rothschild LLP 222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2000 Minneapolis, MN 55402



EnteroMedics Inc. 2800 Patton Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55113

proxy

This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors for use at the Special Meeting on October 25, 2017.

The shares of stock you hold in your account will be voted as you specify on the reverse side.

If no choice is specified, the proxy will be voted "FOR" Items 1, 2, 3 and 4.

By signing the proxy, you revoke all prior proxies and appoint Dan W. Gladney and Scott P. Youngstrom, and each of them with full power of substitution, to vote your shares on the matters shown on the reverse side and any other matters which may come before the Special Meeting and all adjournments.

See reverse for voting instructions.