

BIOTRANSPLANT INC  
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Registration Statement No. 33-74850

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO**  
**FORM S-3**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**BioTransplant Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**04-3119555**

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

**c/o Verdolino & Lowey P.C.**

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(Address, including zip code, and  
telephone number, including area code,  
of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: Not Applicable.**

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

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**Explanatory Note**

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On December 10, 2001, BioTransplant Incorporated ("BioTransplant" or the "Company") filed a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 33-74850) registering 5,000,000 shares of BioTransplant common stock, \$.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), for sale from time to time. This registration statement was declared effective on January 22, 2002.

On February 27, 2003, BioTransplant and its subsidiary, Eligix, Inc., filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts (the "Bankruptcy Court"). On April 13, 2004, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming the Chapter 11 liquidating plan (the "Plan"). The effective date of the Plan (the "Effective Date") occurred on April 26, 2004. In accordance with the Plan, as of the Effective Date, all outstanding shares of Common Stock were cancelled.

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 is being filed solely to remove from registration any shares of Common Stock which remain unsold under such Registration Statement as of the date of the Post-Effective Amendment No. 1.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to Rule 478 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this post-effective amendment No. 1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Foxborough, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the 24th day of May, 2004.

BIOTRANSPLANT INCORPORATED

By:

/s/ KEITH LOWEY

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Keith Lowey  
Trustee\*

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Duly authorized under Section 5 of the Chapter 11 Plan of the Registrant confirmed by Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts (Chapter 11 Case No. 03-11585) entered April 14, 2004.

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