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**Creating a Global Medical Device Leader**

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## **Safe Harbor: Forward-Looking Statements**

This presentation contains forward-looking statements, including, among other statements, statements regarding the proposed business combination between Boston Scientific Corporation and Guidant Corporation, and the anticipated consequences and benefits of such transaction. Statements made in the future tense, and words such as anticipate, expect, project, believe, plan, estimate, intend, will, may and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations, but are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and are beyond the control of Boston Scientific or Guidant. Relevant risks and uncertainties include those referenced in Boston Scientific's and Guidant's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (which can be obtained as described in Additional Information below), and include: general industry conditions and competition; economic conditions, such as interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations; technological advances and patents attained by competitors; challenges inherent in new product development, including obtaining regulatory approvals; domestic and foreign health care reforms and governmental laws and regulations; and trends toward health care cost containment. Risks and uncertainties relating to the proposed transaction include: required regulatory approvals will not be obtained in a timely manner, if at all; the proposed transaction will not be consummated; the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction will not be realized; and the integration of Guidant's operations with Boston Scientific will be materially delayed or will be more costly or difficult than expected. These risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the forward-looking statements, and therefore should be carefully considered. Neither Boston Scientific nor Guidant assumes any obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information or future events or developments.

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Boston Scientific and Guidant have filed a definitive prospectus/joint proxy statement with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. The material contained herein is not a substitute for the definitive prospectus/joint proxy statement or any other documents that Boston Scientific and Guidant have filed or will file with the SEC. Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive prospectus/joint proxy statement and any other relevant documents filed or to be filed by Boston Scientific or Guidant, because they contain or will contain important information about the proposed transaction. The definitive prospectus/joint proxy statement is, and other documents filed or to be filed by Boston Scientific and Guidant with the SEC are or will be, available free of charge at the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) or from Boston Scientific by directing a request to Boston Scientific Corporation, One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, Massachusetts 01760-1537, Attention: Milan Kofol, Investor Relations, or from Guidant by directing a request to Guidant Corporation, 111 Monument Circle, 29th Floor, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Attention: Investor Relations.

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**Strategic Build To Date**

*90%+ of sales from market leading products*

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**2005 Actual Sales**

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**Breadth and Depth of Technology**

*\$6.3B of Technologies*

Division	Franchises	Product Categories
<b>Interventional Cardiology</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Endoscopy</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Peripheral</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Urology</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Neurovascular</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Oncology</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Neuromodulation</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Electrophysiology</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Vascular Surgery</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>270</b>

## Worldwide Market Leadership

### Interventional Cardiology

*90%+ of sales from market leading products...*

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### Interventional / Non Vascular

*75%+ of sales from market leading products...*

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**Source: 2005 & 2004, respectively, company results, analyst reports, MRG reporting  
Includes vascular sealing and embolic protection**

**Financial Results**

(Excluding special charges)

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## **Interventional Cardiovascular Market Today**

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**Interventional Cardiovascular Market  
Before BSC-GDT Combination**

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*Source: Wall Street Research.*

**DES Market Positions**  
**Competitive Markets (excludes Japan)**

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*Industry sources*

**DES Market Outlook**  
**Wall Street Estimates**

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*Source: Wall Street Research.*

## **Diversifying into Microelectronics**

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**Neuromodulation Group**

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**Pain Management**

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**Auditory**

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**bion Microstimulator (1)**

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(1) CAUTION: Investigational device. Limited by Federal law to investigational use.

**Worldwide Sales  
(\$ millions)**

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## **Guidant: The Transforming Event**

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**Cardiovascular Market  
Before BSC-GDT Combination**

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*Source: Wall Street Research.*

**Achieving Enhanced Diversification and Higher Growth**

**Boston Scientific Sales Breakdown**

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**Combined Pro Forma Sales Breakdown**

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**Preeminent pure play in medical devices**

*Source: BSC Management estimates. Figures shown assume 2006 full year of combined operation, adjusted for planned Guidant asset divestitures.*

**Key Value Drivers: Acquiring Leading Business in High Growth CRM Segment**

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*Source: Wall Street Research.*

## **Accelerating Growth**

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**Accelerating Revenue Growth**

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*Note: Low is based on the Boston Scientific Street Case and High is based on the Boston Scientific Management Case*

**Accelerating EPS(1) Growth**

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**DES Pipeline**

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**US Competitive Advantage**

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**Strategic Build Continues**

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*Note: 2006 assumes 1/1/06 acquisition of Guidant; estimated revenue is based on the Boston Scientific Street Case*

## **Financing the Transaction**

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(Dollars in billions)

Guidant Purchase	\$	27.5
Transaction Expenses		0.9
Total Transaction Value	\$	28.4
<b>Sources of Financing:</b>		
Equity to Guidant Shareholders	\$	13.0
Abbott (net of tax)		5.1
Bank Loans		7.1
Available Cash		3.2
Total	\$	28.4

**Post-Closing Debt Maturities**

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**Cash Available for Debt Repayment**

**Pro Forma**

**(\$ in Billions)**

**Cumulative Debt Maturities**

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**Cumulative Cash Available for Debt Repayment**

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*Note: Cash flow is based on the Boston Scientific Street Case.*

## Roadmap to Completing the Transaction

- ý Obtained committed financing
- ý Completed confirmatory due diligence
- ý Definitive merger agreement with Guidant
- ý Definitive divestiture agreement with Abbott
- ý Completed rating agency reviews
- ý Submitted HSR & EU anti-trust filings
- ý Proxy filing declared effective
- ý Initiated integration process
- o Boston Scientific and Guidant shareholder votes on March 31<sup>st</sup>
- o Transaction expected to close week of April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ACC Analyst Meeting**

March 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m.

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