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**CELSION CORPORATION**

**10220-L OLD COLUMBIA ROAD  
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21046-2364**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009**

To Our Stockholders:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting (the "Annual Meeting") of the stockholders of Celsion Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), will be held at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 for the following purposes, all as more fully described in the accompanying Proxy Statement:

- (1) To elect one Class II Director, to serve until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2012 and until his successor is duly elected and qualified;
- (2) To consider and vote upon an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Company to decrease the number of authorized shares of stock;
- (3) To ratify the selection of Stegman & Company as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009;
- (4) To consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the Annual Meeting to another time or place for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies, if proposed; and
- (5) To consider and act upon any other matters that may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The close of business on March 24, 2009 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of stockholders of the Company entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 24, 2009 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, whether or not you expect to attend in person, please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed Proxy Card as promptly as possible in the envelope provided for that purpose. Returning your Proxy Card will ensure your representation and help to ensure the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Your proxy is revocable, as set forth in the accompanying Proxy Statement. Therefore, you may attend the Annual Meeting and vote your shares in person even if you send in your Proxy Card.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ SEAN F. MORAN

Secretary

April 1, 2009  
Columbia, Maryland

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting To Be Held on May 15, 2009. The Proxy Statement and our 2008 Annual Report to Security Holders on Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).**

***WHETHER OR NOT YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE,  
SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED  
PRE-ADDRESSED AND POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE OR SUBMIT YOUR VOTE VIA  
THE INTERNET AT [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) OR BY PHONE AT 1-800-690-6903.***

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## **CELSION CORPORATION**

### **PROXY STATEMENT**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This Proxy Statement is being furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Celsion Corporation, a Delaware corporation (sometimes referred to in this Proxy Statement as the "Company", "Celsion", "we" or "us"), for exercise at the annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held on May 15, 2009. We are first sending this Proxy Statement, accompanying Proxy Card, Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Annual Report on Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 (our "2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K") to our stockholders on or about April 7, 2009.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting To Be Held on May 15, 2009. The Proxy Statement and our 2008 Annual Report to Security Holders on Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).**

We are an innovative oncology drug development company focused on improving treatment for those suffering with highly aggressive and difficult to treat forms of cancer. We are working to develop and commercialize more efficient, effective, targeted chemotherapeutic oncology drugs based on our proprietary heat-activated liposomal technology.

Our principal executive offices are located at 10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046-2391, and our telephone numbers are (410) 290-5390 and (800) 262-0394 (toll free).

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

##### **Date, Time and Place of the Annual Meeting**

Our 2009 Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

##### **Who May Attend the Annual Meeting**

Only stockholders who own our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (our "Common Stock"), as of the close of business on March 24, 2009, the record date for the Annual Meeting (the "Record Date"), will be entitled to attend the Annual Meeting. In the discretion of management, we may permit certain other individuals to attend the Annual Meeting, including members of the media and our employees.

##### **Who May Vote**

Each share of our Common Stock outstanding on the Record Date entitles the holder thereof to one vote on each matter submitted to the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders who own our Common Stock as of the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, there were 10,156,350 shares of our Common Stock issued and outstanding.

##### **How to Vote**

If you were a stockholder as of the Record Date, you are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, and we encourage you to attend and vote in person. HOWEVER, WHETHER OR NOT YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUESTS



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THAT YOU COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM. A pre-addressed and postage-paid return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Alternatively, you may cast your vote via the internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or by phone by calling 1-800-690-6903.

If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker, or other holder of record, you will receive instructions from the holder of record that you must follow in order for your shares to be voted. If your shares are not registered in your own name and you plan to vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting, you should contact your broker or agent to obtain a broker's proxy card and bring it to the Annual Meeting in order to vote.

**Voting by Proxy**

If you vote by proxy, the individuals named on the proxy, or their substitutes, will vote your shares in the manner you indicate. If you date, sign, and return the proxy card without indicating your instructions, your shares will be voted as follows:

For the election of the Class II nominee for director to serve until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2012 and until his successor is duly elected and qualified;

For the approval of the amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), to decrease the number of authorized shares of all classes of stock from 250,100,000 to 75,100,000 and the number of authorized shares of common stock from 250,000,000 to 75,000,000;

For the ratification of the appointment of Stegman & Company as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2009;

For the proposal to adjourn the Annual Meeting to another time or place for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies, if proposed; and

In the discretion of the proxy holder on any other matter that properly comes before the Annual Meeting.

You may revoke or change your proxy at any time before it is exercised by delivering to us a signed proxy with a date later than your previously delivered proxy, by voting in person at the Annual Meeting, or by sending a written revocation of your proxy addressed to our Secretary at our principal executive office. Your most current proxy card is the one that will be counted.

**Quorum Requirement**

A quorum is necessary to hold a valid meeting. The presence, in person or by proxy, of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the Annual Meeting constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present for purposes of establishing a quorum. A "broker non-vote" occurs when a broker, bank or other holder of record holding shares for a beneficial owner properly executes and returns a proxy without voting on a particular proposal because such holder of record does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

**Vote Requirements**

The election of the Class II Director at the Annual Meeting will be by plurality of the votes cast. This means that the director nominee receiving the greatest number of votes cast, in person or by proxy, by the holders of Common Stock in the election of the Class II Director, will be elected. Stockholders may not cumulate their votes in electing directors. Stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting may either vote



"FOR" the nominee for election as a director or may "WITHHOLD

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AUTHORITY" for the nominee. Shares represented by executed proxies will be voted, if authority to do so is not withheld, for the election of the nominee named below. If a stockholder withholds authority to vote with respect to the nominee for director, the shares held by that stockholder will be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, but will have no effect on the election of the nominee. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of the nominee.

Stockholders may vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" or may "ABSTAIN" on Proposal 2, to amend the Certificate of Incorporation to decrease the number of authorized shares of all classes of stock from 250,100,000 to 75,100,000 and the number of authorized shares of common stock from 250,000,000 to 75,000,000 (the "Amendment"). The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares will be required to approve the Amendment. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against Proposal 2.

Stockholders may also vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" or may "ABSTAIN" on Proposal 3, to ratify the selection of Stegman & Company as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2009. 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 proposal will be required to ratify the selection of Stegman & Company. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against Proposal 3, but broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal 3.

Stockholders may also vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" or may "ABSTAIN" on Proposal 4, to adjourn the Annual Meeting to another time or place for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies, if proposed. 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 proposal will be required to adjourn the Annual Meeting, if proposed. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against Proposal 4, but broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal 4.

**Other Matters**

Our Board of Directors knows of no other matters that may be presented for stockholder action at the Annual Meeting. It is not anticipated that other matters will be brought before the Annual Meeting. If other matters do properly come before the Annual Meeting, or any adjournments or postponements thereof, however, persons named as proxies will vote upon them in their discretion.

**Information about the Proxy Statement and the Solicitation of Proxies**

The enclosed proxy is solicited by our Board of Directors and we will bear the costs of preparing, assembling, printing and mailing this Proxy Statement, accompanying Proxy Card, Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as any additional materials that we may furnish to stockholders in connection with the Annual Meeting. Copies of our solicitation materials will be furnished to brokerage houses, fiduciaries and custodians to forward to beneficial owners of stock held in the names of such nominees. We will, upon request, reimburse those parties for their reasonable expenses in forwarding proxy materials to their beneficial owners. The solicitation of proxies will be by mail and direct communication with certain stockholders or their representatives by our officers, directors and employees, who will receive no additional compensation therefor.

**Annual Report**

Our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K is being mailed to stockholders together with this Proxy Statement and contains financial and other information about Celsion, including audited financial statements for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the SEC (but excluding exhibits), is available on our website and additional

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copies may be obtained without charge, upon written request directed to the Corporate Secretary, Celsion Corporation, 10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046-2391.

**Householding of Annual Meeting Materials**

Some banks, brokers and other nominee record holders may be participating in the practice of "householding" proxy statements and annual reports. This means that only one copy of our Proxy Statement or 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K may have been sent to multiple stockholders in your household. The Company will promptly deliver a separate copy of either document to you if you write or call the Company at the following address or telephone number:

10220-L Old Columbia Road  
Columbia, Maryland 21046-2364  
Attention: Corporate Secretary  
(410) 290-5390

If you would like to receive separate copies of the Company's Annual Report and Proxy Statement in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for your household, you should contact your bank, broker, or other nominee record holder, or you may contact the Company at the address and telephone number set forth above.

**PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD IN THE ENCLOSED PRE-ADDRESSED AND POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE OR SUBMIT YOUR VOTE VIA THE INTERNET AT [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) OR BY PHONE AT 1-800-690-6903.**

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The following table sets forth certain information known to the Company regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Stock as of March 31, 2009 by:

each person or group known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding Common Stock;

each of our directors and the director nominee, as well as each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table appearing under the heading "Executive Compensation"; and

our directors and executive officers as a group.

We determine beneficial ownership in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Unless otherwise indicated, the persons included in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares beneficially owned thereby. Shares of Common Stock subject to options that are currently exercisable or that become exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009 are treated as outstanding and beneficially owned by the holder of such options. However, these shares are not treated as outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

**NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK BENEFICIALLY OWNED**

NAME OF BENEFICIAL OWNER*	NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK BENEFICIALLY OWNED(1)	PERCENT OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING(2)
Ironwood Investment Management, LLC(3)	1,214,930	11.96%
Max E. Link(4)	196,280	1.93%
Gary W. Pace(5)	69,014	**
Gregory Weaver(6)	50,342	**
Augustine Chow(7)	38,333	**
Michael H. Tardugno(8)	175,084	1.72%
Nicholas Borys(9)	47,751	**
Directors and Executive Officers as a group (7 persons)(10)	615,137	6.06%

\*

The address of each of the persons named, other than Ironwood Investment Management, LLC, is c/o Celsion Corporation, 10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, MD 21046-2391.

\*\*

Less than 1%.

(1)

Beneficial Ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Except as indicated by footnote, and subject to community property laws where applicable, the persons named in the table above have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by them.

(2)

Based on 10,156,350 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 31, 2009.

(3)

Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 13, 2009, Ironwood Investment Management, LLC has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to all of its shares. Its address is 21 Custom House Street, Suite 240, Boston, MA 02110.

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- (4) Includes 73,718 shares of Common Stock underlying options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (5) Includes 42,784 shares of Common Stock underlying options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.

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- (6) Includes 40,342 shares of Common Stock underlying options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (7) Includes 38,333 shares of Common Stock underlying options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (8) Includes 126,250 shares of Common Stock underlying options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (9) Includes 33,751 shares of Common Stock underlying options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (10) Includes 388,511 shares of Common Stock underlying options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.

**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), requires the Company's executive officers and directors and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file reports regarding ownership and changes in ownership of such equity securities with the SEC. Executive officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish to us copies of all reports that they file pursuant to Section 16(a). Based solely on our review of the copies of such forms furnished between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, or with respect to our fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, and on our discussions with directors and executive officers, we believe that, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, all applicable Section 16(a) filing requirements were met.

**CODE OF ETHICS**

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct applicable to its directors, officers (including its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and other officers performing similar functions) and employees. This Code of Ethics constitutes a code of ethics applicable to senior financial officers within the meaning of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and SEC rules. A copy of the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct was filed as Exhibit 14.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2003. It is available on the Company's website at <http://www.celsion.com> and any stockholder may obtain a copy by making a written request to the Company's Corporate Secretary, 10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, MD 21046-2391. In the event of any amendments to or waivers of the terms of the Code of Ethics, such matters will be posted promptly on the Company's website.

**PROPOSAL NO. 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**GENERAL**

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides that the number of directors that constitutes the Board of Directors is to be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, our Bylaws, as amended (the "Bylaws"). The Certificate of Incorporation also provides that the Board of Directors is to be divided into three classes, designated as Class I, Class II and Class III, and it is the Company's practice to have such classes as even in size as possible. The Company's Bylaws provide that the Board of Directors is to consist of between three and nine directors, with the exact number to be fixed by action of the Board of Directors. The current number of directors has been fixed by the Board of Directors at seven, although currently, there are only five directors serving.

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The Board of Directors has nominated Dr. Gary Pace to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors as a Class II Director, with a term expiring at the 2012 annual meeting of stockholders and with the election and qualification of his successor. The proxies named in the Proxy Card provided with this Proxy Statement intend to vote "FOR" the election of Dr. Pace unless otherwise instructed. If you do not wish your shares to be voted for Dr. Pace, you must so indicate by marking the "WITHHOLD AUTHORITY" box on the Proxy Card against Dr. Pace in which event your shares will not be voted for Dr. Pace. In the event that Dr. Pace becomes unavailable, which is not expected, the designated proxies will vote in their discretion for a substitute nominee, or the Board may reduce the number of directors.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE NOMINEE FOR DIRECTOR AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE NOMINEE.**

## **DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Set forth below is certain information regarding the Company's current directors and the nominee (who is also currently serving as a director), as well as the Company's non-director executive officers.

NAME	AGE	POSITION(S)	CLASS
Max E. Link	68	Chairman, Director	III
Michael H. Tardugno	58	President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director	III
Gary W. Pace	61	Director	II
Gregory Weaver	52	Director	I
Augustine Chow	57	Director	I
Nicholas Borys	50	Vice President and Chief Medical Officer	
Sean F. Moran	51	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary	

Following are the biographical summaries for the nominee proposed for election as a Class II Director and for the Class II and Class III Directors of the Company at the Annual Meeting.

### ***Class II Director Nominee (If elected, term would expire in 2012)***

**Dr. Gary W. Pace.** Dr. Pace has served as a director of the Company since 2002. He is currently a consultant and Director of QRxPharma Ltd (ASX:QRX), and a director of ResMed (NYSE:RMD), Transition Therapeutics Inc. (CDNX:TTH), and Peplin Ltd (ASX:PEP). From 2002 to 2007, Dr. Pace was Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of QRxPharma Pty Ltd and from 1995 to 2001, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of RTP Pharma and from 2000 to 2002, Dr. Pace was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Waratah Pharmaceuticals Inc., a spin-off company from RTP Pharma. From 1993 to 1994, he was the founding President and Chief Executive Officer of Transcend Therapeutics Inc. (formerly Free Radical Sciences Inc.), a biopharmaceutical company. From 1989 to 1993, he was Senior Vice president of Clintec International, Inc., a Baxter/Nestle joint venture and manufacturer of clinical nutritional products. Dr. Pace holds a B.S. with honors from the University of New South Wales and a Ph.D. from MIT.

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***Continuing Class I Directors (Term expires in 2011)***

**Mr. Gregory Weaver.** Mr. Weaver has been a director of the Company since 2005. In February 2009 Mr. Weaver was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Poniard Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of oncology products. Prior to that from April 2007, Mr. Weaver served as Chief Financial Officer of Talyst, Inc., a healthcare IT company in Bellevue, Washington. Prior to that he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Sirna Therapeutics (NASDAQ:RNAI), an RNAi therapeutics company from February 2006 until the sale of the firm to Merck, Inc. in December 2006. From April 2002 through September 2005, Mr. Weaver was Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of Natestch Pharmaceutical Company (NASDAQ: NSTK), a public drug delivery company. From April 1999 to April 2002, Mr. Weaver was Chief Financial Officer of Ilex Oncology Inc. (NASDAQ: ILXO), a public cancer drug development company, and from 1996 to 1998, he was the Chief Financial Officer of medical device manufacturer, Prism Technologies. Early in his career, Mr. Weaver, held increasingly senior positions with Fidelity Capital and Harte-Hanks (NYSE: HHS) in the publishing industry. He began his career with Andersen LLP. Mr. Weaver has also served as a director and chairman of the audit committee of SCOLR Pharmaceuticals (Amex: DDD) from 2007 until March 2009. Mr. Weaver earned his MBA from Boston College and B.S. in accounting from Trinity University and was a certified public accountant.

**Dr. Augustine Chow.** Dr. Augustine Chow was appointed to the Board of Directors in March 2007. Dr. Chow has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Harmony Asset Limited since 1996, a publicly listed investment company specializing in China and Hong Kong. From 1990-1998, Dr. Chow was the Chief Executive Officer of Allied Group of Companies based in Hong Kong. Prior to this, Dr. Chow held increasingly senior positions with Brunswick Corporation and Outboard Marine Corporation. Dr. Chow has held numerous directorships of listed and non-listed companies, principally in Hong Kong, China and the UK. He has also participated and managed over fifty direct investments in China. Dr. Chow holds a M.Sc. from London Business School, a Ph.D. in Transfer of Technology from the University of South Australia, a DBA in Internet Research from Southern Cross University, and an Engineering Doctorate in Commercialization of Radical Innovation from the City University of Hong Kong.

***Continuing Class III Directors (Term expires in 2010)***

**Dr. Max E. Link.** Dr. Link has served as a director of the Company since 1997 and has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors since October 2001. Dr. Link currently provides consulting and advisory services to a number of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. From 1993 to 1994, Dr. Link served as Chief Executive Officer of Corange, Ltd., a life science company that was subsequently acquired by Hoffman-LaRoche. From 1971 to 1993, Dr. Link served in numerous positions with Sandoz Pharma AG, culminating in his appointment as Chairman of their Board of Directors in 1992. From 2001 to 2003, Dr. Link served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Centerpulse Ltd. Dr. Link currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq:ALXN) and Discovery Laboratories, Inc. (Nasdaq:DSCO). Dr. Link holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland).

**Mr. Michael H. Tardugno.** Mr. Tardugno was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company on January 3, 2007 and was elected to the Board of Directors on January 22, 2007. Prior to joining the Company and for the period from February 2005 to December 2006, Mr. Tardugno served as Senior Vice President and General Manager of Mylan Technologies Inc, a subsidiary of Mylan Laboratories. Before Mylan, from 1998 to 2005, Mr. Tardugno was Executive Vice President of Songbird Hearing, Inc. From 1996 to 1998 he was Senior Vice President of Technical Operations for the ConvaTec division of Bristol-Myers Squibb, and from 1977 to 1995 he held increasingly senior positions with Bausch & Lomb and Abbott Laboratories. Mr. Tardugno holds a B.S. degree, Biology



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major, from St. Bonaventure University and completed the Harvard Business School, Program for Management Development.

***Executive Officers***

Following are the biographical summaries for each of the Company's executive officers. Each executive officer is elected by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Board of Directors.

**Mr. Michael H. Tardugno.** Mr. Tardugno's biographical information appears above under the heading "Continuing Class III Directors (Term Expires in 2010)."

**Mr. Sean F. Moran.** Mr. Moran joined Celsion in December 2008 as its Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Immediately prior to joining the Company, Mr. Moran, age 50, served as the first Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Administration of Transport Pharmaceuticals, Inc., an emerging life science corporation, from 2006 through 2008. Prior to that he served as the Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Administration for several public companies: Sontra Medical Corporation, from 2002 until 2006; Satcon Technology Corporation, from 2000 until 2002; and Anika Therapeutics, from 1993 until 2000. Mr. Moran is a Certified Public Accountant and earned a B.S. in Business Administration in 1980 and an M.B.A. in 1990, both from Babson College.

**Dr. Nicholas Borys, MD.** Dr. Borys joined Celsion on October 1, 2007 as Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of the Company. In this position Dr. Borys manages the clinical development program for Celsion. Dr. Borys has accumulated extensive experience in all phases of pharmaceutical development with a focus in oncology. Immediately prior to joining Celsion, Dr. Borys served as Chief Medical Officer of Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a molecular imaging and nuclear oncology pharmaceutical start-up company, from 2004 until 2007. From 2002 until 2004 he served as the Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Taiho Pharma USA, a Japanese start-up oncology therapeutics company. Prior to that he held increasingly senior positions at Cytogen Corporation, Anthra Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Amersham Healthcare, Inc. and Hoffmann La-Roche Inc. Dr. Borys attended Rutgers University and holds an M.D. Degree from American University of the Caribbean.

**COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors presently maintains separately designated Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Governance Committees. The Audit Committee's principal responsibilities are to review financial statements and reports filed by the Company with the SEC, select annually a firm of independent accountants to conduct the annual audit of the Company's financial statements, assess the independence of the Company's independent auditors and meet with the independent auditors from time to time in order to review the Company's general policies and procedures with respect to audits, accounting and financial controls. Mr. Weaver (Chairman) and Drs. Link and Chow, each of whom is independent under the applicable rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ") and Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act currently serve on the Audit Committee.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing and administering the compensation policies applicable to the Company's directors, officers and key personnel, for recommending compensation arrangements to the Board of Directors and for evaluating the performance of senior management. The Compensation Committee does not delegate the authority to approve compensation policies and actions affecting the Company's Named Executive Officers or directors. The Compensation Committee applies discretion in determining compensation for the Company's executives. The Compensation Committee has not established any equity or other security ownership requirements or guidelines in respect of its executive officers. The President and Chief Executive Officer assists the Compensation Committee in evaluating the performance of other executive officers and by providing information to directors as and when requested, such as salary surveys and compensation paid by the

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Company's competitors, to the extent such information is publicly available. Members of the Compensation Committee undertake to verify such information prior to referring to it in determining executive compensation. The compensation of the President and Chief Executive Officer is determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Compensation Committee's evaluation of his performance and with reference to such external or competitive data as they consider necessary.

Drs. Pace (Chairman) and Link and Mr. Weaver currently comprise the Compensation Committee. Both Drs. Pace and Link are independent under the applicable NASDAQ rules and Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act.

The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recruiting new members of the Board of Directors when vacancies arise, identifying and recruiting nominees for election as directors, reconsideration of incumbent directors in connection with nominations for elections of directors and ensuring that the Board of Directors is properly constituted to meet its corporate governance obligations. The current members of the Nominating and Governance Committee are Drs. Pace and Link, each of whom is deemed to be independent under applicable NASDAQ rules.

Each of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Governance Committees operates under a separate written charter. Current copies of the charters for each of these committees of the Board of Directors can be found on our website located at <http://www.celsion.com>.

## **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, there were a total of seven meetings of the Board of Directors. Each director attended all of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the committees on which he served that were held during the period for which he was a director or committee member, respectively. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Audit Committee met five times, the Compensation Committee met two times, and the Nominating and Governance committee met once.

## **DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS**

### **The Nominating and Governance Committee**

The Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors operates under a Charter adopted by the full Board of Directors on December 24, 2003 and amended on February 27, 2006, a current copy of which can be found on our website, located at <http://www.celsion.com>. The role of the Nominating and Governance Committee is to act on behalf of the Board of Directors to ensure that the Board of Directors and its standing committees are appropriately constituted to meet their fiduciary and corporate governance obligations. In this role, the Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recruiting new members of the Board of Directors when vacancies arise, identifying and recruiting nominees for election as directors and reconsidering incumbent directors in connection with nominations for elections of directors. The Nominating and Governance Committee is also charged with: (i) reviewing and recommending changes in the size and composition of the Board of Directors and its committees; (ii) developing and maintaining criteria and processes for selecting candidates for election as directors; (iii) identifying and recruiting candidates to stand for election as directors and determining whether incumbent directors should stand for reelection; (iv) ensuring that the Company and the Board of Directors operates in accordance with current best practices; (v) providing for ongoing director training and education; (vi) reporting to the Board of Directors on Nominating and Governance Committee activities; (vii) annually reviewing the Nominating and Governance Committee's performance of its responsibilities and duties; and (viii) annually reviewing the Nominating and Governance Committee Charter, the structure and the processes and membership requirements of the Nominating and Governance Committee and recommending to the Board any improvements or amendments that the Nominating and Governance Committee considers appropriate or necessary.

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**Director Qualifications**

It is a policy of the Nominating and Governance Committee that candidates for director be determined to have unquestionable integrity and the highest ethical character. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to exercise sound, mature and independent business judgment in the best interests of the stockholders as a whole and may not have any interests that would, in the view of the Nominating and Governance Committee, impair their ability to exercise independent judgment or otherwise discharge the fiduciary duties owed as a director. Candidates must have experience and demonstrated achievement in one or more fields of business, professional, governmental, communal, scientific or educational endeavors which will complement the talents of the other members of the Board of Directors and further the interests of the Company, bearing in mind the composition of the Board of Directors and the current state of the Company and the biotechnical/biopharmaceutical industry generally. In particular, the Nominating and Governance Committee believes it is important for one or more members of the Board of Directors to have in-depth experience in the biotechnical/biopharmaceutical industry. The Nominating and Governance Committee has determined that one or more of its members, including the incumbent nominated to stand for reelection at the Annual Meeting, has such biotechnical/biopharmaceutical experience.

Candidates are expected to have an appreciation of the major issues facing public companies of a size and operational scope similar to the Company, including contemporary governance concerns, regulatory obligations of a public issuer, strategic business planning, competition in a global economy, and basic concepts of corporate finance. Candidates must also have the willingness and capability to devote the time necessary to participate actively in meetings of the Board of Directors and committee meetings and related activities, the ability to work professionally and effectively with other members of the Board of Directors and Company management, and the ability and intention to remain on the Board of Directors long enough to make an effective contribution.

In addition, in accordance with the rules of the SEC and NASDAQ, the Company requires that at least a majority of the directors serving at any time on the Board of Directors be independent, that at least three directors satisfy the financial literacy requirements for service on the Audit Committee and that at least one qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" under those rules.

The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Gregory Weaver is qualified to serve as the "audit committee financial expert" as defined by Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K and that Drs. Link and Chow meet the financial literacy requirements under applicable SEC and NASDAQ rules. The Board of Directors has also determined that of the five currently serving directors, Drs. Max E. Link, Gary W. Pace, Augustine Chow and Mr. Gregory Weaver, are independent under applicable SEC and NASDAQ rules. Mr. Gregory Weaver acts as the chairman of our Audit Committee. Finally, among candidates who meet the foregoing criteria, the Nominating and Governance Committee also considers the Company's current and anticipated needs, including expertise, diversity and balance of inside, outside and independent directors. In considering the independence of the Director nominated for election, Dr. Pace has no relationship with the Company other than as a Director.

**Nominating and Governance Committee Process**

In selecting candidates for the Board of Directors, the Nominating and Governance Committee begins by determining whether the incumbent directors whose terms expire at the annual meeting of stockholders desire and are qualified to continue their service on the Board of Directors. Under its charter, the Nominating and Governance Committee is charged with considering incumbent directors as if they were new candidates. However, the Nominating and Governance Committee recognizes the significant value of the continuing service of qualified incumbents in promoting stability and continuity, providing the benefit of the familiarity and insight into the Company's affairs and enhancing the Board of Directors' ability to work as a collective body. Therefore, it is the policy of the Nominating and Governance Committee, absent special circumstances, to nominate qualified incumbent directors whom

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the Nominating and Governance Committee believes will continue to make important contributions to the Board of Directors and who consent to stand for re-election. If any member of the Board of Directors does not wish to continue in service or if the Nominating and Governance Committee or the Board of Directors decides not to re-nominate a member, there is an existing vacancy on the Board of Directors, or the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, elects to expand the size of the Board of Directors, the following process would be followed:

The Nominating and Governance Committee develops a profile for candidates' skills and experience, based on the criteria described above.

The Nominating and Governance Committee initiates a search, polling members of the Board of Directors and management, and retaining a search firm if the Nominating and Governance Committee deems this appropriate.

The Nominating and Governance Committee has a policy with respect to stockholders' suggestions for nominees for directorships. Under this policy, stockholder nominees are given identical consideration as nominees identified by the Nominating and Governance Committee. The process by which stockholders may submit potential nominees is described below under "Stockholder Recommendation Process."

The Nominating and Governance Committee then determines the eligibility and suitability of any candidate based on the criteria described above and the Nominating and Governance Committee's search profile.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors and at least one member of the Nominating and Governance Committee interview prospective candidate(s) who satisfy the qualifications described above.

The Nominating and Governance Committee offers other members of the Board of Directors the opportunity to interview the candidate(s) and then meets to consider and approve the final candidate(s).

The Nominating and Governance Committee seeks endorsement of the final candidate(s) from the full Board of Directors.

The final candidate(s) are nominated by the Board of Directors for submission to a stockholder vote or elected to fill a vacancy.

To date, the Nominating and Governance Committee has not received any recommendations from stockholders and has not retained a search firm to aid in the identification or evaluation of potential nominees.

**Stockholder Recommendation Process**

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders, provided that the stockholder making the recommendation follows the procedure set forth below. Stockholder recommendations should be submitted to the Company in writing, as follows:

Corporate Secretary  
Celsion Corporation  
10220-L Old Columbia Road  
Columbia, Maryland 21046-2391

Suggestions received by the Secretary before December 2, 2009 will be considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee for nomination and election at the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders.



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A stockholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth:

- (a) as to each stockholder-proposed nominee:
  - (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of the nominee;
  - (ii) the principal occupation or employment of the nominee;
  - (iii) an undertaking to provide a completed director's and officer's questionnaire in the form required by the Company within two weeks of the submission;
  - (iv) a statement as to the nominee's citizenship; and
  - (v) any other information relating to the nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations for proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and
- (b) as to the stockholder giving the notice:
  - (i) the name and record address of the stockholder; and
  - (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock that the stockholder beneficially owns.

The Company or the Nominating and Governance Committee may require a stockholder who proposes a nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility or suitability of the proposed nominee to serve as director of the Company.

**Revisions to Process**

The Nominating and Governance Committee and stockholder recommendation processes have been developed to provide a flexible framework to permit the director nomination process to move forward effectively. The Nominating and Governance Committee intends to review these processes from time to time in light of the Company's evolving needs and changing circumstances, as well as changes in legal requirements and stock exchange listing standards. The Nominating and Governance Committee may revise these processes or adopt new ones based on such periodic reviews.

**STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board of Directors has adopted a process through which interested stockholders may communicate with the Board of Directors. Stockholders who wish to send communications to the Board of Directors, or any particular director, should address such communications to Sean F. Moran, Corporate Secretary, at the Company's headquarters in Columbia, Maryland. The envelope containing any such communication should be prominently marked "To the Attention of the Board of Directors" or to a particular committee or director, and the communication should include a representation from the stockholder indicating the stockholder's address and the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock beneficially owned by the stockholder. Our Corporate Secretary is primarily responsible for monitoring communications from stockholders. Depending upon the content of a particular communication, as he deems appropriate, our Corporate Secretary will: (i) forward the communication to the director, directors or committee to whom it is addressed; (ii) attempt to handle the inquiry directly, for example where it is a request for information about the Company or it is a stock-related matter; or (iii) not forward communications such as solicitations, junk mail and obviously frivolous or inappropriate communications. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Corporate Secretary will present a summary of all communications, whether or not forwarded, received since the last meeting and will make those communications available to the

directors on request.

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**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Directors strongly encourages all directors, to the extent reasonable and practicable, to attend the Company's annual meetings of stockholders in person. All of the current Board members were present at last year's annual meeting.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee operates under a written charter as amended and restated effective May 4, 2007. A copy of the charter is available on our web site, located at <http://www.celsion.com>. Additional copies of the charter are available upon written request to the Company. All members of the Audit Committee meet the independence standards established by the SEC and NASDAQ. In addition, the Board of Directors has made the affirmative determination that none of the independent directors has a material relationship with the Company and that the Audit Committee members meet the additional independence requirements set forth in Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act.

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee management's implementation of the Company's financial reporting process. In discharging its oversight role, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements contained in the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Company's management and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. Management is responsible for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the system of internal controls. The Company's independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Audit Committee met privately with the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and discussed issues deemed significant by the independent registered public accounting firm, including those required by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114 (The Auditor's Communication with those Charged with Governance), as amended. In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm its independence from the Company and its management, including the matters in the written disclosures and the letter received from the independent registered public accounting firm as required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and considered whether the provision of non-audit services by the independent registered public accounting firm was compatible with maintaining the independent registered public accounting firm's independence. The Audit Committee also met with the independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the results of the independent registered public accounting firm's examination, their evaluation of the Company's internal controls, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions outlined above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Bo