

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-4

REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Pennsylvania  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

23-1609753  
(I.R.S. Employer ID No.)

435 Devon Park Drive  
Building 800  
Wayne, PA 19087  
(610) 293-0600  
(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 the public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

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If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered (1)	Amount to Be Registered (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)(3)	Amount of Registration Fee (4)
Common Stock, \$.10 per share	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$6,440

(1) This registration statement also registers such indeterminate amounts of securities as may be issued upon conversion or settlement of, or in exchange for, the securities registered hereunder and, pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, such indeterminate number of shares as may be issued upon conversion or exchange as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Represents an indeterminate number or aggregate principal amount of the securities being registered for issuance at various times and at indeterminate prices, with an aggregate public offering price not to exceed \$50,000,000.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee, pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act. The proposed maximum offering price per unit will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered hereby.

(4) Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registration fee of \$6,440 is being partially offset by applying \$3,565 from previously paid registration fees. This amount is from registration fees previously paid in connection with the Company's registration statement on Form S-4 (SEC Registration No. 333-171223) filed with the SEC on December 17, 2010. Accordingly, the registrant is paying a registration fee of \$2,875 herewith.

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The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.



The information in this prospectus is not complete and may change. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

## PROSPECTUS

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.

### Common Stock

We may offer up to \$50,000,000 of our common stock in connection with our future acquisitions of other businesses, assets or securities. Each time we offer common stock, we will provide specific terms of the securities offered in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate an offer of securities unless accompanied by the applicable prospectus supplement.

The amount and type of consideration we will offer and the other specific terms of each acquisition will be determined by negotiations with the owners or the persons who control the businesses, assets or securities to be acquired. We may structure business acquisitions in a variety of ways, including acquiring stock, other equity interests or assets of the acquired business or merging the acquired business with us or one of our subsidiaries. We expect that the price of the shares we issue will be related to their market price, either when we agree to the particular acquisition, when we issue the shares, or during some other negotiated period.

We will pay all expenses of this offering. We do not expect to pay any underwriting discounts or commissions in connection with issuing these shares, although we may pay finder's fees in specific acquisitions. Any person receiving a finder's fee may be deemed an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SFE."

An investment in our common stock involves significant risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors referred to on page 6 of this prospectus before investing in our securities.

The securities described in this prospectus have not been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission, nor have they determined if this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_

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This prospectus incorporates by reference important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. See “Where You Can Find More Information” on page 4 for a list of documents that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. These documents are available to you without charge over the Internet at our website at [www.safeguard.com](http://www.safeguard.com), or upon written or oral request made to:

Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.  
435 Devon Park Drive, Building 800  
Wayne, PA 19087  
Attention: Corporate Secretary  
Telephone No. (610) 293-0600

To ensure timely delivery of the documents, your request should be made at least five days prior to the date on which you must make your investment decision.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus contain “forward-looking statements” that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about our company, the industries in which we operate and other matters, as well as management’s beliefs and assumptions and other statements regarding matters that are not historical facts. These statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies and prospects, and concern possible or assumed future events, results and business outcomes. Forward-looking statements often include words such as “projects,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “seeks,” “estimates,” “should,” “could,” “will,” “opportunity,” “potential” or “may,” variations of such words or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes.

As you read and consider this prospectus, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. You should understand that these statements involve substantial risk and uncertainty and are not guarantees of future performance or results. They depend on many factors that are discussed further in the section of this prospectus entitled “Risk Factors,” including:

- our ability to make good decisions about the deployment of capital;
- the fact that our partner companies may vary from period to period;
- our substantial capital requirements and absence of liquidity from our partner company holdings;
- fluctuations in the market prices of our publicly traded partner company holdings;
- competition;
- our inability to obtain maximum value for our partner company holdings;
- our ability to attract and retain qualified employees;
- our ability to execute our strategy;
- market valuations in sectors in which our partner companies operate;
- our inability to control our partner companies;
- our need to manage our assets to avoid registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- risks associated with our partner companies and their performance, including the fact that most of our partner companies have a limited history and a history of operating losses, face intense competition and may never be profitable;
- the effect of economic conditions in the business sectors in which our partner companies operate; and
- compliance with government regulation and legal liabilities.

Many of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. Changes or developments in any of these areas could affect our financial results or results of operations, and could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by any forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference, as the case may be. All forward-looking statements attributable to us, or to persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. We do not undertake any duty to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.



## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus describes an offering of the common stock of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation. We sometimes refer to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. using the words “we,” “our” or “us,” or as the “Company.” This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) utilizing a “shelf” registration process, which allows us to offer and sell the common stock described in this prospectus in one or more offerings, as described in this prospectus. Using this prospectus, we may offer up to \$50,000,000 worth of securities.

This prospectus contains a general description of this offering. We will describe the specific terms of each offering, as necessary, in supplements that we attach to this prospectus for each offering. Each supplement will also contain specific information about the terms of the offering it describes. The supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. In addition, as we describe below in the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information,” we have filed and plan to continue to file other documents with the SEC that contain information about us. Before you decide whether to invest in our common stock, you should read this prospectus, the supplement that further describes the offering of the common stock and the information we otherwise file with the SEC.

The amount and type of consideration we will offer and the other specific terms of each acquisition will be determined by negotiations with the owners or the persons who control the businesses, assets or securities to be acquired. We may structure business acquisitions in a variety of ways, including acquiring stock, other equity interests or assets of the acquired business or merging the acquired business with us or one of our subsidiaries. We expect that the price of the shares we issue will be related to their market price, either when we agree to the particular acquisition, when we issue the shares, or during some other negotiated period.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Therefore, we file reports, proxy statements and other information with, and furnish other reports to, the SEC. You can read and copy all of these documents at the SEC’s public reference facilities in Washington, D.C., New York, New York and Chicago, Illinois. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC’s public reference facilities by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. We make available on our website, free of charge, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. The information on or accessible through our website is not a part of, and is not incorporated by reference in, this prospectus or any related free writing prospectus. You also may obtain the documents we file with the SEC from the SEC’s website on the Internet that is located at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We filed a registration statement on Form S-4 to register with the SEC the securities described in this prospectus. This prospectus is part of that registration statement. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information contained in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. You may refer to the registration statement and accompanying exhibits for more information about us and our securities.

We “incorporate by reference” in this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document we file with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference in this prospectus is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including filings made (i) after the date of the initial registration



statement and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement and (ii) after the date of this prospectus but before the end of this offering, except for information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K (or corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 or included as an exhibit), which is not deemed filed and not incorporated herein by reference. Those documents will become part of this prospectus from the date that the documents are filed with the SEC. Information that becomes a part of this prospectus after the date of this prospectus will automatically update and replace information in this prospectus and information previously filed with the SEC.

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The documents that we are incorporating by reference are:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, filed with the SEC on March 7, 2014, as amended by Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on August 28, 2014;
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, as filed with the SEC on April 25, 2014, and for the quarter ended June 30, 2014, as filed with the SEC on July 25, 2014;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 7, 2014, May 23, 2014 and September 15, 2014; and
- The description of our common stock that is contained in our registration statements on Form 8-A as have been filed with the SEC and amended from time to time.

You should read the information relating to us in this prospectus, together with the information in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated in that document, speaks as of the date of the document. Statements contained in this prospectus may modify or replace statements contained in the documents incorporated by reference. In addition, some of the statements contained in one or more of the documents incorporated by reference may be modified or replaced by statements contained in a document incorporated by reference that is filed thereafter.

You may request a copy of any or all of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., 435 Devon Park Drive, Building 800, Wayne, PA 19087, Attention: Corporate Secretary, Telephone: (610) 293-0600. Documents may also be available on our website at [www.safeguard.com](http://www.safeguard.com). We do not intend our website address to be an active link and information contained on our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

## RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before purchasing our securities, you should carefully consider the risks described in the SEC filings incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including, without limitation, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as amended by Form 10-K/A, and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014. You should not purchase our securities if you cannot afford the loss of your entire investment.

## OUR COMPANY

Safeguard's charter is to build value in growth-stage businesses by providing capital as well as strategic, operational and management resources. Safeguard participates principally in growth and expansion financings and early-stage financings. Our vision is to be the preferred capital source for entrepreneurs and management teams in well-defined industry sectors. Throughout this document, we use the term "partner company" to generally refer to those companies in which we have an equity interest and in which we are actively involved, influencing development through board representation and management support, in addition to the influence we exert through our equity ownership. From time to time, in addition to these partner companies, we also hold relatively small equity interests in other enterprises where we do not exert significant influence and do not participate in management activities. In some cases, these interests relate to former partner companies and in some cases they relate to entities which may later become partner companies.

We strive to create long-term value for our shareholders by helping our partner companies increase their market penetration, grow revenue and improve cash flow. Safeguard focuses principally on companies with initial capital requirements of between \$5 million and \$15 million, and follow-on financing needs of between \$5 million and \$10 million, with a total anticipated deployment up to \$25 million from Safeguard. We will occasionally provide certain early stage financing in amounts generally up to \$1 million to promising young companies with the goal to provide more capital once certain development milestones are achieved. Safeguard principally targets companies that operate in two sectors:

Healthcare — companies focused on medical technology, including diagnostics and devices; healthcare technology; and specialty pharmaceuticals. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have lesser regulatory risk and have achieved or are near commercialization; and

Technology — companies focused on digital media; financial technology; and Enterprise 3.0, which includes mobile technology, cloud, the "Internet of Things" and big data. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have transaction-enabling applications with a recurring revenue stream.

We incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1953. Our corporate headquarters is located at 435 Devon Park Drive, Building 800, Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in any prospectus supplement, we do not expect to receive proceeds from the offering of any common stock pursuant to this prospectus other than the businesses, assets or securities acquired in a business combination transaction.

## DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The following description of our common stock will apply generally to any future common stock that we may offer, but is not complete. We will describe the particular terms of any class or series of these securities in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. For more information regarding the common stock that may be offered by this prospectus, please refer to our Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and our Amended and Restated Bylaws, which are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

The summary below and that contained in any prospectus supplement are not complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to our Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and our Amended and Restated Bylaws. The terms of these securities also may be affected by the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as amended.

Our authorized common stock consists of 83,333,333 shares of common stock, \$0.10 par value. The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders. Our stockholders have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding shares of preferred stock, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends as may be declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available for distribution. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and the liquidation preferences of any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

Holders of common stock have no preemptive rights and no right to convert their common stock into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our common stock.

Holders of common stock will have no liability for further calls or assessments and will not be personally liable for the payment of our debts except as they may be liable by reason of their own conduct or acts.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The \$50,000,000 of our common stock covered by this prospectus is available for use in connection with acquisitions by us of other businesses, assets or securities in business combination transactions. The consideration offered by us in such acquisitions, in addition to any shares of common stock offered by this prospectus, may include cash, assets, debt or other securities, that may be convertible into shares of our common stock covered by this prospectus, or assumption by us of the securities or liabilities of the businesses being acquired, or a combination of such items. The amount and type of consideration we will offer and the other specific terms of each acquisition will be determined by negotiations with the owners or the persons who control the businesses, assets or securities to be acquired after taking into account the current and anticipated future value of such businesses, assets or securities, along with all other relevant factors. We may structure business acquisitions in a variety of ways, including acquiring stock, other equity interests or assets of the acquired business or merging the acquired business with us or one of our subsidiaries. The shares of common

stock issued to the owners of the businesses, assets or securities to be acquired normally are valued at a price reasonably related to the market value of such common stock either at the time an agreement is reached regarding the terms of the acquisition, at the time we issue the shares, or during some other negotiated period.

This prospectus may be supplemented to furnish the information necessary for a particular negotiated transaction and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part will be amended or supplemented, where appropriate, to supply information concerning an acquisition.

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All expenses of this registration will be paid by us. It is not expected that underwriting discounts or commissions will be paid by us in connection with issuances of shares of common stock under this prospectus. However, finders' fees or brokers' commissions may be paid from time to time in connection with specific acquisitions, and the fees may be paid through the issuance of shares of common stock covered by this prospectus. Any person receiving a fee may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

## RESALES OF SHARES

In general, the persons to whom we issue common stock under this prospectus will be able to resell our common stock in the public market without further registration and without being required to deliver a prospectus. However, certain persons who receive our common stock may want to resell those shares in distributions that would require the delivery of a prospectus. With our consent, this prospectus may be used by selling stockholders who may wish to sell shares of common stock. As used in this prospectus, "selling stockholders" may include donees and pledgees selling securities received from a named selling stockholder. We may limit our consent to a specified time period and subject our consent to certain limitations and conditions, which may vary by agreement.

We will receive none of the proceeds from any sales by selling stockholders. Any commissions paid or concessions allowed to any broker-dealer, and, if any broker-dealer purchases such shares as principal, any profits received on the resale of such shares, may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. We may pay printing, certain legal, filing and other similar expenses of this offering. Selling stockholders will bear all other expenses of this offering, including any brokerage fees, underwriting discounts or commissions and their own legal expenses.

Selling stockholders may sell the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus:

- through the New York Stock Exchange or any other securities exchange or quotation service that lists or quotes our common stock for trading;
- in the over-the-counter market;
- in special offerings;
- in privately negotiated transactions;
- by or through brokers or dealers, in ordinary brokerage transactions or transactions in which the broker solicits purchases;
- in transactions in which a broker or dealer will attempt to sell shares as an agent but may position and resell a portion of the shares as principal;
- in transactions in which a broker or dealer purchases as principal for resale for its own account;
- through underwriters or agents; or
- in any combination of these methods.

Selling stockholders may sell their shares at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, at negotiated prices or at fixed prices. The transactions above may include block transactions.

Resales by selling stockholders may be made directly to investors or through securities firms acting as underwriters, brokers or dealers. When resales are to be made through a securities firm, the securities firm may be engaged to act as the selling stockholders' agent in the resale of the shares by the selling stockholders, or the securities firm may purchase securities from the selling stockholders as principal and thereafter resell the securities from time to time. The fees earned by or paid to the securities firm may be the normal stock exchange commission or negotiated commissions or underwriting discounts to the extent permissible. The securities firm may resell the securities through other

securities dealers, and commissions or concessions to those other dealers may be allowed. We and the selling stockholders may indemnify any securities firm participating in such transactions against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and may reimburse them for any expenses in connection with an offering or sale of securities. We may also agree to indemnify the selling stockholders against any such liabilities or reimburse them for expenses. Profits, commissions and discounts on sales by persons who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act may be deemed underwriting compensation under the Securities Act.

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Selling stockholders may also offer shares of common stock covered by this prospectus by means of prospectuses under other registration statements or pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, including sales that meet the requirements of Rule 144 or Rule 145(d) under the Securities Act. Selling stockholders should seek the advice of their own counsel about the legal requirements for such sales.

This prospectus will be amended or supplemented, if required by the Securities Act and the rules of the SEC, to disclose the name of the selling stockholder, the participating securities firm, if any, the number of shares of common stock involved and other information concerning the resale, including the terms of any distribution, including the names of any underwriters, brokers, dealers or agents and any discounts, commissions, concessions or other items constituting compensation. We may agree to keep the registration statement relating to the offering and sale by the selling stockholders of our securities continuously effective until a fixed date or the date on which the shares may be resold without registration under the Securities Act.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will pass on the validity of the common stock.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2013, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013 have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.



## PART II

### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 20. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Chapter 17, Subchapter D of the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as amended (the "PBCL"), contains provisions permitting indemnification of officers and directors of a business corporation incorporated in Pennsylvania. Sections 1741 and 1742 of the PBCL provide that a business corporation may indemnify directors and officers against liabilities and expenses they may incur as such in connection with any threatened, pending or completed civil, administrative or investigative proceeding, provided that the particular person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. In general, the power to indemnify under these sections does not exist in the case of actions against a director or officer by or in the right of the corporation if the person otherwise entitled to indemnification shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless it is judicially determined that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for specified expenses. Section 1743 of the PBCL provides that the corporation is required to indemnify directors and officers against expenses they may incur in defending actions against them in such capacities if they are successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of such actions.

Section 1713 of the PBCL permits the shareholders to adopt a bylaw provision relieving a director (but not an officer) of personal liability for monetary damages except where (i) the director has breached the applicable standard of care, and (ii) such conduct constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. This section also provides that a director may not be relieved of liability for the payment of taxes pursuant to any federal, state or local law or of responsibility under a criminal statute.

Section 1746 of the PBCL provides that the indemnification provisions above are not exclusive of the right to which a person seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, except in circumstances where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

Section 1747 of the PBCL permits a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a representative of another corporation or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under Chapter 17, Subchapter D of the PBCL.

Article IX of the registrant's Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended (the "Articles"), provides that a director or officer of the registrant shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as such (including, without limitation, any judgment, amount paid in settlement, penalty, punitive damages or expense of any nature (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements)) for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, unless the director or officer has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office under the Articles or the Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "Bylaws"), of the registrant or applicable provisions of law and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness.

Section 12 of Article III of the registrant's Bylaws also limits the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, unless the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office. The limitation on monetary liability does not extend to breaches of duty constituting self-dealing,

willful misconduct or recklessness and does not relieve a director of liability for the payment of any taxes pursuant to local, state or federal law, or liability or responsibility pursuant to any criminal statute.

Article IX of the Registrant's Bylaws provides, except as expressly prohibited by law, an unconditional right to indemnification for expenses and any liability paid or incurred by any director or officer of the registrant, or

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any other person designated by the board of directors as an indemnified representative, in connection with any actual or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding (including derivative suits) in which he or she may be involved by reason of being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent of the registrant, or at registrant's request, a director, officer, manager, employee, agent, fiduciary or trustee of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other entity or enterprise. The Bylaws specifically authorize indemnification against both judgments and amounts paid in settlement of derivative suits, as well as indemnification for punitive damages.

Unlike the provisions of PBCL Section 1744, which sets forth procedures for effecting indemnification (but consistent with Section 1746 of the PBCL), Article IX of the Bylaws does not require us to determine the availability of indemnification by first following certain prescribed procedures. A person who has incurred an indemnifiable expense or liability has a right to be indemnified independent of any procedures or determinations that otherwise would be required, and that right is enforceable against us as long as indemnification is not prohibited by law. To the extent indemnification is permitted only for a portion of a liability, the Bylaw provisions require us to indemnify such portion. If the indemnification provided for in Article IX is unavailable for any reason in respect of any liability or portion thereof, the Bylaws require us to make a contribution toward the liability. Indemnification rights under the Bylaws do not depend upon the approval of any future Board of Directors.

Section 4 of Article IX of the Bylaws authorizes us to further effect or secure our indemnification obligations by entering into indemnification agreements, maintaining insurance, creating a reserve, trust, escrow, cash collateral or other fund or account, granting a security interest in our assets or property, establishing a letter of credit or using any other means that may be available from time to time. The registrant maintains a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy that affords directors and officers with insurance coverage for losses arising from claims based on breaches of duty, negligence, error and other wrongful acts.

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Item 22. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:

(i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B (§230.430B of this chapter):

Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) (§230.424(b)(3) of this chapter) shall be deemed (A) to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) (§230.424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) of this chapter) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) (§230.415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) of this chapter) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the



date of the first contract of sale of

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securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is a part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is a part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(ii) If the registration is subject to Rule 430C (§230.430C of this chapter), each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A (§230.430A of this chapter), shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (§230.424 of this chapter);

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that prior to any public reoffering of the securities registered hereunder through use of a prospectus which is a part of this registration statement, by any person or party



who is deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Rule 145(c), the issuer undertakes that such reoffering prospectus will contain the information called for by the applicable registration form with respect to reofferings by persons who may be deemed underwriters, in addition to the information called for by the other items of the applicable form.

(d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that every prospectus: (i) that is filed pursuant to paragraph (b) immediately preceding, or (ii) that purports to meet the requirements of Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act and is used in connection with an offering of securities subject to Rule 415, will be filed as a part of an amendment to the registration statement and will not be used until such amendment is effective, and that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(e) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(f) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to respond to requests for information that is incorporated by reference into the prospectus pursuant to Items 4, 10(b), 11, or 13 of this Form, within one business day of receipt of such request, and to send the incorporated documents by first class mail or other equally prompt means. This includes information contained in documents filed subsequent to the effective date of the registration statement through the date of responding to the request.

(g) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supply by means of a post-effective amendment all information concerning a transaction, and the company being acquired involved therein, that was not the subject of and included in the registration statement when it became effective.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-4 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized, in Wayne, Pennsylvania, on September 16, 2014.

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.

By:                   /s/ Stephen T. Zarrilli  
                          Stephen T. Zarrilli  
                          President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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Each person in so signing also makes, constitutes and appoints Stephen T. Zarrilli and Jeffrey B. McGroarty, and each of them acting alone, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to execute and cause to be filed with the securities and exchange commission pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, any and all amendments and post-effective amendments to this registration statement, and including any registration statement for the same offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorney-in-fact or his or her substitute or substitutes may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Stephen T. Zarrilli Stephen T. Zarrilli	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	September 16, 2014
/s/ Jeffrey B. McGroarty Jeffrey B. McGroarty	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	September 16, 2014
/s/ Julie A. Dobson Julie A. Dobson	Director	September 16, 2014
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