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September 10, 2004

Dear SurgiCare Stockholders:

You are invited to attend the special meeting in lieu of an annual meeting of stockholders of SurgiCare, Inc. ( SurgiCare ) to be held on October 6, 2004, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time at the principal office of SurgiCare, which on the date of the meeting will be located at 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77042.

At the meeting, stockholders will consider whether to restructure SurgiCare in a series of transactions that will result in a change of control of SurgiCare through the acquisition of three new businesses and issuance of new equity securities for cash and contribution of outstanding debt. Stockholders will also consider whether to approve a reverse stock split and change our name to Orion HealthCorp, Inc. Our board of directors has approved all of these actions and recommends that the stockholders approve them.

The highlights of the financial transactions to be considered include:

Effecting a one-for-ten reverse stock split and redesignating our outstanding common stock as Class A common stock.

Issuing a new class of Class B common stock to Brantley Partners IV, L.P., a private investor ( Brantley IV ) or its assignees. Brantley IV will purchase the Class B common stock for \$10 million in cash plus cash in the amount of the accrued but unpaid interest immediately prior to the closing of the transactions owed to a subsidiary of Brantley IV by SurgiCare and Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc. ( IPS ) on amounts advanced prior to October 24, 2003 (the Base Bridge Interest Amount ), which as of September 2, 2004 was \$99,052. A portion of Brantley IV s cash investment will be used to pay off the indebtedness owed by SurgiCare and IPS to the subsidiary of Brantley IV. Based on the interest accrued on such indebtedness through September 2, 2004, it is estimated that the net cash proceeds to SurgiCare will be approximately \$5,194,513. The shares to be received by Brantley IV or its assignees will constitute approximately 59.2% of SurgiCare s outstanding equity after the transactions on an as-converted basis. Brantley IV will also receive the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million after the closing of the transactions.

Acquiring IPS, a company whose two business units provide business management services dedicated to the practice of pediatrics and integrated business and clinical software applications for physicians, in a merger in which we will issue Class A common stock to the IPS stockholders and certain IPS creditors. After the transactions, former IPS stockholders and creditors will own approximately 18.0% of our outstanding equity on an as-converted basis.

Acquiring Medical Billing Services, Inc. ( MBS ), and Dennis Cain Physician Solutions, Ltd. ( DCPS ), two providers of physician management, billing, consulting and collection services, in an acquisition in which we will pay between \$2.9 million and \$3.5 million cash and issue promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 and Class C common stock to their current equityholders. The amount of consideration received depends upon the fair market value of our common stock at the time of the closing of the transactions, and the consideration is also subject to retroactive increase or decrease, including the issuance of additional shares of Class A common stock. We will also issue shares of Class A common stock as directed by the DCPS and MBS equityholders, and may be required to make additional payments in certain circumstances. Immediately after the transactions, the equityholders of these two companies and their designees will own Class A common stock and Class C common stock which may amount to as much as approximately 7.6% of our outstanding equity on an as-converted basis.

These transactions will, if adopted, have a significant effect on each existing stockholder s interest in SurgiCare.

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The current holders of the outstanding common stock of SurgiCare will own a much smaller interest in the larger, combined company. The holders of 100% of our outstanding common stock on a fully-diluted basis prior to the transactions will have their ownership interest reduced to approximately 17.4% of the new entity, on a fully-diluted, as-converted basis.

The new Class B common stock stockholder, Brantley IV, will own approximately 53.4% of the outstanding voting equity of SurgiCare. Affiliates of Brantley IV are significant stockholders and creditors of IPS, and will receive a large part of the merger consideration we issue to the stockholders of IPS and all of the consideration issued to creditors of IPS in connection with the merger. Accordingly, after the transactions, Brantley IV and its affiliates will control approximately 71.7% of the outstanding voting equity of SurgiCare and will be able to control elections to the board of directors and other actions of the company.

The new Class B common stock and Class C common stock have significant preferences over the Class A common stock that will be owned by our current stockholders after the transactions.

At the meeting, we will ask stockholders to vote on several other matters, including the name change, amendments to our certificate of incorporation and new compensation arrangements. The Notice of Special Meeting which accompanies the proxy statement lists the specific proposals to be voted on at the meeting.

Your vote is important, regardless of the number of shares you own. If you fail to vote or if you abstain, it will have the same effect as a vote against certain of the proposals. Please vote as soon as possible and return the enclosed proxy card in accordance with the procedures set forth in the section entitled The Special Meeting. You may also cast your vote in person at the special meeting.

Very truly yours,

SurgiCare, Inc.  
Keith G. LeBlanc  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

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**SURGICARE, INC.**

**10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300  
Houston, Texas 77042  
(713) 973-6675**

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING IN LIEU OF  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

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**DATE: October 6, 2004                      PLACE: 10700 Richmond Avenue,  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.                              Suite 300  
Houston, Texas 77042**

**Matters to be Voted on:**

Stockholders who attend the meeting in person or by proxy will be asked to consider and approve the following items:

Each of the following amendments to our certificate of incorporation to:

1. effect a reverse stock split of all of the outstanding shares of our common stock, \$0.005 par value per share at a ratio of one-for-ten,
2. increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 5 million shares to 90 million shares, after giving effect to the reverse stock split, and leave the number of shares of authorized preferred stock at 20 million shares,
3. reclassify SurgiCare, Inc. ( SurgiCare ) common stock as Class A common stock \$0.001 par value per share,
4. establish a new class of common stock entitled Class B common stock , \$0.001 par value per share,
5. establish a new class of common stock entitled Class C common stock , \$0.001 par value per share, and
6. change the name of SurgiCare to Orion HealthCorp, Inc.;

If each of the above proposals is approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to reflect the amendments, subject to approval of the other proposals required to consummate the transactions.

7. The issuance of shares of Class A common stock pursuant to (a) an amended and restated merger agreement dated as of February 9, 2004, and amended on July 16, 2004 and September 9, 2004, among SurgiCare, IPS Acquisition, Inc., and Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc. ( IPS ), and (b) an amended and restated debt exchange agreement dated as of February 9, 2004, and amended on July 16, 2004, among SurgiCare, Inc., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital Corporation;
  8. The issuance of shares of Class C common stock and Class A common stock pursuant to an amended and restated merger agreement dated as of July 16, 2004 and amended on September 9, 2004, among SurgiCare, DCPS/ MBS Acquisition, Inc., Dennis Cain Physician Solutions, Ltd. ( DCPS ), Medical Billing Services, Inc. ( MBS ) and the sellers party thereto (the DCPS/ MBS Sellers );
  9. The issuance of shares of Class B common stock and Class A common stock to Brantley Partners IV, L.P. ( Brantley IV ) or its assignees pursuant to an amended and restated subscription agreement dated as of February 9, 2004, and amended on July 16, 2004, between SurgiCare and Brantley IV;
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10. The election of the members of our board of directors and the election of the members of the board of directors of Orion HealthCorp, Inc., who will begin serving upon the consummation of the transactions described herein;

11. The Orion HealthCorp, Inc. 2004 Incentive Plan (the 2004 Incentive Plan );

12. The issuance of warrants to the current members of our board of directors; and

13. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

**Who May Attend and Vote at the Meeting:**

Holders of record of our common stock and holders of record of our Series AA preferred stock at the close of business on September 10, 2004, and valid proxy holders may attend and vote at the meeting and any adjournments or postponements of the meeting. If your shares are registered in the name of a brokerage firm or trustee and you plan to attend the meeting, please obtain from the firm or trustee a letter or other evidence of your beneficial ownership of those shares to facilitate your admittance to the meeting.

Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of shares you own. Please vote as soon as possible to make sure that your shares are represented at the meeting. To vote your shares, you must complete and return the enclosed proxy card. If you are a holder of record, you may also cast your vote in person at the special meeting. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm or bank, you must instruct them on how to vote your shares. If you do not vote or do not instruct your broker or bank how to vote, it will have the same effect as voting AGAINST the proposals described above regarding amending the certificate of incorporation.

**Approval Required to Consummate the Transactions:**

The IPS merger agreement, the debt exchange agreement, the DCPS/ MBS merger agreement and the stock subscription agreement described above require that we receive stockholder approval of proposals one through eleven above in order to consummate any of the transactions governed by such documents.

**We will send this meeting notice and proxy statement to stockholders on or about September 13, 2004.**

**By Order of the Board of Directors**

KEITH G. LEBLANC  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

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**SUMMARY TERM SHEET**

**FOP THE IPS MERGER,  
DCPS/ MBS MERGER  
AND  
EQUITY FINANCING**

*This summary does not contain all of the information that is important to you. To fully understand the acquisitions you should carefully read this entire document and the other documents to which this summary refers. Stockholders are being asked to approve a one-for-ten reverse stock split, and all share amounts give effect to such reverse stock split unless otherwise indicated. We will not be able to ascertain the exact number of shares that will be issued in connection with the Transactions until immediately prior to the closing of the Transactions. Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts and percentages are based on the assumptions described in Assumptions and are therefore subject to change if those assumptions are not accurate at the time of closing.*

*Key Terms. The following key terms are used throughout this summary and the proxy statement:*

*SurgiCare, we, our, us and our company* SurgiCare, Inc

*IPS* Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc.

*DCPS* Dennis Cain Physician Solutions, Inc.

*DCPS/ MBS* our new DCPS and MBS subsidiary, as combined, with DCPS as the wholly-owned subsidiary of MBS

*DCPS/ MBS Sellers* the sellers party to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement

*MBS* Medical Billing Services, Inc.

*Brantley IV Capital* Brantley Partners IV, L.P., a limited partnership which is affiliated with Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital

*Brantley Capital* Brantley Capital Corporation

*Reverse Stock Split* the one-for-ten reverse stock split of our common stock described in this proxy statement

*Acquisitions and Mergers* the IPS Merger and DCPS/ MBS Merger, collectively.

*Base Bridge Interest Amount* the amount of interest accrued but unpaid immediately prior to the closing of the Transactions on the principal amount advanced to SurgiCare and IPS by Brantley IV's subsidiary on or prior to October 24, 2003, which as of September 2, 2004, was \$99,052.

*IPS Merger and IPS Merger Agreement* the merger between SurgiCare and IPS and the related merger agreement, as amended to date.

*DCPS/ MBS Merger and DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement* the acquisition of DCPS and MBS by SurgiCare and the related merger agreement, as amended to date.

*Debt Exchange Agreement* the debt exchange agreement between Brantley Venture Partners III, LP, Brantley Capital, and SurgiCare, as amended to date.

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*Transaction Documents* the IPS Merger Agreement, the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, the Debt Exchange Agreement and the Stock Subscription Agreement.

*Orion* Orion HealthCorp, Inc.

*Transactions* the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

*Stock Subscription Agreement* the agreement between SurgiCare and Brantley IV regarding the purchase of our Class B common stock and Class A common stock, as amended to date.

### **Overview of the Transactions**

This proxy statement proposes a restructuring of SurgiCare in which we will acquire three healthcare service companies, IPS, DCPS and MBS. Affiliates of Brantley IV which are debtholders of IPS will contribute debt and debt in respect of accrued dividends owed to them by IPS to SurgiCare in exchange for Class A common stock. In addition, Brantley IV will invest new capital into the combined companies by purchasing a

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new series of Class B common stock. We will use a portion of these funds to pay the existing debt owed to an affiliate of Brantley IV by SurgiCare and IPS. We expect to use the remaining funds from this investment for operations and for further growth. We will effect a one-for-ten reverse stock split and other corporate charter amendments and will change our name to Orion HealthCorp, Inc. **All of these transactions must be approved by our stockholders before any of them will be consummated.**

We will merge with IPS and issue stock in exchange for contribution of certain IPS debt. The IPS equityholders and certain IPS debtholders party to the Debt Exchange Agreement will receive an aggregate of approximately 4,451,518 shares of Class A common stock. This number approximately equals the total number of shares of SurgiCare stock outstanding on a fully-diluted basis prior to closing the IPS Merger. The manner in which the number of fully-diluted shares of SurgiCare stock is calculated is described in the section

Assumptions . Of these shares of Class A common stock, an aggregate of approximately 1,486,856 shares will be issued to Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P., and Brantley Capital under the Debt Exchange Agreement in exchange for contribution of debt in an aggregate amount of approximately \$4,254,321, including accrued interest as of September 2, 2004, and \$593,100 of debt in respect of accrued dividends. The approximately 2,964,662 remaining shares of Class A common stock will be issued to the IPS equityholders in connection with the IPS Merger. See The Transactions beginning on page 24 and The Transactions The IPS Merger beginning on page 39.

We will acquire DCPS and MBS. In the DCPS/ MBS Merger, equityholders of DCPS and MBS will receive an aggregate of \$3.5 million in cash, promissory notes of SurgiCare in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 and 1,575,760 shares of Class C common stock (or, if the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock, based on the average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing, is greater than or equal to \$0.70 (prior to the reverse stock split), an aggregate of \$2.9 million in cash, promissory notes of SurgiCare in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 and 1,827,880 shares of Class C common stock). The purchase price is subject to retroactive adjustment based on the financial results of our new subsidiary, DCPS/ MBS, in the two years following the DCPS/ MBS Merger. Such retroactive adjustment is described in The Transactions The DCPS/ MBS Merger The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement Purchase Price Adjustments. In addition, 75,758 shares of our Class A common stock will be reserved for issuance at the direction of the DCPS and MBS equityholders and, under certain circumstances, the MBS and DCPS equityholders may receive other payments as described in The Transactions The DCPS/ MBS Merger The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement Additional Issuances, Advances and Payments. See The Transactions beginning on page 24 and The Transactions The DCPS/ MBS Merger beginning on page 52.

We will issue approximately 11,442,426 shares of Class B common stock to Brantley IV or its assignees. Brantley IV will purchase the shares of Class B common stock for cash equal to \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount (which, as of September 2, 2004, was \$99,052). A portion of such cash investment will be used to pay indebtedness owed to Brantley IV's wholly-owned subsidiary by IPS and SurgiCare including the accrued interest thereon. As of September 2, 2004, the aggregate amount of such debt, including accrued interest thereon, is \$4,904,539, which will result in net cash proceeds to SurgiCare of approximately \$5,194,513. A detailed description of the calculation of the number of Class B shares to be issued to Brantley IV is contained in The Transactions The Equity Financing Shares Received by Brantley IV . See The Transactions beginning on page 24 and The Transactions The Equity Financing beginning on page 66. Brantley IV will also receive the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million after the closing of the Transactions.

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**Proposals**

*Proposals Related to the Transactions (all of these must be approved for any of the Transactions to occur).* We are seeking your approval at the special stockholders meeting to:

Amend our certificate of incorporation in order to:

effect a reverse stock split of all of the outstanding shares of our common stock, \$0.005 par value per share at a ratio of one-for-ten (see Proposal One Reverse Stock Split beginning on page 154);

increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 5 million shares to 90 million shares, after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, and leave the number of authorized shares of preferred stock at 20 million shares (see Proposal Two Increase the Number of Shares of Authorized Common Stock beginning on page 159);

reclassify SurgiCare common stock as Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (see Proposal Three Reclassification of Common Stock beginning on page 163);

establish a new class of common stock entitled Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (see Proposal Four Establishment of Class B Common Stock beginning on page 164);

establish a new class of common stock entitled Class C common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (see Proposal Five Establishment of Class C Common Stock beginning on page 165); and

change the name of SurgiCare to Orion HealthCorp, Inc. (see Proposal Six Change of Name beginning on page 166).

If each of the above amendments are approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to reflect the amendments, subject to approval of the other proposals required to consummate the Transactions.

Authorize the issuance of Class A common stock in connection with the IPS Merger (see Proposal Seven Issuance of Shares of Class A Common Stock in Connection with the IPS Merger beginning on page 167).

Authorize the issuance of Class C common stock and Class A common stock in connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger (see Proposal Eight Issuance of Shares of Class C Common Stock and Class A Common Stock in Connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger beginning on page 168).

Authorize the issuance of Class B common stock and Class A common stock pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement (see Proposal Nine Issuance of Shares of Class B Common Stock in Connection with the Equity Financing beginning on page 169).

Re-elect our existing directors pending closing of the Transactions and elect new directors to serve after consummation of the Transactions (see Proposal Ten Election of Directors beginning on page 171).

Approve a new 2004 Incentive Plan, to replace our existing plan, which provides for issuance of up to 2.2 million shares of Class A common stock (see Proposal Eleven Approval of 2004 Incentive Plan beginning on page 183).

*Additional Business.* We also seek your approval of the following actions:

Approve issuance of warrants to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of our Class A common stock to our four current directors upon consummation of the Transactions (see Proposal Twelve Approval of Warrant Issuances to the Directors beginning on page 184).

Authorize the proxy holders to approve such other matters as may lawfully come before the meeting (see Proposal Thirteen Other Matters beginning on page 185).

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If our stockholders approve all of the components of the Transactions, we will take the following actions in the following order:

Execute and file the amended and restated certificate of incorporation to effect the one-for-ten reverse stock split, increase the number of authorized common shares, reclassify our common stock to Class A common stock, establish the Class B and Class C common stock, and change our name to Orion HealthCorp, Inc. Based on the number of shares outstanding as of September 2, 2004, not including treasury stock, and assuming all Series AA preferred stock is exchanged for 8,750,000 shares of common stock and 2,100,000 shares of common stock are issued to A.I. International Corporate Holdings, Ltd. and its affiliates ( A.I. International ), in each case, before the reverse stock split, there will be 50,000,000 authorized and 39,707,285 outstanding shares of common stock, and after the reverse stock split and the other amendments to the certificate of incorporation, there will be 90,000,000 authorized and 3,970,729 outstanding shares of common stock.

Close the IPS Merger and the Debt Exchange Agreement.

Issue our Class B common stock in exchange for cash from Brantley IV.

Close the DCPS/ MBS Merger.

We expect to complete the Transactions promptly after the meeting of our stockholders, which is scheduled for October 6, 2004.

**Assumptions**

Certain share numbers, dollar amounts, and percentages as they appear in this proxy statement are calculated based on formulas which include variable factors that will not be ascertained until immediately prior to the closing of the Transactions, such as the stock price for the SurgiCare common stock. Therefore, we do not know exactly how many shares will be issued in connection with the Transactions. In order to arrive at the values used in this proxy statement, we had to make assumptions regarding such information. We have assumed:

That the stock price for our common stock immediately prior to the closing of the Transactions (whether determined as of a specific date or calculated based on average prices over a specified period of days) is \$0.316 per share, which was the average of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of our common stock on the American Stock Exchange ( AMEX ) for the five trading days ending on September 2, 2004. Changes in the stock price of our common stock affect, among other things, the number of shares to be issued to Brantley IV, to equityholders of IPS and MBS and to debtholders of IPS.

That all outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock will be exchanged for an aggregate of 8,750,000 shares (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) of our common stock pursuant to an existing agreement with the holder of the Series AA preferred stock described in Proposal Ten Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Summary of Transactions with Daniel Dror, American International Industries, Inc., and International Diversified Corporation, Ltd., etc., on page 180.

That 2,100,000 shares of our common stock (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) will be issued in exchange for a full release and settlement of the suit entitled A.I. International Corporate Holdings, Ltd. v. SurgiCare, Inc., described more fully in Information About SurgiCare Legal Proceedings on page 113. This is the number of shares that would be issued pursuant to the agreement governing the settlement if the shares were issued prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split. These shares will actually be issued immediately after the consummation of the Transactions, and after the Reverse Stock Split, as Class A common stock.

That the number of shares of SurgiCare stock authorized and outstanding on a fully-diluted basis, assuming issuance of 2,100,000 shares of our common stock to A.I. International, issuance of 8,750,000 shares of our common stock in exchange for our Series AA preferred stock, and cashless exercise of in-the-money options and warrants based on the closing price set forth above, immediately prior to the closings of the Transactions is 44,515,171 (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split), which is the number of shares of SurgiCare stock outstanding on a fully-diluted basis not including

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treasury stock and assuming issuance of 2,100,000 shares of our common stock to A.I. International (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split), exchange of the 900,000 outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock for 8,750,000 shares of our common stock (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) and cashless exercise of in-the-money options and warrants as of September 2, 2004, based on a price per share of common stock equal to the greater of \$0.55 or \$0.316, which is the average of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of our common stock on the AMEX for the five trading days ending on September 2, 2004. Of such fully-diluted shares of common stock, based on the assumptions above, 2,100,000 shares (4.7%) would be owned by A.I. International, 8,750,000 shares (19.7%) would be owned by the current Series AA preferred stockholder, 1,880,000 shares (4.2%) will be owned by the holder of a convertible debenture, and the remaining 31,785,171 shares (71.4%) would be owned by the current holders of common stock, options and warrants. Changes in the outstanding number of shares of our common stock affect, among other things, the number of shares to be issued to Brantley IV, to equityholders of IPS and to debtholders of IPS.

That, unless otherwise specified, there are 4,451,518 shares of Class A common stock held by current SurgiCare stockholders on a fully-diluted basis after the consummation of the Transactions, and that out-of-the-money options and warrants do not exist.

That, unless otherwise specified, there are 3,970,729 outstanding shares of Class A common stock held by SurgiCare stockholders after the consummation of the Transactions. This number is the assumed number of shares of Class A common stock held by current stockholders on a fully-diluted basis minus the shares included in that number based on in-the-money options and warrants and convertible debentures.

That the number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock on a fully-diluted basis immediately following the consummation of the Transactions, assuming conversion of Class B and Class C common stock at the initial conversion rates, the number of shares of Class A common stock held by current SurgiCare stockholders on a fully-diluted basis described above, the issuance of the maximum number of additional shares of Class A common stock to equityholders of DCPS/ MBS pursuant to the earn-out provisions of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement and the other assumptions in this proxy statement, is 25,626,537 (the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares). Changes in the number of shares of our common stock outstanding following the Transactions affect the percentage ownership of the stockholders.

That the Class B common stock will initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 57.0% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares, and the current common stockholders will own approximately 17.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. The initial conversion ratio of the Class B common stock to Class A common stock is approximately 1.28 shares of Class A common stock for each share of Class B common stock. The conversion ratio of the Class B common stock is calculated according to a ratio that increases the conversion ratio if the price of the Class A common stock declines, and decreases the conversion ratio if the price of the Class A common stock increases. For example, assume that everything else remains the same, but the price of the Class A common stock declines 25%, from our assumed initial price of \$3.16 per share to \$2.37. This would change the conversion ratio from approximately 1.26 to approximately 1.37 and would result, therefore, in an increase of approximately 7.2% in the number of shares of Class A common stock issued on conversion. Such an increase would result in a decrease in the relative ownership and voting power of current SurgiCare stockholders (on an as-converted, fully-diluted basis) by approximately 0.7%. See The Transactions The Equity Financing Shares Received by Brantley IV, page 66, and The Transactions The New Classes of Common Stock Conversion, page 74.

That there will be no dissenting IPS stockholders.

That there will be no dissenting DCPS or MBS equityholders.

**The New Classes of Common Stock (See Page 73)**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will create three classes of common stock and will authorize the issuance of preferred stock in the future on terms to be determined by the board of directors. No

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preferred stock will be outstanding upon completion of the Transactions. The rights and preferences of the three classes of common stock differ significantly and are summarized in this section. The following chart illustrates the capitalization of Orion immediately following the Transactions on a fully-diluted, as-converted basis:

**Post-Transaction Capitalization**

Stockholder	Class A Common Stock		Class B Common Stock		Class C Common Stock		Class A Common Stock on an as-converted basis	
	No. of Shares	% of Class	No. of Shares	% of Class	No. of Shares	% of Class	No. of Shares	% of Class
SurgiCare stockholders	4,451,518	49.6%					4,451,518	17.7%
IPS stockholders other than Brantley affiliates	522,057	5.8%					522,057	2.1%
Subtotal	4,973,575	55.4%					4,973,575	19.8%
DCPS equityholders					787,880	50.0%	787,880	3.1%
MBS stockholders					787,880	50.0%	787,880	3.1%
Designees of DCPS and MBS	75,758	0.8%					75,758	0.3%
Subtotal	75,758	0.8%			1,575,760	100.0%	1,651,518	6.6%
Brantley IV, or its assignees			11,442,426	100.0%			14,606,983	58.1%
Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. (Debt Exchange Agreement)	586,481							
Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. (IPS Merger Agreement)	1,757,700							
Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. subtotal	2,344,181	26.1%					2,344,181	9.3%
Brantley Capital Corporation (Debt Exchange Agreement)	900,375							
Brantley Capital Corporation (IPS Merger Agreement)	684,905							
Brantley Capital Corporation subtotal	1,585,280	17.7%					1,585,280	6.3%
Brantley affiliates subtotal	3,929,461	43.8%	11,442,426	100.0%			18,536,444	73.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,978,794</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>11,442,426</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,575,760</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>25,161,537</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

*Note that this capitalization information indicates the number of shares held by the parties immediately following the Transactions, based on the assumptions described herein, and does not include the shares of Class A common stock allocated to the 2004 Incentive Plan, issuable upon exercise of the warrants to be issued to our current directors, issuable as a retroactive increase in purchase price pursuant to the DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement or issuable to Brantley IV pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement.*

*The Class A Common Stock.* We will issue Class A common stock to our current stockholders in exchange for their existing common stock. Class A common stock will also be issued as part of the consideration for the IPS Merger and the DCPS/ MBS Merger, and may be issued to Brantley IV in the future. Each share of Class A common stock will be entitled to one vote in all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote. The right of holders of Class A common stock to receive distributions from our company is subject to prior rights of holders of the Class B



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and Class C common stock described below. After holders of Class B and Class C common stock receive all distributions to which they are entitled, any remaining distribution amount shall be distributed to holders of Class A, Class B and Class C common stock pro rata based on their shareholdings, except that the shares of Class B common stock will be deemed to have been converted into the number of shares of Class A common stock into which they are then entitled to convert. Sixty-three million shares of our common stock will be designated Class A common stock.

Our common stock is traded on the AMEX, and we will apply to have our Class A common stock traded on the AMEX, replacing the current common stock, after the close of the Transactions. The Company is currently preparing its listing application to be filed with the AMEX. At this time, we do not know the symbol which the Class A common stock will be traded under. Because Brantley IV and its affiliates will own the

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majority of our equity securities after the Transactions, we will be a controlled company under the AMEX rules. As such, our board of directors will not be required under the AMEX rules to be composed of a majority of independent directors or to have a nominating committee or a compensation committee or to have the functions of such committees performed by a majority of independent directors.

*The Class B Common Stock.* Class B common stock will be issued to Brantley IV in connection with the equity financing in consideration for Brantley IV's investment in SurgiCare. After the completion of the Transactions, the Class B common stock issued to Brantley IV will initially total (on an as-converted basis) 57.0% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. Based on the assumptions in this proxy statement, a total of 11,442,426 shares of Class B common stock will be issued to Brantley IV. Brantley IV, and, provided the required conditions are met, certain of its limited partners who have agreed to purchase a portion of the Class B common stock, as described below in The Equity Financing Summary, will initially be the sole holders of Class B common stock. The shares of Class B common stock have significant rights in addition to the rights of shares of Class A common stock, including:

*Distribution Preference.* Shares of Class B common stock are entitled to receive a distribution preference equal to their purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount plus 9% per annum (not compounded) prior to payment of any distributions to holders of other classes of common stock.

*Conversion.* The shares of Class B common stock are convertible at the option of the holder into shares of Class A common stock at a variable rate equal to 1.0 plus the quotient of the aggregate purchase price of the shares of Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount plus 9% per annum (not compounded) divided by the aggregate fair market value of the shares of Class A common stock immediately prior to conversion. Thus, the number of shares of Class A common stock into which shares of Class B common stock are convertible varies inversely with the price of the shares of Class A common stock and will naturally increase over time because of the 9% annual return feature.

The price of the Class A common stock and the number of shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the Class B common stock are inversely related. Therefore, a decrease in the price of Class A common stock would result in Brantley IV receiving a greater number of shares of Class A common stock upon conversion and would cause the ownership of the current SurgiCare stockholders to be further diluted.

The inverse relationship between the price of the Class A common stock and the number of shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the Class B common stock also makes it possible for Brantley IV to cause the price of Class A common stock to decrease by selling the Class A common stock short, and then covering such sales by converting the Class B common stock at the lower price that results from such sales. However, Brantley IV has agreed that as long as it owns 10% or more of the Class A common stock (on an as-converted basis), it will not make any short sales of the Class A common stock and convert the Class B common stock to cover these sales within three months of the latest short sale, if the price at which the Class B common stock was being converted into Class A common stock would be lower than the sale price.

*The Class C Common Stock.* We will issue shares of Class C common stock to DCPS partners and MBS stockholders in the DCPS/ MBS Merger. The total number of shares of Class C common stock issued will range from 1,575,760 shares to 1,827,880 shares depending on the fair market value of the common stock at the closing of the Transactions. Shares of Class C common stock have rights differing from shares of Class A common stock as follows:

*Distribution Preference.* After the shares of Class B common stock have received the distribution preference described above, the shares of Class C common stock will be entitled to receive all distributions until each share of Class C common stock has received distributions totaling \$3.30. After all such distributions are received, the shares of Class C common stock shall be retired and will not be reissued.

*Conversion.* Holders of Class C common stock have the option to convert their shares to shares of Class A common stock based on a conversion factor designed to yield one share of Class A common stock per share of Class C common stock being converted, with the number of shares reduced to the extent that distributions are paid on the shares of Class C common stock. Thus, initially, one share of

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Class C common stock converts into one share of Class A common stock. The conversion factor is calculated as the amount by which \$3.30 exceeds the aggregate distributions made to each share of Class C common stock prior to conversion, divided by \$3.30. If the fair market value used in determining the conversion factor for the Class B common stock in connection with any conversion of Class B common stock is less than \$3.30 (subject to certain adjustments), holders of shares of Class C common stock have the option to convert their shares of Class C common stock (within ten days of receipt of notice of the conversion of the Class B common stock) into a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to the amount by which \$3.30 exceeds the aggregate distributions made to each share of Class C common stock prior to conversion, divided by the fair market value used in determining the conversion factor for the Class B common stock. The aggregate number of shares of Class C common stock so converted by any holder shall not exceed a number equal to the number of shares of Class C common stock previously converted into Class A common stock by such holder multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Class B common stock converted at the lower price and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of shares of Class B common stock issued at the close of the equity financing.

*Effect of Terms of Class B and Class C Common Stock on Holders of Class A Common Stock.* The current SurgiCare common stockholders whose stock will be reclassified as Class A common stock in the Transactions will be significantly diluted as a result of the Transactions, as described below in Dilution. In addition, the shares of Class B and Class C common stock will have significant distribution preferences upon payment of any dividends, liquidation payments or other distributions. The significant distribution preference means that in the event of the sale or merger of Orion prior to payment of the distribution preferences, the holders of Class A common stock would receive a smaller percentage of the consideration than if the preferences had already been paid, since the consideration would first be used to pay these distribution preferences with the remainder distributed pro rata among the holders of common stock. There may be little or no consideration left to distribute among the holders of common stock after payment of the distribution preferences.

Based on the assumptions herein, if Orion was sold to a third party immediately following the consummation of the Transactions at the assumed price for SurgiCare's common stock immediately prior to the transactions (\$0.316 or \$3.16 on a post-Reverse Stock Split basis), as adjusted for the reverse stock split, the current SurgiCare stockholders would receive approximately 17.0% of the proceeds of such transaction, or approximately \$2.66 per share, a decrease of 15.8%.

**Authorized and Outstanding Shares after the Transactions**

Assuming that all the Transactions contemplated in this proxy statement are completed (including the Reverse Stock Split), and based on the assumptions listed above in Assumptions, but assuming the maximum initial issuance of shares of Class C common stock in the DCPS/MBS Merger, after the Transactions our capitalization will be as follows:

*Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share* 90,000,000 shares authorized, a total of 44,321,114 shares of all classes issued and outstanding or reserved for issuance, as follows:

Class A common stock 63,000,000 shares designated, 8,498,005 shares issued and outstanding (not including treasury stock), and 22,552,804 shares reserved for the following: 14,606,983 shares for conversion of the Class B common stock; 1,827,880 shares for conversion of the Class C common stock; 465,000 shares for issuance pursuant to the DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement; 2,400,000 shares for issuance pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement; 2,200,000 shares for issuance pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan; 100,000 shares for the exercise of the warrants that we propose to issue to our current directors; 759,732 shares for exercise of existing SurgiCare warrants; 5,209 shares for exercise of vested stock options under SurgiCare's already existing employee stock option plan; and 188,000 shares for conversion of existing convertible debentures.

Class B common stock 25,000,000 shares designated, 11,442,426 shares issued and outstanding.

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Class C common stock 2,000,000 shares designated, 1,827,880 shares issued and outstanding.

*Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share* 20,000,000 shares authorized, 0 shares outstanding.

**Voting**

The voting power of the stockholders of Orion immediately after the Transactions will be as follows, in each case based on the assumptions herein, on an unconverted basis. Our current stockholders (including the Series AA preferred stockholder and A.I. International), will hold an estimated 3,970,729 shares or 18.5% of the voting equity of Orion. Approximately 3,606,469 of such shares (16.8% of the voting equity of Orion) will be held by stockholders other than our directors and officers. Former IPS equityholders and debtholders will own 4,451,518 Class A shares or 20.7% of the voting equity of Orion, which is approximately equal to the Class A shares held by the current SurgiCare stockholders on a fully-diluted basis. The Class B stockholders will own approximately 11,442,426 shares or 53.2% of the voting equity. The DCPS and MBS equityholders and their designees will own 1,651,518 shares of Class A and Class C common stock or 7.7% of the voting equity. Brantley IV and its affiliates will initially hold approximately 71.4% of the voting power of Orion, and will be able to control all decisions to be made by the Class A, Class B and Class C common stock voting together as a single class. As a result of their stock ownership, Brantley IV and its affiliates will control Orion's business, policies and affairs and will be able to elect Orion's entire board of directors, determine, without the approval of Orion's other stockholders, the outcome of any corporate transaction or other matter submitted to the vote of the stockholders voting as a single class for approval, including mergers, consolidations and sales of substantially all of our assets. They will also be able to prevent or cause a change in control of Orion and an amendment to its certificate of incorporation and by-laws (subject to certain supermajority provisions contained therein). We cannot assure you that the interests of Brantley IV and its affiliates will be consistent with your interests as a stockholder.

**Dilution**

Issuances of our shares in connection with the Acquisitions and the equity financing will significantly dilute the ownership of our current stockholders. Based on the assumptions described above, following the Transactions, our current stockholders (including A.I. International, the current holder of our Series AA preferred stock, holders of options, warrants, and convertible debentures) will own (on a fully-diluted basis) approximately 17.4% of the Fully Diluted Orion Shares. Based on such assumptions, stockholders other than our directors and officers currently own approximately 36,064,694 shares of common stock (90.8% of the total outstanding common stock of SurgiCare, not including treasury stock), and will own approximately 3,606,469 million shares of common stock (14.1% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares) after the completion of the Transactions. Our current stockholders may be further diluted in the future by shares issued pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan or upon exercise of the warrants proposed to be issued to our current directors. In addition, the ownership of our current stockholders will likely be diluted after the Transactions are complete because of the terms and conversion features of the Class B and Class C common stock.

The conversion factor for the Class B common stock is calculated based on a number equal to one plus the quotient of the purchase price of the Class B common stock, less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus 9% per annum (not compounded), divided by the aggregate fair market value of the Class A common stock (which is determined by reference to the prices at which Class A common stock trades immediately prior to the conversion), and is designed to yield additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount for the Class B common stock, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion. Therefore, assuming everything else remains the same, the percentage interest of the holders of Class B common stock upon conversion will continually increase to account for such interest, and the relative percentage ownership of our current stockholders upon such conversion will continually decrease. In addition, so long as the Class B common stock has not yet received the full return of its purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount and a 9% rate of return, if the market value of a share of Class A common stock decreases, the Class B common stock will convert into a greater

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number of shares, and the dilution to our current stockholders upon conversion of the shares of Class B common stock will be greater. This dilution of the Class A common stock could result in a further decrease in the market value of the Class A common stock.

The number of shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the Class C common stock is also subject to increase if the market value of the Class A common stock decreases. If the fair market value used in determining the conversion factor for the Class B common stock in connection with any conversion of Class B common stock is less than \$3.30, holders of shares of Class C common stock may, subject to certain limitations, convert their shares into a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to (x) the amount by which \$3.30 exceeds the aggregate distributions made with respect to a share of Class C common stock divided by (y) the fair market value used in determining the conversion factor for the Class B common stock. Therefore, so long as the shares of Class C common stock have not received aggregate distributions of \$3.30 per share, and convert pursuant to this mechanism, if the fair market value of the Class A common stock decreases, the Class C common stock will convert into a greater number of shares, and will cause greater dilution to the ownership interests of our current stockholders. This dilution of the Class A common stock could result in a further decrease in the market value of the Class A common stock.

**The Companies**

*SurgiCare, Inc.* SurgiCare is a Delaware corporation. We develop, acquire and operate freestanding ambulatory surgery centers. These freestanding ambulatory surgery centers are licensed outpatient surgery centers that are equipped and staffed for a variety of surgical procedures. These freestanding ambulatory surgery centers provide a cost-effective alternative to the delivery of healthcare services at traditional inpatient hospitals. We, through our wholly-owned subsidiaries, own, or have investments in, four ambulatory surgery centers located in Texas and Ohio. Our principal executive offices are currently located at 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77042 and our telephone number is (713) 973-6675.

*Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc.* IPS is a Delaware corporation. IPS is a Roswell, Georgia-based company whose business units include Pediatric Physician Alliance ( PPA ) and IntegriMED. PPA is a provider of business management services dedicated to the practice of pediatrics. PPA s services are designed to help medical practices lower costs and improve financial performance. Currently, PPA manages 13 practice sites, representing eight medical groups in California, Illinois, Ohio, Texas and New Jersey. IntegriMED provides software and technology solutions for physicians through an Application Service Provider ( ASP ) model. Its primary offering is a suite of integrated business and clinical software applications that provides practice management, billing, scheduling and electronic medical records. IPS s principal executive offices are located at 1805 Old Alabama Road, Suite 350, Roswell, Georgia 30076 and its telephone number is (678) 832-1800.

*Dennis Cain Physician Solutions, Ltd.* DCPS is a Texas limited partnership. DCPS, based in Houston, Texas, provides physician management services, including collections and consulting services, to hospital-based physicians and clinics. DCPS s principal offices are located at 714 FM 1960 West, Suite 206, Houston, Texas 77090 and its telephone number is (281) 880-6994.

*Medical Billing Services, Inc.* MBS is a Texas corporation. MBS, based in Houston, Texas, provides practice management, billing and collection, managed care consulting and coding/reimbursement services to hospital-based physicians and clinics. MBS s principal offices are located at 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 320, Houston, Texas 77042 and its telephone number is (713) 432-1100.

**Reasons for the Transactions (See Page 28)**

The Transactions serve SurgiCare s strategic goals of enhancing its practice management capabilities for physicians and combining businesses that are complementary to its existing operations. The board has determined that the terms of the equity financing, the other Transactions and the other actions proposed in this

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proxy statement are in the best interest of SurgiCare and its stockholders. The board considered the following matters, among others, in making this determination:

If we do not complete the equity financing and the other Transactions, we will not be able to obtain the capital needed to fund our business plan and operations from other sources. The equity financing will allow us to address our liquidity issues, support our working capital requirements, strengthen our balance sheet and support our strategic goals and our business plan for Orion. It will provide an infusion of cash for use in operations for 2004. Even after the restructuring, SurgiCare still expects to have a working capital deficit in excess of \$1 million, but the Transactions are subject to refinancing the existing debt, which will improve the working capital deficit.

The pro forma revenue for the combined entities, which will become Orion HealthCorp, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2003, is approximately of \$41.7 million. The combined entities will have a pro forma net loss of approximately \$9.2 million, for the year ended December 31, 2003. See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

The resulting, significantly larger company will be better equipped to achieve additional growth in its core businesses and to expand into new areas of outpatient healthcare delivery, including through future acquisitions. Orion's strategy will be to develop a healthcare services delivery model that will focus on serving the needs of the healthcare providers who utilize our services and their clients and on better enabling them to meet the demands of the outpatient marketplace.

Orion can also continue to supply IPS's, DCPS's and MBS's physician and practice management services and tools to their existing users and will seek to expand its client base for these services.

The positive considerations listed above are balanced against the fact that the Transactions will result in a change of control in which existing SurgiCare stockholders will become only minority stockholders of the reorganized company, Orion. However, given SurgiCare's struggle to obtain adequate financing and achieve profitability, the overall prospects for our stockholders appear better as minority shareholders in Orion than as stockholders of the existing SurgiCare.

The SurgiCare board generally considered that the Transactions would result in a reduction of the existing common stockholders' equity interest in the reorganized company to about 25% of the total outstanding equity and the potential further dilutive effect of the Class B and Class C common stock. They did not consider the ramifications of being designated a controlled company under the AMEX rules. However, in light of SurgiCare's financial needs at this time, the dilutive effect on current stockholders is outweighed by the additional working capital and business possibilities provided by Transactions. Further, there were no other offers for similar business transactions or other financing from any parties other than the Brantley Partners affiliates.

In Spring 2002, SurgiCare's management realized that the Company would not be able to reverse its negative cash flow and the increasing problems related thereto. Initially, management sought to restructure SurgiCare's debt and contacted various lenders. Negotiations with these parties did not progress beyond preliminary meetings. Management realized that, due to SurgiCare's poor financial position at the time, it would be unable to incur more funding through debt and opted to seek an equity partner to supply the necessary working capital to keep the Company operating. SurgiCare's management contacted various individuals and companies who are in the business of developing and managing ambulatory surgery centers. Although letters of intent were executed between SurgiCare and United Surgical Partners and Neurotech Development Corporation, all negotiations for potential transactions ended in the early stages of due diligence. On July 11, 2002, SurgiCare engaged a third-party finder, Daniel Krzyzanowski, to assist in locating an equity partner. In June 2002, Mr. Krzyzanowski introduced prior SurgiCare management to Mr. Paul Cascio with Brantley Partners. Thereafter, SurgiCare management and Brantley Partners held a series of meetings at which the details of the Transactions were formalized resulting in a definitive agreement being entered into November 18, 2003.

**Interests of Directors and Executive Officers in the Transactions (See Page 33)**

Some of SurgiCare's executive officers, directors, and proposed directors and executive officers of Orion or its subsidiaries have interests in the Transactions that are different from, or are in addition to, your interests.

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Certain officers of SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS and MBS will enter into employment contracts with Orion and so may have a special interest in completing the Transactions. Keith G. LeBlanc, who is currently an officer of SurgiCare, and Terrence L. Bauer, Stephen H. Murdock, Dennis Cain and Tom M. Smith are expected to enter into employment agreements as described in The Transactions Interests of Certain Persons in the Transactions on page 34. The four current members of our board of directors will each receive warrants to purchase 25,000 shares each (for a total of 100,000 shares) of Class A common stock (which collectively represent approximately 0.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares as adjusted to reflect the exercise of such warrants) upon the consummation of the Transactions as described in Proposal Twelve Approval of Warrant Issuances in exchange for services performed in 2003. The current members of our board of directors are Sherman Nagler, Michael A. Mineo, Jeffrey J. Penso, and Bruce Miller. As of September 2, 2004, the aggregate number of shares of common stock owned by directors, officers, and their affiliates is 3,642,591 shares (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split), representing 12.6% of the outstanding shares of common stock (including treasury stock). The total number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by such persons, including shares issuable upon exercise of unexercised warrants on or prior to November 1, 2004, and shares subject to proxies is 14,730,857 shares (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) or 36.9% of the outstanding shares of common stock (including treasury stock), shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of such warrants and shares of common stock subject to such proxies.

Keith G. LeBlanc, as of September 2, 2004, and prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, owns 80,000 shares of common stock, or 0.3% of our outstanding shares of common (including treasury stock). The total number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. LeBlanc prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, including shares issuable upon exercise of unexercised warrants on or prior to November 1, 2004, and the 8,750,000 shares of our common stock to be issued to our Series AA preferred stockholder for which Mr. LeBlanc holds an irrevocable proxy in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer is 11,235,862 shares or 28.0% of the outstanding shares of common stock (including treasury stock), shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of such warrants and the shares of common stock subject to the proxy. These holdings would convert to approximately 1,123,586 shares of Class A common stock, which is approximately 4.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. Keith G. LeBlanc has an existing employment agreement with SurgiCare. Upon consummation of the Transactions, it is anticipated that Mr. LeBlanc will enter into a new employment agreement with Orion and terminate his existing employment agreement with SurgiCare.

Two of the nominees to become directors after the Transactions are affiliated with Brantley Partners and its affiliates. Brantley Partners and its affiliates have interests in the Transactions as described immediately below.

**Brantley Partners and its Affiliates Interests in the Transactions**

Certain affiliates of Brantley Partners have outstanding loans to IPS in the aggregate amount of \$4,254,321, as of September 2, 2004, which includes accrued interest as of such date. These Brantley Partners affiliates will receive 1,346,305 shares of Class A common stock, with an aggregate value approximately equal to such debt in exchange for the contribution of the debt to SurgiCare pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement. Debt in respect of accrued dividends in the amount of \$593,100 will also be contributed to SurgiCare by a Brantley Partners affiliate for Class A common stock pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the Debt Exchange Agreement, this portion of the debt is to be exchanged for Class A common stock with an approximately equal aggregate value, subject to reduction to the extent necessary to allocate 200,000 shares of the Class A common stock to be awarded to the IPS stockholders and debtholders pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement and the IPS Merger Agreement to the holders of IPS common stock. Currently the IPS stockholders and debtholders are discussing an adjustment to the allocation of shares among IPS stockholders and debtholders involving a small number of shares. Based on the assumptions herein, 140,551 shares of Class A common stock will be issued in exchange for such debt. These affiliates of Brantley Partners also hold 1,653,000 shares of the Series A-2 convertible preferred stock of IPS with an aggregate liquidation preference of approximately \$7,718,632 and will receive approximately 2,442,605 shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement. Such shares are intended to approximate the value of such liquidation preference, but are subject to reduction to the extent necessary to achieve the guaranteed allocation to IPS common stockholders described above. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Brantley IV has outstanding loans to SurgiCare in

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the aggregate amount of \$2,347,596, as of September 2, 2004, which includes accrued interest as of such date, and to IPS in the aggregate amount of approximately \$2,556,943 as of September 2, 2004, which includes accrued interest as of such date. Brantley IV, or its assignees, will receive approximately 11,442,426 shares of Class B common stock, for an aggregate cash purchase price of \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount, pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement. A portion of the cash paid by Brantley IV will be used to pay the outstanding debt owed to Brantley IV's subsidiary by IPS and SurgiCare. Pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, Brantley IV will also receive the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million from time to time after the closing of the Transactions, subject to the approval of a majority of the unaffiliated members of the board of directors of Orion, at a price equal to the lesser of \$1.25 per share or 70% of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the Class A common stock for the twenty trading days preceding the date of the closing of such investment.

Brantley IV and Orion will also enter into a registration rights agreement pursuant to which Brantley IV may cause Orion to register the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of Brantley IV's shares of Class B common stock. Brantley affiliates which are IPS stockholders and debtholders will be third-party beneficiaries to the agreement, as will other IPS stockholders and MBS and DCPS equityholders. Until the first anniversary of the registration rights agreement, such third-party beneficiaries are permitted to cause Orion to add the shares of Class A common stock they hold, including shares issued upon conversion of Class C common stock, to a registration statement on which Brantley IV's shares are being registered.

**Change of Control Provisions in Existing Contracts**

Because the current SurgiCare stockholders will own only a minority interest in Orion after completion of the Transactions, change of control provisions will be triggered in some of our contractual obligations. Our management agreement with Tuscarawas Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC, one of our four surgery centers, requires approval of the surgery center in the event of a change of control such as the one contemplated in the Transactions. See Information About SurgiCare Description of Business Tuscarawas Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC. Receiving consents pursuant to, or waivers of, all change of control provisions in material contracts is a condition of the closing of the Transactions. SurgiCare's management agreement with the physician partners at its Tuscarawas facility requires approval of the physician partners in the event of a change of control such as that contemplated by the Transactions. SurgiCare has reached an oral agreement with those physician partners in which the physician partners approved the Transactions without requiring any other changes in SurgiCare's management agreement and expects to reduce the agreement to writing prior to consummation of the Transactions. In addition, our employment agreement with Keith LeBlanc, our Chief Executive Officer, has a change of control provision giving him certain severance and compensation rights in a change of control. We have negotiated a new employment agreement with Mr. LeBlanc to be signed as part of consummation of the Transactions.

**The Special Meeting (See Page 21)**

Our stockholders' meeting will be held at the principal office of SurgiCare, located at 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77042, on October 6, 2004, starting at 5:30 p.m., local time.

Holders of shares of our common stock and holders of shares of our Series AA preferred stock as of September 10, 2004 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting.

The vote necessary to approve each proposal is described in the section entitled "The Special Meeting - What Vote is Required for Each Proposal."

**The Acquisitions**

***Summary of the IPS Merger (See Page 39)***

*Structure.* We will acquire IPS by merging a newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary organized by us with and into IPS, with IPS as the surviving corporation. As a consequence of the merger, IPS will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare. However, IPS will be treated as the acquiring party for



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accounting purposes because we will account for the IPS Merger under the purchase method of accounting for business combinations.

*Consideration.* In connection with the IPS Merger, and based on the assumptions used in this proxy statement, IPS equityholders and certain IPS debtholders that are affiliates of Brantley IV will receive an aggregate of approximately 4,451,518 shares of Class A common stock (which represents approximately the total number of shares of SurgiCare stock outstanding on a fully-diluted basis, calculated as described in the section Assumptions , and approximately 17.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares)

SurgiCare will issue 1,486,856 shares (or approximately 5.8% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares) to the IPS debtholders referred to above in exchange for the contribution of debt by such debtholders to SurgiCare in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$3,256,619 and \$593,100 of debt in respect of accrued dividends, and the approximately 2,964,662 remaining shares of Class A common stock (or approximately 11.6% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares) will be issued to the IPS equityholders.

*Form of Consideration.* We will not issue fractional shares of our common stock. Instead, each holder of shares of IPS common stock and/or preferred stock who otherwise would be entitled to a fraction of a share will be entitled to receive a cash payment in lieu of such fractional share.

*No Solicitation Provisions.* The IPS Merger Agreement contains detailed provisions prohibiting the parties from seeking an alternative transaction. These no solicitation provisions prohibit each of SurgiCare and IPS as well as their officers, directors, subsidiaries and agents, from taking any action to solicit an acquisition proposal. The IPS Merger Agreement does not, however, prohibit SurgiCare or IPS or their respective boards of directors from considering, and potentially recommending, an unsolicited bona fide written acquisition proposal from a third party that the board of directors concludes in good faith constitutes a superior proposal.

We have attached the IPS Merger Agreement as Annex A to this document.

***Summary of the DCPS/MBS Merger (See Page 52)***

*Structure.* We will acquire MBS by merging a newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary organized by us with and into MBS, with MBS as the surviving corporation. As a consequence of the merger, MBS will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare. DCPS will be acquired by the contribution of the units of limited partnership interest in DCPS to SurgiCare. The limited liability company interests of the limited liability company that is the general partner of DCPS will also be contributed to SurgiCare. Immediately following the closing of the MBS merger and the DCPS acquisition, the interests in DCPS and its general partner will be transferred to MBS, and DCPS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBS.

*Consideration.* Equityholders of DCPS and MBS will receive an aggregate of \$3.5 million in cash, promissory notes of SurgiCare in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 and 1,575,760 shares of Class C common stock (or, if the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock, based on the average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing, is greater than or equal to \$0.70, an aggregate of \$2.9 million in cash, promissory notes of SurgiCare in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 and 1,827,880 shares of Class C common stock), subject to retroactive increase or decrease. In addition, 75,758 shares of our Class A common stock will be reserved for issuance at the direction of the DCPS/MBS Sellers. Based on the assumptions in this proxy statement, and assuming no retroactive increase in purchase price, if the fair market value of our common stock is less than \$0.70, the DCPS/MBS equityholders, and their designees will own approximately 6.6% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares, (as reduced by the amount of potential retroactive increase) and if the fair market value of our common stock is greater than or equal to \$0.70, the DCPS/MBS equityholders and their designees will own approximately 7.5% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as reduced by the amount of the potential retroactive increase and increased for the additional shares to be issued at such market value). Under certain circumstances, the MBS and DCPS

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equityholders may receive other payments as described in The Transactions The DCPS/ MBS Merger The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement Additional Issuances, Advances and Payments.

*Adjustments to Consideration.* The purchase price described above is subject to retroactive increase (including issuance of up to 465,000 shares of Class A common stock and payment of up to \$1,012,500) or decrease based on the financial results of the newly-formed company in the two years following the DCPS/ MBS Merger. Based on the assumptions in this proxy statement, and assuming the maximum retroactive increase in purchase price, if the fair market value of our common stock is less than \$0.70, the DCPS/ MBS equityholders and their designees will own approximately 8.3% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares, and if the fair market value of our common stock is greater than or equal to \$0.70, the DCPS/ MBS equityholders and their designees will own approximately 9.2% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as increased for the additional shares to be issued at such market value). See The Transactions The DCPS/ MBS Merger The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement Purchase Price Adjustments for a detailed description of the potential adjustments to the consideration for the DCPS/ MBS Merger.

We have attached the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement as Annex B to this document. We urge you to read the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement in its entirety. It is the legal document that governs the DCPS/ MBS Merger.

***Regulatory Approvals***

We are not aware of any governmental approvals or actions that are required to complete the Transactions, apart from regulatory notifications and approvals that could be required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ( CMS ) or State Medicaid Offices or Departments of Health in connection with changes in control of Medicare and Medicaid providers and state licensed health care facilities. We plan to provide appropriate notifications to these regulatory agencies, seek any required governmental approval, and take any other necessary action to consummate the Transactions.

***Tax Consequences (See Pages 40 and 54)***

SurgiCare stockholders generally will not recognize taxable gain or loss as a result of the IPS Merger or the DCPS/MBS Merger. See The Transactions The IPS Merger Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the IPS Merger and The Transactions The DCPS/ MBS Merger Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the DCPS/ MBS Merger below for more detailed discussions of the tax considerations that may be relevant. The tax discussion in this proxy statement does not address the tax considerations that may be relevant to IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders, DCPS owners, or Brantley IV or any of its affiliates, and does not address whether the Transactions, when analyzed on a combined basis, qualify as an exchange to which Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code ) applies nor any adverse tax consequences applicable to SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such that may result from a determination that Code Section 351 does not apply.

***Accounting Treatment of the Acquisitions (See Pages 41 and 55)***

*Accounting Treatment of the IPS Merger.* The IPS Merger will be treated as a reverse acquisition for accounting purposes. In the reverse acquisition, the SurgiCare stock held by SurgiCare stockholders immediately prior to the merger will be treated as the purchase price paid by IPS for SurgiCare. The fair value of those shares, plus applicable transaction costs, will be allocated to the fair value of SurgiCare s tangible and intangible assets and liabilities, with any excess being considered goodwill. See The Transactions The IPS Merger Accounting Treatment of the IPS Merger below for additional information regarding the accounting treatment.

*Accounting Treatment of the DCPS/ MBS Merger.* SurgiCare intends to account for the DCPS/ MBS Merger as a purchase transaction for financial reporting and accounting purposes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141. The purchase price, which is equal to the total

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consideration of cash, notes and new SurgiCare Class C common stock, will be allocated based on the fair values of the DCPS/ MBS assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The amount of the purchase price in excess of the fair value of the net tangible assets of DCPS/ MBS acquired will be recorded as goodwill and other intangible assets. See The Transactions The DCPS/ MBS Merger Accounting Treatment of the DCPS/ MBS Merger below for additional information regarding the accounting treatment.

***Conditions to Completion of the Acquisitions (See Pages 43 and 59)***

The obligations of the parties to the Acquisitions to complete the Acquisitions are subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions specified in the respective merger agreements, including the approval by our stockholders of the issuance of our shares to be issued in the Acquisitions, and of certain other proposals contained in this proxy statement. The approval of Proposal One through Proposal Eleven by our stockholders is required to consummate the Acquisitions.

***Termination of the IPS Merger Agreement and the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement (See Pages 48 and 64)***

The IPS Merger Agreement and the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement may each be terminated by mutual consent by each of the parties thereto. The IPS Merger Agreement may also be terminated by either SurgiCare or IPS, and the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement may also be terminated by either SurgiCare or DCPS and MBS, in each case, in a number of circumstances, including the following:

if the merger governed by the agreement is not completed by October 31, 2004;

if the required SurgiCare stockholder approvals, and in the case of the IPS Merger Agreement, the required IPS stockholder approvals, are not obtained; or

if any governmental authority issues a final and non-appealable order prohibiting the consummation of the merger governed by the agreement (but the merger agreement cannot be terminated for this reason by a party whose failure to fulfill its obligations under the merger agreement resulted in such order).

***Fees upon Termination of the Acquisitions (See Pages 50 and 64)***

*DCPS/ MBS Merger Termination Fees.* In the event that the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement is terminated under certain specified circumstances, SurgiCare will reimburse DCPS and MBS for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by or on behalf of DCPS or MBS.

*IPS Merger Termination Fees.* The IPS Merger Agreement provides that in certain circumstances, the party responsible for triggering the underlying cause for the termination of the IPS Merger Agreement will reimburse the other party for all of its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, upon termination of the IPS Merger Agreement in specified circumstances, SurgiCare is required by the Stock Subscription Agreement to reimburse Brantley IV for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. In certain of these circumstances, SurgiCare is also required to pay Brantley IV a non-refundable fee of \$3 million. Based on our latest balance sheet, it would be impossible for us to make this payment using current assets.

The termination of the IPS Merger Agreement as a result of our stockholders failure to approve the IPS Merger and the other proposals upon which the IPS Merger is dependent, will require payment of Brantley IV's reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, but will not, in and of itself, trigger the payment of the \$3 million fee to Brantley IV. However, the \$3 million fee would be payable if, within 18 months of termination due to, among other things, our stockholders' failure to approve the IPS Merger Agreement or other required proposals, we consummate, or enter into an agreement or letter of intent (or our board of directors resolves or announces an intention to enter into such agreement or letter of intent with respect to) a Business Combination (as defined below) with any person, entity or group.

Business Combination as used above means (i) a merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination or similar transaction involving SurgiCare as a result of which SurgiCare's stockholders prior to such transaction cease to own at least 80% of the voting securities of the entity surviving or resulting

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from such transaction (or the ultimate parent entity thereof) in the proportion they owned such shares prior to such transaction, (ii) a sale, lease, exchange, transfer, public offering in respect of, or other disposition of more than 20% of the assets of SurgiCare and the SurgiCare subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in either case, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, or (iii) the acquisition, by a person, group or entity of beneficial ownership of more than 20% of SurgiCare's outstanding common stock (or in the case of any person, group or entity beneficially owning in excess of 20% of SurgiCare's common stock outstanding on February 9, 2004, the acquisition of any additional shares of SurgiCare's common stock by such person, group or entity), in either case, whether from SurgiCare or by tender or exchange offer or otherwise.

***Completion and Effectiveness of the Acquisitions (See Pages 39 and 52)***

We will complete each of the Acquisitions when all of the conditions to completion in the merger agreement governing such acquisition are satisfied or waived in accordance with such merger agreement. The IPS Merger and the MBS Merger will become effective when we file the certificate or certificates of merger for such acquisition with the secretary of state of the applicable jurisdiction, or at such later time specified in such certificate of merger. The DCPS acquisition will become effective upon the closing of the contribution of the DCPS equity to SurgiCare. Immediately following the closing of the MBS merger and the DCPS acquisition, the interests in DCPS and its general partner will be transferred to MBS, and DCPS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBS. We expect to complete the Acquisitions and issue the stock to be issued pursuant to the Acquisitions promptly after the meeting of our stockholders which is scheduled for October 6, 2004.

***The Equity Financing (See Page 66)***

*Summary*

Pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, Brantley IV will purchase shares of Class B common stock for cash in the amount of \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount. A portion of the cash contributed will be used by Orion to pay outstanding debt owed to Brantley IV's subsidiary by SurgiCare and IPS. As of September 2, 2004, the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt is \$4,705,411 and the accrued interest on this debt was \$199,128. Therefore, it is estimated that the net cash proceeds to be received by SurgiCare will total approximately \$5,194,513, of which \$3.5 million will be used to complete the DCPS/ MBS Merger.

The Stock Subscription Agreement also provides that Brantley IV has the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million from time to time after the closings of the Transactions, subject to the approval of a majority of the unaffiliated members of the board of directors of Orion, at a price equal to the lesser of \$1.25 per share or 70% of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the Class A common stock for the twenty trading days preceding the date of the closing of such investment.

In exchange for Brantley IV's cash contribution, and based on the assumptions used in this proxy statement, Brantley IV will receive approximately 11,442,426 shares of Class B common stock, which will initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 57.0% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares and, on an unconverted basis, approximately 53.2% of the voting power of Orion. Assuming everything else remains the same, the percentage interest of Brantley IV upon conversion will continually increase, since the conversion factor for the Class B common stock is designed to yield additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock, less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount (which as of September 2, 2004 was \$99,052), without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion. The Class A common stock to be issued to Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital, as stockholders and debtholders of IPS, further increases the ownership interest of Brantley IV affiliates in Orion. Because

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Brantley IV and its affiliates will hold common stock which initially represents, on an unconverted basis, approximately 71.4% of the voting power of Orion, they will be able to control all decisions to be made by the Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock voting together as a single class. As a result of their stock ownership, Brantley IV and its affiliates will control Orion's business, policies and affairs and will be able to elect Orion's entire board of directors, determine, without the approval of Orion's other stockholders, the outcome of any corporate transaction or other matter submitted to the vote of the stockholders voting as a single class for approval, including mergers, consolidations and sales of substantially all of our assets. They will also be able to prevent or cause a change in control of Orion and an amendment to its certificate of incorporation and by-laws (subject to certain supermajority provisions contained therein). We cannot assure you that the interests of Brantley IV and its affiliates will be consistent with your interests as a stockholder.

In connection with the Transactions, Brantley IV entered into an agreement on March 4, 2004 with certain of its limited partners, pursuant to which such limited partners have agreed to acquire, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, \$1 million worth of the Class B common stock which Brantley IV has agreed to purchase pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement and Brantley IV has agreed to assign to such limited partners its right to acquire such shares. To the extent such limited partners acquire such shares, Brantley IV's ownership will be decreased by the number of shares valued at \$1 million, or approximately 1,133,020 shares of Class B common stock as of September 2, 2004, which initially represent, on an as-converted basis approximately 4.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares.

*Overview of Equity Financing Documents*

The Stock Subscription Agreement contains customary closing conditions, along with additional conditions, including the requirement that SurgiCare complete additional financing to refinance existing debt obligations of IPS, DCPS, MBS, and SurgiCare of approximately \$10.1 million and that the closing conditions to the IPS Merger Agreement and the DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement be satisfied, as well as representations, warranties and covenants. It also imposes certain indemnification obligations on the parties and provides for payment by SurgiCare of a non-refundable fee of \$3 million and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to Brantley IV if the IPS Merger Agreement is terminated under certain specified circumstances.

Brantley IV and Orion will also enter into a registration rights agreement pursuant to which Brantley IV may cause Orion to register the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of Brantley IV's shares of Class B common stock. See *The Transactions - The Equity Financing - Registration Rights Agreement* below for a more detailed discussion of the registration rights. The IPS stockholders, certain IPS debtholders and the DCPS and MBS equityholders will be third-party beneficiaries to this agreement. Until the first anniversary of the date of the registration rights agreement, such third-party beneficiaries are permitted to cause Orion to add the shares of Class A common stock they hold, including the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the shares of Class C common stock they hold, to a registration statement on which Brantley IV's shares are being registered.

*Tax Consequences*

SurgiCare stockholders generally will not recognize taxable gain or loss as a result of the equity financing transaction with Brantley IV. See *The Transactions - The Equity Financing - Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Equity Financing* below for a more detailed discussion of the tax considerations that may be relevant.

**Brantley IV's Affiliates**

Brantley IV is an affiliate of Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital, both of which are stockholders and creditors of IPS, and which are party to the Debt Exchange Agreement that is being entered into as part of the Transactions. Brantley IV and Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P., are private equity partnerships and Brantley Capital is a public business development company. Brantley Capital Management,

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L.L.C., a registered investment adviser, serves as investment adviser for, and receives fees from, Brantley Capital. Brantley Management Company, whose principals include principals of Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C., acts as investment adviser for, and receives fees from, Brantley IV and Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. Brantley Capital files reports with the Securities Exchange Commission. Trades in the common stock of Brantley Capital are reported on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol BBDC.

**The 2004 Incentive Plan (See Page 149)**

The 2004 Incentive Plan provides for issuance of up to 2.2 million shares of Class A common stock to key employees, directors and consultants of the company. This amount is approximately 6.8% of the fully-diluted shares of Orion (assuming exercise of all outstanding options and warrants, conversion of all convertible debentures, issuance of all shares issuable pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan, issuance of 2,100,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) to A.I. International and issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) in exchange for the Series AA preferred stock). Approximately 5,758,852 shares (575,885 after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) remained issuable in connection with outstanding awards under prior SurgiCare plans as of September 2, 2004. The total number of shares issuable under prior SurgiCare plans added together with shares issuable under the proposed 2004 Incentive Plan represent approximately 8.5% of the fully-diluted shares of Orion (assuming exercise of all outstanding options and warrants, conversion of all convertible debentures, issuance of all shares issuable pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan, issuance of 2,100,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) to A.I. International, and issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) in exchange for the Series AA preferred stock).

Currently, there are no specific grants proposed to be made under the 2004 Incentive Equity Plan. None of the proposed employment agreements with Keith G. LeBlanc, Terrence L. Bauer, Stephen H. Murdock, Dennis Cain and Tom M. Smith are contingent upon those individuals receiving grants under the 2004 Incentive Plan. The purpose of the 2004 Incentive Plan is to enable Orion to attract and retain key personnel and directors. Since Orion's Board of Directors has not been elected at the time of the filing, no plans to issue a specific number or amount of securities to directors or executive officers of Orion pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan, have been made. However, it is anticipated by SurgiCare's current management that the recipients of option grants under the 2004 Incentive Plan will include the directors, executive officers, and key personnel of Orion.

***Controlled Company Status***

The AMEX has adopted minimum requirements for director independence and nominating and compensation committee membership. These requirements do not apply to companies whose ownership is controlled by a single owner or group. After the Transactions, SurgiCare will be considered a controlled company under the AMEX rules and will not be required to comply with certain of the AMEX's rules on director independence and nominating and compensation committee membership.

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**STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

The information in this proxy statement contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Statements that are not historical in nature, including statements about beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words may, will, should, estimates, predicts, potential, continue, strategy, believes, anticipates, intends and similar expressions. The forward-looking statements in this proxy statement regarding us, IPS, DCPS, MBS, and the combined company following the merger of our wholly-owned subsidiaries with and into MBS (which will then merge with DCPS) and IPS, relate to, among other things:

financial condition;

revenues and results of operations;

business and financing plans, including plans for growth and future acquisitions;

description of businesses;

business strategy, operating efficiencies or synergies, competitive positions, growth opportunities for existing services;

plans, objectives and composition of management;

the market for our securities and effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split;

our listing application with the AMEX and listing status;

potential and existing customers;

government licensing, insurance laws, reimbursement regulations and restrictions on physician ownership of healthcare facilities; and

the economic environment in the markets in which we, IPS, DCPS and MBS operate.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this proxy statement. These statements are based upon current expectations. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of future events, new information or otherwise. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events to differ materially from those projected. Important factors that might cause or contribute to such a discrepancy include, but are not limited to:

the extent of our ability to integrate the operations of IPS, DCPS and MBS with ours;

the effects of competition in the markets in which we, IPS, DCPS and MBS operate;

the impact of technological change on our business and that of IPS, DCPS and MBS;

the effect of any unknown liabilities of SurgiCare, IPS, MBS, and DCPS that materialize after the transactions;

the impact of the change in our management following the closing of the transactions;

the effect of the transactions on our AMEX listing status;

the impact of control by Brantley IV and its affiliates;

the effect of the Reverse Stock Split on the price of our securities;

future regulatory changes; and

other risks referenced from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), including our annual report on Form 10-KSB/A for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, which is attached as Annex C to this proxy statement.



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**THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**What is the Purpose of the Meeting?**

The SurgiCare stockholders meeting is being held so that our stockholders may consider and vote upon the following proposals:

*Proposal 1.* To approve a reverse stock split at a ratio of one-for-ten.

*Proposal 2.* To approve the increase in the number of authorized shares of common stock from 5 million shares to 90 million shares, after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, and leave the number of authorized shares of preferred stock at 20 million shares.

*Proposal 3.* To reclassify our common stock as Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value per share.

*Proposal 4.* To establish a new class of common stock entitled Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value per share.

*Proposal 5.* To establish a new class of common stock entitled Class C common stock, \$0.001 par value per share.

*Proposal 6.* To change the name of the corporation to Orion HealthCorp, Inc.

*Proposal 7.* To approve the issuance of shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement and the Debt Exchange Agreement.

*Proposal 8.* To approve the issuance of shares of Class C common stock and Class A common stock pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement.

*Proposal 9.* To approve the issuance of shares of Class B common stock and Class A common stock pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement.

*Proposal 10.* To elect the members of our board of directors and to elect the members of the board of directors of Orion who will begin serving upon the consummation of the Transactions described in this proxy statement.

*Proposal 11.* To approve a new incentive plan, the Orion HealthCorp, Inc. 2004 Incentive Plan, to replace our 2001 Stock Option Plan.

*Proposal 12.* To approve the issuance of warrants to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of Class A common stock to the current members of our board of directors.

*Proposal 13.* To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

If our stockholders adopt these proposals, we intend to amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to reflect Proposal One through Proposal Six, complete the IPS Merger (and the issuance of Class A common stock to IPS debtholders) and the DCPS/ MBS Merger, and to issue the shares of Class B common stock to Brantley IV (and in the future, at Brantley IV's option, Class A common stock). See The Transactions and Proposal One through Proposal Nine.

**Who May Attend and Vote?**

Stockholders who owned SurgiCare common stock and stockholders who owned Series AA preferred stock at the close of business on September 10, 2004 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. We refer to this date in this proxy statement as the record date. As of the record date, we had 28,857,285 shares of SurgiCare common stock issued and outstanding and 900,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock issued and outstanding. Each share of SurgiCare common stock and Series AA preferred stock is entitled to one vote on each matter to come before the special meeting.

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### **How Do I Vote?**

If you are a stockholder of record of our common stock or Series AA preferred stock, you may vote:

*In person.* If you attend the special meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or fill out and return a ballot that will be supplied to you at the special meeting.

*By mail.* If you choose to vote by mail, simply mark your proxy card, date and sign it, and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

By signing and returning the proxy card according to the enclosed instructions, you are enabling the individuals named on the proxy card (known as proxies) to vote your shares at the special meeting in the manner you indicate. We encourage you to sign and return the proxy card even if you plan to attend the special meeting. In this way, your shares will be voted even if you are unable to attend the meeting. Your shares will be voted as you direct on the proxy card. If a proxy card is signed and received by our corporate secretary, but no instructions are indicated, then the proxy will be voted FOR each of the proposals described in this proxy statement.

### **What Does the Board of Directors Recommend?**

The Board recommends that you vote FOR:

1. approving the reverse stock split;
2. approving the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock;
3. approving the reclassification of common stock;
4. approving the establishment of Class B common stock;
5. approving the establishment of Class C common stock;
6. approving the change of name;
7. approving the issuance of shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement and the Debt Exchange Agreement;
8. approving the issuance of shares of Class C common stock and Class A common stock pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement;
9. approving the issuance of shares of Class B common stock and Class A common stock to Brantley IV or its assignees in connection with the financing transactions related to the Acquisitions;
10. electing the slates of directors listed in this proxy statement for the terms specified;
11. approving the adoption of the 2004 Incentive Plan;
12. approving the issuance of warrants to the current members of our board of directors; and
13. granting authority to the proxy holder to approve the transaction of any other business to properly come before the meeting.

If you submit the proxy card but do not indicate your voting instructions, the persons named as proxies on your proxy card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of the board of directors.

### **What Vote is Required for Each Proposal?**

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Holders of record of our common stock and holders of record of our Series AA preferred stock are entitled to one vote per share on each proposal.

A majority of the shares entitled to be cast on a particular matter, present in person or represented by proxy, constitutes a quorum as to any proposal. Each proposal other those which relate to amending the certificate of incorporation, and the election of directors must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders

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of a majority of the shares of our common stock and shares of our Series AA preferred stock properly cast in person or by proxy at the special meeting, voting together as a single class.

The restatement of our certificate of incorporation will require the vote of the majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the affirmative votes cast by those shares present in person, or represented by proxy, and entitled to vote at the special meeting, voting together as a single class. Stockholders may not cumulate votes in the election of directors.

Shares represented by proxies that indicate an abstention or a broker non-vote (that is, shares represented at the special meeting held by brokers or nominees as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) will be counted as shares that are present and entitled to vote on the matter for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. Shares indicating an abstention and shares indicating a broker non-vote, however, will not constitute votes cast at the special meeting. Broker non-votes and abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposals to amend our certificate of incorporation, but will have no effect on the outcome of the votes required to approve the other proposals described above.

The Transaction Documents require that we obtain the approval of Proposal One through Proposal Eleven by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and the outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class. Unless required by our certificate of incorporation or applicable law, rule or regulation, such requirement may be waived upon receipt of the necessary consents under the Transaction Documents.

**May I Change My Vote After I Return My Proxy Card?**

Yes. You may revoke a proxy any time before it is voted by:

returning to us a newly signed proxy card bearing a later date;

delivering a written instrument to our corporate secretary revoking the proxy card; or attending the special meeting and voting in person.

**Who Will Bear the Cost of Proxy Solicitation?**

We will bear the expense of soliciting proxies. Our officers and regular employees (who will receive no compensation in addition to their regular salaries) may solicit proxies. In addition to soliciting proxies through the mail, our officers and regular employees may solicit proxies personally, as well as by mail, telephone, and telegram from brokerage houses and other stockholders. We will reimburse brokers and other persons for reasonable charges and expenses incurred in forwarding soliciting materials to their clients.

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**THE TRANSACTIONS**

**Introduction**

*History*

*SurgiCare's Business Opportunities Leading up to Negotiations of the Transactions*

In Spring 2002, SurgiCare's management realized that the Company would not be able to reverse its negative cash flow and the increasing problems related thereto. SurgiCare's management contacted various individuals and companies who are in the business of developing and managing ambulatory surgery centers. On July 11, 2002, SurgiCare engaged a third-party finder, Daniel Krzyzanowski, to assist in locating an equity partner. In June 2002, Mr. Krzyzanowski introduced prior SurgiCare management to Mr. Paul Cascio with Brantley Partners. Limited discussions occurred with SurgiCare's prior management. In September 2002, SurgiCare hired a new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Keith LeBlanc. Mr. LeBlanc and certain members of SurgiCare's corporate staff began monthly meetings with Brantley Partners, particularly Messrs. Paul Cascio and Jeff Kadlic in Ohio, during their monthly trips to SurgiCare's Ohio facility. Meetings were held between these parties throughout 2002 and early 2003. On two occasions during this time period, Dr. Jeffrey Penso, a member of the SurgiCare board of directors, also attended these monthly meetings. At the initial meetings, the parties discussed Brantley Partners' interest in an investment in SurgiCare, possible structures for such investment, Brantley Partners' significant investment in a pediatric practice management company and a rehabilitation company, and Brantley Partners' plans for these companies.

From Spring 2002 through the August 2003, SurgiCare's management continued pursuing potential equity partner relationships. Specifically, discussions were held with Talmage Capital, LLC (Talmage), Magna Partners, LLC (Magna), and BBK Structured Finance, Inc. (BBK). Although letters of intent were proposed by Talmage and Magna, SurgiCare's Board of Directors declined to sign the Talmage letter of intent, and the Magna letter of intent was rescinded. SurgiCare entered into a letter of intent with BBK on June 19, 2003. The circumstances and subject matter of those various discussions are discussed below. All information given to Talmage, Magna, BBK or any of their affiliates was the information reported in the most recent periodic disclosure of SurgiCare filed with the SEC at the time such disclosure of information was made.

a. Talmage Capital, LLC

Several discussions were held between Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Phillip Scott (SurgiCare's former Chief Financial Officer) and Mr. John Maxwell from Talmage during early March 2003. At that time, Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott met once with Mr. Maxwell at Talmage's New York office. Talmage sent a letter of intent to SurgiCare dated March 13, 2003, which set forth the terms of Talmage's engagement as SurgiCare's exclusive financial advisor and investment banker with respect to structuring a reorganization, refinancing of existing debt, or finding an equity partner. In exchange for those services, Talmage required a cash retainer of \$40,000 (credited toward final payment), equity compensation of 8% of equity-linked securities, placement warrants in the amount of 10% of the total amount of equity-linked securities. SurgiCare would be required to pay all of Talmage's expenses during the engagement. SurgiCare did not execute the letter of intent since the Board of Directors of SurgiCare found the Transactions set forth herein to be in the best interests of the SurgiCare stockholders.

b. Magna Partners, LLC

Magna was introduced to SurgiCare through Dr. Shelly Glass, a contact of Mr. LeBlanc. During June and July 2003, Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott from SurgiCare conferenced with Dr. Glass and the other owners of Magna via telephone. Dr. Glass met with SurgiCare's Board of Directors at the June 26, 2003 meeting of the board. Magna sent an letter of intent to SurgiCare dated July 31, 2003 which provided terms of an investment by Magna of \$2.2 million (representing the cash infusion requirements of SurgiCare at that time) plus, investment by Magna in the amount of any cash required for SurgiCare's debt resolution with DVI in exchange for SurgiCare securities equal to the total amount invested by Magna divided by SurgiCare's stock price at the close of business on the date of the execution of the letter. In that letter, Magna also set forth an overview of its objectives for SurgiCare after Magna's investment, which involved expansion of SurgiCare's core surgery center

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business through acquisitions, development and re-syndication of existing partnerships and the addition of services, such as diagnostic imaging healthcare services and billing services for physician practice groups. Shortly after sending the letter, Magna withdrew its offer due to the bankruptcy of DVI, in which Magna held a significant interest. Dr. Glass and Mr. LeBlanc continued periodic telephone conferences over the following 90-day period, hoping that DVI would emerge from bankruptcy and Magna would have the ability to continue negotiations with SurgiCare. At the end of that three-month period, it became evident that DVI would not successfully resolve its financial issues and therefore, Magna would be unable to fulfill the requirements of the originally proposed equity investment.

c. BBK Structured Finance, Inc.

On September 30, 2003, SurgiCare entered into a letter of intent with BBK in which BBK agreed to act as SurgiCare's broker to secure debt restructuring from a senior lender in the amount of \$8-10 million, amortized with a fixed term of at least 84 months and a variable interest per annum equal to 100 basis points plus the prime rate at the time, or 5%. The lender would be given .5 points for closing the loan. SurgiCare paid BBK a performance and expense deposit of \$30,000. In the event BBK successfully obtained the loan for SurgiCare, BBK would receive 5% of the loan amount in consideration for its consultation services, less the \$30,000 deposit. BBK would receive a 2.5% of any additional amount borrowed by SurgiCare from that senior lender after the closing of the loan. Although BBK contacted various lenders, it was unable to deliver a contract for any loan. SurgiCare may seek to recover the expense deposit from BBK but has not taken any formal actions to do so at this time.

*SurgiCare Board Meetings Leading up to the Transactions*

On April 30, 2003, Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott met with all the members of the SurgiCare board of directors to discuss the business direction which the board thought most prudent for SurgiCare, considering its financial condition at the time. As a result of that meeting and the board of director's instruction, management sought an equity investment partner for SurgiCare or debt restructure.

On June 5, 2003, the entire board of directors met with Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott to discuss the status of the potential loan restructure of the debt owed to DVI and the board directed management to prepare and present a debt restructure proposal to DVI.

On June 26, 2003, three directors, Drs. Mineo, Penso, and Miller, met with Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott and a representative from Strasburger & Price, LLP, legal counsel to SurgiCare, to discuss the DVI debt restructure. Mr. LeBlanc stated to the Board that the loan restructure would not be possible at that time due to SurgiCare's lack of collateral to support more borrowing. Management then proposed a 60-day extension on payments on the outstanding loan, extending such date to August 17, 2003, to which DVI agreed. At this same meeting, Mr. LeBlanc stated that the board had various other opportunities worth considering, including a potential partnership with Magna. Dr. Shelly Glass, a representative of Magna, attended part of the board of directors meeting in order to give background information on Magna and its business plan to the board. Mr. LeBlanc also presented the possible equity finance possibility with Brantley Partners. The board authorized Mr. LeBlanc to travel to Cleveland, Ohio, to meet at Brantley Partners' offices and to travel to a meeting in Chicago, Illinois, to meet with Magna. Mr. LeBlanc reported that he would also contact various potential lenders, including BBK and Talmage, in an attempt to obtain alternative debt financing.

On July 16, 2003, all of the members of SurgiCare's board of directors met with Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott and a representative from Strasburger & Price, LLP to discuss the opportunities brought up at the June 26, 2003 meeting. Mr. Scott presented the positive and negative aspects of each potential deal. SurgiCare still lacked sufficient collateral to restructure its debt financing. The potential partnership with Magna, including the start-up of an additional surgery center would not provide the immediate working capital that SurgiCare needed. At that time, the board of directors did not favor the potential Brantley Partners transaction because at that time, Brantley Partners only committed to investing \$5,000,000, which would not be sufficient to restructure the debt of SurgiCare and leave sufficient working capital to fund ongoing short-term operations.

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On August 4, 2003, all the members of the board of directors met again with Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott and were joined by Mr. Paul Cascio of Brantley Partners. The parties discussed the impending bankruptcy of DVI and the potential for a debt restructure, as well as a merger of IPS, DCPS/ MBS and SurgiCare, along with an equity investment by Brantley Partners. Mr. LeBlanc informed the board of directors that the potential Magna transaction was unlikely to proceed due to Magna's significant investment in DVI and the complications of the DVI bankruptcy. The board of directors decided SurgiCare should aggressively pursue the Brantley Partners possibility (along with the DCPS/ MBS and IPS merger) which could ultimately maximize the current customer base for all the companies involved and allow IPS and SurgiCare to jointly negotiate their existing debt with DVI.

SurgiCare presented Brantley Partners with the estimated financial projections based upon generic assumptions of potential revenues for the four ambulatory surgery centers, assuming infusion of working capital and reduction in debt. SurgiCare did not use its actual financials for those projections, due to the continually decreasing volume of cases performed at the four ambulatory surgery centers. Management believes the decrease in volume at its four ambulatory surgery centers was due to the reluctance of physicians to bring their surgery cases to SurgiCare, which was suffering financially. The original pro forma projections served as the template for the continuous and voluminous financial calculations prepared by management resulting in the pro forma financial projections included in this proxy statement. The original pro forma projections reviewed by SurgiCare's board of directors are attached hereto as Annex Q. The original pro forma projections have been amended since the original draft in August 2003 to reflect the changes in SurgiCare's core business and reimbursement changes, which financial information is included in SurgiCare's periodic reports filed with the SEC. The current pro forma financial projections presented herein utilize the same methodologies and industry standards as those set forth in the original pro forma projections.

*Brantley and IPS*

During 2002 and 2003, Brantley Partners (through its affiliates) was in negotiations with IPS regarding an additional equity investment. Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. originally invested in IPS in October 1996. Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital both invested in IPS during January 1999 and continued to invest through 2003.

*SurgiCare and DCPS/ MBS*

For interim working capital, SurgiCare conducted a private placement in the spring of 2003, which included an investor group of anesthesiologists. The office manager of the anesthesiologist group was Mrs. Valerie Cain, who introduced SurgiCare's officers to her husband, Dennis Cain. Mr. Cain suggested that SurgiCare acquire DCPS, of which he is a majority equityholder, and its related company, MBS, majority owned by Mr. Tom Smith. DCPS and MBS are related entities that use a shared information system, respond to requests for proposals jointly, have common clients and shared business arrangements and collectively share the responsibility for sales and marketing efforts, though they do not have common ownership or accounting relationships. SurgiCare's officers evaluated the opportunity and negotiated a letter of intent with Messrs. Cain and Smith for the companies at the same time it negotiated the IPS agreement as described below.

*Discussions of Merger of SurgiCare, IPS, and DCPS/ MBS*

In May 2003, Robert P. Pinkas, the Managing General Partner of Brantley Partners, contacted Terrence Bauer, President and Chief Executive Officer of IPS, to discuss merging IPS with SurgiCare, DCPS and MBS. In June 2003, Messrs. Bauer and Mr. Stephen Murdock, the Chief Financial Officer of IPS, met with Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott at SurgiCare's principal executive offices in Houston, Texas. At this meeting, the parties discussed the possible benefits to both parties of a combination of IPS, SurgiCare, DCPS and MBS in a merger transaction, due to the growth of the customer base for the combined entity. Exchange of information for due diligence review purposes between IPS and SurgiCare began shortly after this meeting. After due diligence review by IPS and SurgiCare, Messrs. Bauer and Murdock from IPS, Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott from SurgiCare, Mr. Cain from DCPS, Mr. Smith from MBS, and Mr. Cascio from Brantley Partners began merger negotiations. From that point on, SurgiCare communicated approximately two times per week, separately, with

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DCPS and MBS, IPS and Brantley Partners as to the deal structure and status of the merger negotiations. Some meetings with DCPS and MBS occurred in person and were generally attended by Messrs. LeBlanc, Cain and Smith, since SurgiCare, MBS and DCPS are all principally located in Houston, Texas. Mr. LeBlanc continued his regular monthly meetings with SurgiCare's ambulatory surgery center in Ohio and met with Mr. Cascio from Brantley Partners during those regularly scheduled trips, and communicated by telephone with Mr. Cascio at least once per week. Mr. LeBlanc and Messrs. Bauer and Murdock from IPS held telephone conferences during this period. Once per month, representatives from SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS, MBS, and Brantley Partners met by telephone to discuss the status of the due diligence and possible deal structure. During these telephone conferences and meetings, the parties discussed current financial statements of the merger companies, projections of the combined merger entity, debt restructuring possibilities, assumptions for growth, deal structure and percentages of ownership for the shareholders of the various merger entities and Brantley Partners. On August 3, 2003, pro forma projections were provided to Messrs. Bauer, Murdock, Cain and Smith. On August 22, 2003, the letter of intent to merge IPS and DCPS/MBS with SurgiCare was executed, along with a commitment letter from Brantley IV to contribute a \$6,000,000 equity investment in the combined entities. All parties were represented by separate counsel. IPS's legal counsel is Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP in Atlanta, Georgia. DCPS's legal counsel is Mr. Peter Workin in Houston, Texas. MBS's legal counsel is Mr. Ron Freeman in Houston, Texas. SurgiCare's legal counsel is Strasburger & Price, LLP in Houston, Texas. Brantley IV's legal counsel is Ropes & Gray, LLP in Boston, Massachusetts.

Definitive agreement negotiations commenced in September 2003 as due diligence moved forward. The parties estimate that at least forty different meetings and telephone conferences occurred among management of the merger entities and Brantley Partners between the signing of the letter of intent and the signing of the original definitive agreements on November 18, 2003. The parties' respective counsel participated in certain of such telephone conferences. During the negotiations, the parties discussed the various contract terms relating to the merger documents and potential refinancing of existing indebtedness of the parties. On October 24, 2003, there was a meeting at the offices of Brantley Partners among Messrs. LeBlanc, Bauer, Cascio and DiMarco. Representatives of Strasburger & Price, LLP, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP and Ropes & Gray, LLP were also present. Structure, pricing and timing were all discussed. On November 18, 2003, definitive agreements were executed by IPS, SurgiCare, Brantley IV and its affiliates. Negotiations with DCPS/MBS continued during this period and definitive agreements for that portion of the transaction were executed as of February 9, 2004.

At various meetings between the parties, it was determined that the \$6,000,000 equity investment by Brantley IV would not be sufficient to fund working capital needs. After discussion between the parties, the investment was increased to its current level of \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount, with the additional 2,176,000 shares of Class B common stock to be issued pursuant to the July 16, 2004 amendment to the Stock Subscription Agreement issued for a higher price than those shares being issued pursuant to the terms of the initial definitive agreement.

*Engagement of Independent Financial Advisor*

After the execution of the definitive agreements, SurgiCare's legal counsel advised management that a fairness opinion would be appropriate to present to the SurgiCare stockholders regarding their interests in the Transactions. Counsel introduced SurgiCare to Mr. Gilbert Herrera of G. A. Herrera & Co., LLC (GAH), financial advisors, who prepared fairness opinions for some of counsel's other clients. GAH prepared a fairness opinion without meeting with the management of SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS/MBS or Brantley Partners affiliates.

*Settlement with Finder*

SurgiCare and Mr. Krzyzanowski originally disputed the amount of money owed to Mr. Krzyzanowski for introducing SurgiCare to Brantley IV. On May 27, 2004, SurgiCare and Mr. Krzyzanowski entered into a settlement agreement which included a full and final release from Mr. Krzyzanowski in exchange for a payment of \$18,000 as a finder's fee.



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*Classes of Stock to be Issued in Transactions*

Brantley IV's investment in SurgiCare was conditioned on Brantley IV receiving stock which provides for an increasing preference payment originally equal to its deemed purchase price and for a one-to-one conversion and share in distributions once this preference has been paid. The DCPS and MBS equityholders negotiated to receive shares of common stock that would participate in any future growth in the value of our company but would also have downside protection in the form of a fixed preference amount. As a result, the Class B common stock and Class C common stock are being created in order to provide the rights and preferences that the parties agreed should be accorded to Brantley IV and DCPS and MBS, respectively. The existing common stock will be reclassified as Class A common stock to differentiate it from the new classes being created.

***The Transactions***

On November 18, 2003, we entered into an agreement and plan of merger with IPS, which was amended and restated on February 9, 2004, and amended on July 16, 2004 and September 9, 2004 relating to the merger of one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries with and into IPS, with IPS as the surviving corporation. On February 9, 2004, we entered into an agreement and plan of merger with DCPS and MBS relating to the merger of one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, DCPS/ MBS Acquisition, Inc., with and into MBS with MBS as the surviving corporation and the subsequent merger of DCPS with and into MBS, with MBS as the surviving corporation. The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement was amended and restated on July 16, 2004, to provide for the acquisition of DCPS via a contribution of the equity of DCPS and its general partner to SurgiCare and then to the MBS surviving entity rather than via merger and was further amended on September 9, 2004. We will issue, in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), shares of our Class A common stock in exchange for the shares of capital stock held by IPS stockholders and shares of our newly-created Class C common stock and our Class A common stock in exchange for the shares of capital stock held by MBS stockholders and the partnership interests held by the DCPS partners and limited liability company interests in the general partner of DCPS. We will also issue shares of our Class A common stock to certain IPS debtholders in connection with the IPS Merger in exchange for contribution to SurgiCare of the IPS debt owed to such debtholders. Once the Acquisitions are completed, IPS and the new DCPS/ MBS entity will each be a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare. We are also planning to issue, pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, shares of our newly-created Class B common stock, in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, to Brantley IV for its cash payment of \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount. A portion of the cash contributed will be used by Orion to pay outstanding debt owed to Brantley IV's subsidiary by SurgiCare and IPS. As of September 2, 2004, the aggregate amount of such debt, including interest, was \$4,904,539. The Stock Subscription Agreement also provides Brantley IV the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million from time to time after the closing of the Transactions, subject to the approval of a majority of the unaffiliated members of the board of directors of Orion, at a price equal to the lesser of \$1.25 per share or 70% of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the Class A common stock for the twenty trading days preceding the closing of such investment.

**Material Contacts and Transactions**

Other than with respect to the transactions described in this proxy statement, neither we nor any of our subsidiaries is party, nor has been party during the prior two years, to any negotiations, transactions or material contact with IPS, DCPS, MBS or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates concerning any merger, consolidation, acquisition, tender offer for or other acquisition of any class of IPS's or DCPS/ MBS's securities, election of directors of IPS or MBS or managers of DCPS or sale or other transfer of a material amount of assets of IPS, DCPS or MBS.

**SurgiCare's Reasons for the Transactions**

In reaching its decision to approve the Transactions, our board of directors consulted with management, as well as with our financial advisors, independent accountants and legal advisors. The board has determined that the terms of the equity financing, the other Transactions and the other actions proposed in this proxy statement

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are in the best interest of SurgiCare and its stockholders. In the board's view, the Transactions serve SurgiCare's strategic goals of enhancing its practice management capabilities for physicians and combining businesses that are complementary to its existing operations. The pro forma revenues for the combined entities for the year ended December 31, 2003, is approximately \$41.7 million. The combined entities will have a pro forma net loss of approximately \$9.2 million, for the year ended December 31, 2003. See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements. The resulting, significantly larger company will be better equipped to achieve additional growth in its core businesses and to expand into new areas of outpatient healthcare delivery, including through future acquisitions. This integrated healthcare services delivery model will focus on serving the needs of the healthcare providers who utilize our services and their clients and on better enabling them to meet the demands of the outpatient marketplace. Orion will also continue to supply IPS's, DCPS's and MBS's physician and practice management services and tools to their existing users and will seek to expand its client base for these services.

The board believed that current cash and cash equivalents would be insufficient to continue to fund our operations. The board concluded that if we do not complete the equity financing and the other Transactions, we will not be able to obtain the capital needed to fund our business plan and operations from other sources. The equity financing will allow us to address our liquidity issues, support our working capital requirements, strengthen our balance sheet and support our strategic goals and our business plan for Orion. The equity financing will provide needed cash for operations. We believe that, after the equity financing, we will have sufficient cash to fund operations for approximately twelve months from the closing of the Transactions. We still expect to have a working capital deficit of approximately \$1 million. In connection with the Transactions, however, the combined current liabilities of IPS and SurgiCare will be reduced by more than \$8.8 million as a result of contribution and subsequent cancellation of debt owed to Brantley Partners affiliates, and payment of debt owed to Brantley Partners affiliates with cash received in the Transactions. In addition, we are required, and expect, to refinance the remaining existing debt of SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS, and MBS prior to the consummation of the Transactions, which will also improve working capital. The Transactions significantly decrease the current stockholders' overall equity in our company and effect a change of control. However, the board believed that the necessity of obtaining capital to fund the business plan and the advantages to be gained from expanding SurgiCare's business through the proposed acquisitions outweighed the dilution to current common stockholders that will occur because of the issuance of new equity in the Transactions. IPS and SurgiCare completed negotiations with DVI Business Credit Corp. and DVI Financial Services, Inc. (DVI) which resulted in a decrease of their combined debt of approximately \$10.1 million to a combined principal amount of approximately \$6.5 million including a buy-out of the revolving lines of credit. As part of that agreement, the companies have executed restated loan agreements with U.S. Bank Portfolio Services (USBPS), as servicer for payees, for payment of the revolving line of credit and renegotiated the term loan amounts. Under the terms of the restated loan agreements, as of the closing date of the Transactions the Companies will pay the sum of \$2 million in cash to USBPS, as servicer for DVI BC and issue a promissory note in the original principal amount of \$750,000 to USBPS, in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various revolving lines of credit previously held by DVI BC. The \$750,000 promissory note will be payable in two installments, with the first such installment of \$500,000 plus accrued interest payable on the date which is 12 months after the closing of the Transactions, and the second installment of \$250,000 plus accrued interest payable on the date which is 18 months after the closing of the Transactions. Additionally, the restated loan agreement for the existing term loans previously held by DVI FS requires the Companies to issue, as of the closing date of the Transactions, a promissory note in the original principal amount of \$3,750,144 to USBPS, as servicer for DVI FS, in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various term loans previously held by DVI FS. The term loan promissory note is a non-interest bearing note and the principal balance is payable in monthly installments of \$2,500 for the first 24 months in \$2,500, monthly installments of \$45,628 for the following 48 months, and a final payment of \$1,500,000 due on the sixth anniversary of the closing of the Transactions. The restated loan agreements expired on August 15, 2004, and the Companies are currently negotiating the terms of extensions of both restated loan agreements with the lenders. As a part of the restructuring of the DVI loan facilities, the companies have signed a term sheet for a new revolving line of credit, which will be used to pay off the DVI revolving line of credit. The requirement that we refinance the revolving line of credit is not

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expected to substantially impede or delay our ability to consummate the Transactions as contemplated in this proxy statement. We expect that the refinancing will take the form of bank or other financial institution loans and will not involve the issuance of additional equity securities or have any dilutive effect on existing stockholders; however, we cannot be sure what the ultimate amount or terms of the refinancing will be.

The SurgiCare board generally considered that the Transactions would result in a reduction of the existing common stockholders' equity interest in the reorganized company to about 25% of the total outstanding equity and the potential dilutive effect of the Class B and Class C common stock. They did not consider the ramifications of being designated a controlled company under the AMEX rules. However, in light of SurgiCare's financial needs at this time, the dilutive effect on current stockholders is outweighed by the additional working capital and business possibilities provided by the Transactions. Further, there were no other definitive offers for similar business transactions or other financing from any parties other than the Brantley Partners affiliates.

The board of directors received a written opinion from GAH, that, as of November 18, 2003, the Transactions as described in such written opinion, are fair to the SurgiCare stockholders from a financial standpoint. Because certain terms of the Transactions had changed since GAH issued its opinion, on February 12, 2004, GAH provided a supplement to its written opinion indicating that such changes were of no material consequence. SurgiCare did not request GAH to give a fairness opinion regarding the amendments made to the Transaction Documents, dated July 16, 2004. Those amendments reflect the increase in the amount of Class C common stock to be issued to DCPS and MBS equityholders and an increased investment by Brantley IV. The equityholders of DCPS and MBS will receive 363,638 additional shares of Class C common stock if the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock (based on the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) is less than \$0.70, otherwise, the owners of DCPS and MBS will receive 421,819 additional shares of Class C common stock. Those amendments also reflect the right of Brantley IV to receive the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million from time to time after the closing of the Transactions, subject to the approval of a majority of the unaffiliated members of the board of directors of Orion, at a price equal to the lesser of \$1.25 per share or 70% of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the Class A common stock for the twenty trading days preceding the date of the closing of such investment. Pursuant to the amendment to the Stock Subscription Agreement, Brantley IV's initial investment amount was increased by \$2.72 million, for which 2,176,000 additional shares of Class B common stock will be issued to Brantley IV upon the closing of the Transactions. SurgiCare also did not request GAH to give a fairness opinion regarding the amendments to the IPS Merger Agreement and DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement dated September 9, 2004, since such amendments did not affect economic terms of the mergers. See "Opinion of SurgiCare's Financial Advisor" below. Copies of the opinion and supplement are attached hereto as Annex D. GAH did not consider the Transactions independently, but rather, considered the Transactions taken as a whole. GAH charged \$22,884 for its fairness opinion and supplement, of which \$20,427 has been paid. GAH will also be paid to prepare the purchase price allocation. That service will be billed on an hourly basis. To date, GAH has billed SurgiCare for \$30,742 and has been paid \$16,323, for services relating to the purchase price allocation. Payments to GAH are not dependent upon the Transactions closing.

The discussion above describes the material information and factors considered by our board in its review of the Acquisitions. Members of our board of directors evaluated these factors in light of their knowledge of our business and the industry in which we operate and their business judgment. In view of the wide variety of factors considered, our board did not find it practicable to, and did not, make specific assessments of, quantify or otherwise attempt to assign relative weights to the specific factors considered in reaching its determination. The determination to approve the Acquisitions was made after consideration of all of the factors as a whole. In addition, individual members of our board may have given different weight to different factors.

**Opinion of SurgiCare's Financial Advisor**

GAH is a Houston based private financial advisory and consulting firm with proven expertise in merger and acquisition advisory services, debt and equity placements, valuations, fairness opinions, impairment studies and expert testimony. GAH has completed numerous fairness opinions for public and private transactions. GAH's active participation in the valuation field and specific healthcare industry expertise provides GAH with extensive

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knowledge with respect to valuation theory and Internal Revenue Service rulings and guidelines which are significant factors in the determination of fairness opinions. Requests for bids were submitted to three investment banking firms, and GAH was selected based upon its ability to meet the necessary time frames and its fees. There have been no other material relationships and none are contemplated between SurgiCare (or its affiliates) and GAH (or any of its affiliates).

GAH opined on the consideration that will be paid in the Transactions. GAH's fairness opinion is included with this proxy statement as Annex D. GAH prepared its fairness opinion on November 17, 2003 to evaluate the fairness, from a financial standpoint, of the recapitalization of SurgiCare in conjunction with the proposed investment by Brantley Partners and mergers with DCPS/MBS and IPS. That opinion did not undertake a valuation in the traditional sense, but rather utilized a fair market value standard, as set forth in Internal Revenue Service Revenue Ruling, Number 59-60 for purposes of determining the fairness of the proposed recapitalization to SurgiCare's stockholders. That Revenue Ruling provides guidance in determining fair market value of companies. GAH was not involved in recommending the amount of consideration. In arriving at its opinion, GAH considered available financial data as well as other relevant business and industry factors listed in Revenue Ruling 59-60, including, the following:

the nature and history of the business;

the economic outlook in general and the current condition and prospects for SurgiCare's business;

the total stockholders' equity, liquidity and financial condition of SurgiCare;

the historical and future earning capacity of SurgiCare;

the dividend paying capacity of SurgiCare;

SurgiCare's goodwill or other intangible value;

relevant sales of SurgiCare stock and the economic impact of the Transactions; and

the market price of public companies engaged in the same or similar lines of business as SurgiCare.

GAH supplemented its original fairness opinion on February 12, 2004 to include a review of additional factors in the proposed transactions, including bridge loans made by Brantley Partners, exchange rates used in the calculations of stock prices, new proposed classes of stock, and the dilutive effect thereof on the SurgiCare stockholders. In that supplemental report, GAH determined there was no material effect to the SurgiCare stockholders. On July 10, 2004, GAH prepared an analysis of intangible assets and allocations of purchase price for the proposed transactions as of March 31, 2004. In their analysis, GAH utilized traditional valuation methodologies as further discussed herein.

As the basis for its fairness opinion GAH completed an analysis of the Transactions by using an income approach, a comparable public company approach and a comparable private transaction approach. For purposes of performing the public company methodology, GAH developed a list of approximately 30 companies offering various medical services. GAH further narrowed the preliminary list by choosing companies that, in its professional opinion, have similar ambulatory surgical services, numbers of centers, practices and earnings.

The income approach utilized a discounted cash flow analysis based on management financial projections over a three-year time horizon utilizing a weighted average cost of capital of 17.40%. GAH used a terminal growth rate of 2.8% per annum for SurgiCare, and a 3.5% rate for Orion in preparing its valuations.

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The comparable public company approach valued SurgiCare on trailing twelve months ( TTM ) multiples of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ) and of revenue against the range of multiples of five comparable public companies. The comparison multiples for these companies follow:

Company	EBITDA	TTM Multiple Revenue
Dynacq International (Symbol DYII)	6.5	3.7
AmSurg Corp. (AMSG)	6.9	3.1
U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. (USPH)	7.5	1.7
United Surgical Partners International, Inc. (USPI)	10.1	3.4
MedCath Corporation (MDTH)	6.2	0.9
	<b>2004 EBITDA</b>	<b>TTM Revenue</b>
SurgiCare	0.7	11.6

GAH selected comparable transactions based upon available information on transaction size. Due to public disclosure requirements, information about transactions involving publicly traded companies is more readily available than that of privately held companies. However there were no transactions identified that were completed in reasonably close proximity involving publicly traded companies which were comparable to the Transactions. Therefore, GAH searched for information regarding transactions involving privately held entities. The search criteria was based on medical service companies of a similar size, and produced approximately 20 that were completed between January 2000 and October 2003. While no specific size parameters were imposed, GAH narrowed the list by selecting transactions that involved a surgical facility or an operator of surgical centers or related medical services. GAH ultimately chose four transactions that had trailing 12 month EBITDA of less than \$15 million, including one transaction with \$141 million in trailing 12 month revenue, which were deemed to be the closest match to SurgiCare's proposed recapitalization from a size and business model standpoint. The comparable transaction approach valued SurgiCare on TTM multiples of EBITDA and revenue against the range of multiples of four recent comparable private transactions:

Seller	Purchaser	EBITDA	TTM Multiple Revenue
CDL Medical Technologies, Inc.	In Sight Health Services, Corp.	6.2	3.1
Surgicoe Corp.	United Surgical Partners International, Inc.	NA	2.5
National HealthCare Resources, Inc.	Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe	18.9	0.9
US Medical Group, Inc.	Private Group led by Winters Langley and Thompson	3.6	1.5
		<b>2004 EBITDA</b>	<b>TTM Revenue</b>
SurgiCare		0.7	11.6

After determining a business enterprise value under each of the three methodologies, the debt was then subtracted from that amount to determine the net equity value for the SurgiCare stockholders. The valuations of SurgiCare under each of the methodologies in which SurgiCare did not complete the Transaction resulted in a negative net equity value for the SurgiCare stockholders in an amount ranging from \$3,700,000 to \$5,000,000. The value of the SurgiCare stockholders under the Transaction as valued on a discounted cash flow method yielded a value of nearly \$3,000,000. GAH's opinion, as of the date of the report, was that the terms and conditions of the Transactions are fair to the stockholders from a financial standpoint. GAH did not opine as to each of the mergers and equity financing independently, rather they reviewed the transactions as a whole.

The approaches and methodologies used by GAH in preparing the opinion did not comprise an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the fair presentation of financial statements or other

financial information presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. GAH expressed no opinion and accepted no responsibility for the

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accuracy and completeness of the financial information or other data provided to GAH by SurgiCare. GAH assumed that the financial and other information provided to GAH was accurate and complete, and GAH relied upon this information in performing their valuation for purposes of our engagement of GAH.

GAH did not make an independent valuation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities of SurgiCare and was not furnished with any such evaluation or appraisal. For purposes of this engagement and report, GAH made no investigation of, and assumed no responsibility for, the titles to, or any liens against, the assets of SurgiCare or the Transactions. Neither did GAH attempt to determine what the Transactions or the shares of SurgiCare might have sold for in the public or private market or account for the costs that might have been incurred if shares of SurgiCare had been sold. GAH assumed there were no hidden or unexpected conditions associated with SurgiCare or the Transactions that would adversely affect the Transactions or the opinion prepared by GAH.

GAH did not perform any valuation work for IPS, DCPS, or MBS, and our board did not receive independent advice on whether the price to be paid for these companies was fair to SurgiCare and its stockholders. In making its determination that the price to be paid for these companies is fair to SurgiCare and its stockholders, the directors considered the reports they had received from management as well as presentations from Brantley Partners regarding the company's own financing alternatives and needs, and the opportunities presented by the acquisition of these companies together with the expected infusion of capital from Brantley IV. SurgiCare's board of directors considered, and decided to pursue the proposed transactions based on the impact that the transactions had on both (i) the economic impact to the SurgiCare stockholders and (ii) the long term viability of the Orion business plan. The directors based their recommendation that the stockholders approve the proposed transactions on their assessment that the proposed mergers were negotiated at arms length between the parties and represented what a willing buyer would pay and a willing seller would accept for the three merger candidates as a whole, including the additional investment by Brantley IV.

GAH charged \$22,884 for its fairness opinion and supplement, of which \$20,427 has been paid. GAH will also be paid to prepare the purchase price allocation. That service will be billed on an hourly basis. To date, GAH has billed SurgiCare for \$30,742 and has been paid \$16,323, for services relating to the purchase price allocation. Payment to GAH is not dependent on the Transactions being consummated.

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

Except as disclosed below, none of SurgiCare's directors or executive officers, nominees for directors or any proposed directors or directors or executive officers of Orion or its subsidiaries has any substantial interest, direct or indirect, by security holdings or otherwise in the Transactions. We do not, however, believe that any of these interests presents a material conflict of interest.

Some of SurgiCare's executive officers, directors, and proposed directors and executive officers of Orion or its subsidiaries have interests in the Transactions that are different from, or are in addition to, your interests. Certain officers of SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS and MBS will enter into employment contracts with Orion and therefore may have a special interest in completing the Transactions. Their arrangements follow:

Keith G. LeBlanc, the current Chief Executive Officer of SurgiCare, will continue to run the SurgiCare business of Orion. He will enter into an employment agreement with Orion and will become president of Orion, reporting to its board of directors. He has been nominated for election to the Orion board of directors. As of September 2, 2004 and prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, he owned 80,000 shares (0.3% of our outstanding common stock, including treasury stock). The total number of shares beneficially owned by Mr. LeBlanc prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, including shares issuable upon exercise of unexercised warrants on or prior to November 1, 2004 and the 8,750,000 shares of our common stock to be issued to our Series AA preferred stockholder for which Mr. LeBlanc holds an irrevocable proxy in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer is 11,235,862 shares, or 28.0% of the outstanding shares of common stock (including treasury stock), shares issuable upon the exercise of such warrants, and the shares of common stock subject to the proxy. Mr. LeBlanc's warrants have an exercise price of \$0.32 with the exception of 40,000 warrants which have an exercise price of \$0.45. These holdings would convert to approximately 1,123,586 shares of Class A common stock, which

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is approximately 4.4% of the Fully Diluted Orion Shares. Simultaneously with the execution of the new employment agreement, Mr. LeBlanc will terminate his existing employment agreement with SurgiCare.

Terrence L. Bauer, the current President and Chief Executive Officer of IPS, will continue to run the IPS business of Orion. He will enter into an employment agreement with Orion and will become Chief Executive Officer of Orion, reporting to its board of directors. He has been nominated for election to the Orion board of directors. As of September 2, 2004, he owned 200,000 shares (7.1%) of IPS's common stock, which would convert to approximately 13,110 shares of Class A common stock, which is approximately 0.1% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares.

Stephen H. Murdock, the current Chief Financial Officer of IPS, will enter into an employment agreement to become Chief Financial Officer of Orion.

Dennis Cain, the current President of DCPS, will enter into an employment agreement to become the Chief Executive Officer of DCPS/ MBS. Pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, he may have the authority to appoint a member to any advisory board established by the Orion board of directors. As of September 2, 2004, he and his wife together owned, directly and indirectly, 100% of the total partnership interests in DCPS. All of the partnership interests would convert to approximately 787,880 shares of Class C common stock, subject to retroactive adjustment, which together with the 75,758 shares of Class A common stock to be issued at the direction of Mr. Cain or Mr. Smith is, on an as-converted basis, approximately 3.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares.

Tom M. Smith, the current President of MBS, will enter into an employment agreement to become the President and Chief Operating Officer of DCPS/ MBS. Pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, he may have the authority to appoint a member to any advisory board established by the Orion board of directors. As of September 2, 2004, he owned 890 shares (89%), and has an option to buy another 10 shares (1%), of MBS's common stock, which together, assuming exercise of the option, would convert to approximately 709,092 shares of Class C common stock, subject to retroactive adjustment, which together with the 75,758 shares of Class A common stock to be issued at the direction of Mr. Cain or Mr. Smith, is on an as-converted basis, approximately 3.1% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares, assuming that the fair market value of the SurgiCare common stock (based on the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) is less than \$0.70. If the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock (based on the same calculation) is equal to or greater than \$0.70, such holding would convert to approximately 936,000 shares of Class C common stock, subject to retroactive adjustment, which together with the 75,758 shares of Class A common stock to be issued at the direction of Mr. Cain or Mr. Smith would be, on an as-converted basis, approximately 3.9% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as adjusted for the number of additional shares issuable pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement if the fair market value is equal to or greater than \$0.70).

Orion will enter into agreements to employ Messrs. LeBlanc, Bauer, Murdock, Cain and Smith in the capacities described above. The Form of Employment Agreement is attached as Annex E to this Proxy Statement. The initial term of each agreement is five years. The agreements provide that Orion may pay bonuses to the executives upon the attainment of objectives determined by the board of directors. By entering into these employment agreements, the executives will agree not to disclose confidential information or engage in an activity that interferes with Orion until the second anniversary of (i) the end of the executive's employment agreement or (ii) termination of the executive's employment ( Non-Competition Period ). If an executive's employment is terminated without cause, the agreements provide for continuation of the executive's base salary until the expiration of the Non-Competition Period and a minimum bonus of 50% of the average of the bonus payments made to the executive in the two years immediately preceding the termination. All options would also vest at that time. Orion's base annual salary commitments under the employment agreements are as follows: \$240,000 to each of Keith G. LeBlanc and Terrence L. Bauer; and, \$175,000 to each of Stephen H. Murdock, Dennis Cain and Tom M. Smith.

The proposed salary described above for Mr. LeBlanc represents a decrease from the \$298,000 annual salary to which he is entitled under his current employment agreement with SurgiCare, although it represents an



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increase from the \$188,942 that he actually received in 2003. See Proposal Ten Election of Directors Executive Compensation, page 171. Mr. LeBlanc's current employment agreement with SurgiCare also entitles him to two years' severance pay if he is terminated without cause or in the event of a change of control of SurgiCare, which would include the ownership change contemplated by the Transactions. In contrast, the severance provisions in the form of the Orion employment agreement for executives, described above, require only that salary be continued during the Non-Competition Period. Mr. LeBlanc will give up his right to severance payments from SurgiCare as part of his employment agreement with Orion. Under the terms of both his existing SurgiCare agreement and the proposed form of the Orion employment agreement, Mr. LeBlanc will be entitled to benefits comparable to those paid to other executives.

The aggregate number of shares of common stock owned by Directors, Officers and their affiliates as of September 2, 2004 is 3,642,591 shares (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) representing 12.6% of our outstanding common stock (including treasury stock). The total number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by such persons, including shares issuable upon exercise of unexercised warrants on or prior to October 9, 2004 and shares subject to proxies would total 14,730,857 shares (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split), or 36.8% of our outstanding common stock (including treasury stock) and the shares issuable upon exercise of such warrants and subject to such proxies.

SurgiCare is seeking approval to issue to Bruce Miller, Michael A. Mineo, Sherman Nagler and Jeffrey J. Penso, its current directors, as compensation for their services as directors of SurgiCare, warrants to purchase 25,000 shares (100,000 shares total) of Class A common stock, which collectively represent approximately 0.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares as adjusted to reflect the exercise of such warrants) upon the consummation of the Transactions. See Proposal Twelve Approval of Warrant Issuances to the Directors. These warrants are being issued separately and not pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan.

Paul H. Cascio and Michael J. Finn, each of whom is a nominee to become a director of Orion, are affiliated with Brantley Partners, a private equity firm with offices in Ohio and California. Since the firm's inception in 1987, it has been a lead investor in over 40 privately held companies in a variety of manufacturing, technology and service industries throughout the United States. Brantley Partners and its affiliates have approximately \$300 million of committed capital under management.

Mr. Cascio and Mr. Finn are general partners of the general partner of Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley IV and limited partners of those funds. Mr. Cascio is director, vice president, secretary and a stockholder of Brantley Capital, and vice president and secretary of Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C. Mr. Finn is the president and a stockholder of Brantley Capital and a manager and co-owner of Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C. Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C. serves as investment adviser for, and receives advisory fees from, Brantley Capital. Brantley Management Company, whose principals include principals of Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C., acts as investment adviser for, and receives fees from, Brantley Venture Partners, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley IV.

Pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, Brantley IV will purchase 11,442,426 shares of new Class B common stock for a cash purchase price of \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount. A portion of this cash investment will be used by Orion to pay outstanding debt owed to Brantley IV's subsidiary by SurgiCare and IPS. As of September 2, 2004, the aggregate amount of such debt, including interest, was \$4,904,539. The Stock Subscription Agreement also provides that Brantley IV has the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million from time to time after the closing of the Transactions, subject to the approval of a majority of the unaffiliated members of the board of directors of Orion, at a price equal to the lesser of \$1.25 per share or 70% of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the Class A common stock for the twenty trading days preceding the date of the closing of such investment.

Brantley Capital and Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. each hold debt of IPS and are party to the Debt Exchange Agreement. Pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement, Brantley Capital and Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. are each entitled to receive Class A common stock with a fair market value (based on the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days

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immediately prior to the closing) equal to the amount owing to it under its loan to IPS in exchange for contribution of such debt to SurgiCare. Pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement, Brantley Capital is also entitled to receive Class A common stock with a fair market value (based on the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) equal to the amount of certain accrued dividends owed to it by IPS in exchange for the contribution of such indebtedness, provided that the amount of shares to be received in respect of such dividends is subject to reduction to the extent necessary to achieve the guaranteed allocation of shares of Class A common stock to the holders of IPS common stock pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement. Currently the IPS stockholders and debtholders are discussing an adjustment to the allocation of shares among IPS stockholders and debtholders involving a small number of shares. As of September 2, 2004, the aggregate amount of debt to be exchanged by the parties to the Debt Exchange Agreement was \$4,254,321, which includes accrued interest as of such date, and \$593,100 of debt in respect of accrued dividends.

Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital own an aggregate of 1,653,000 shares of the Series A-2 convertible preferred stock of IPS with a liquidation preference of approximately \$7,718,632, and will receive approximately 2,442,605 shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement. Such shares are intended to approximate the value of such liquidation preference, but are subject to reduction to the extent necessary to achieve the guaranteed allocation to IPS common stockholders described above.

The Stock Subscription Agreement contains customary closing conditions, including the requirement that SurgiCare complete additional financing, in connection with which the debt liabilities of each of IPS, DCPS, MBS and SurgiCare will be restructured, refinanced or assumed and the requirement that the closing conditions to the IPS and DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreements be satisfied.

IPS and SurgiCare completed negotiations with DVI Business Credit Corp. and DVI Financial Services, Inc. ( DVI ) which resulted in a decrease of their combined debt of approximately \$10.1 million to a combined principal amount of approximately \$6.5 million including a buy-out of the revolving lines of credit. As part of that agreement, the companies have executed restated loan agreements with U.S. Bank Portfolio Services ( USBPS ), as servicer for payees, for payment of the revolving line of credit and renegotiated the term loan amounts. Under the terms of the restated loan agreements, as of the closing date of the Transactions the Companies will pay the sum of \$2 million in cash to USBPS, as servicer for DVI BC and issue a promissory note in the original principal amount of \$750,000 to USBPS, in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various revolving lines of credit previously held by DVI BC. The \$750,000 promissory note will be payable in two installments, with the first such installment of \$500,000 plus accrued interest payable on the date which is 12 months after the closing of the Transactions, and the second installment of \$250,000 plus accrued interest payable on the date which is 18 months after the closing of the Transactions. Additionally, the restated loan agreement for the existing term loans previously held by DVI FS requires the Companies to issue, as of the closing date of the Transactions, a promissory note in the original principal amount of \$3,750,144 to USBPS, as servicer for DVI FS, in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various term loans previously held by DVI FS. The term loan promissory note is a non-interest bearing note and the principal balance is payable in monthly installments of \$2,500 for the first 24 months in \$2,500, monthly installments of \$45,628 for the following 48 months, and a final payment of \$1,500,000 due on the sixth anniversary of the closing of the Transactions. The restated loan agreement expired on August 15, 2004, and the Companies are currently negotiating the terms of extensions of both restated loan agreements with the lenders. As a part of the restructuring of the DVI loan facilities, the companies have signed a term sheet for a new revolving line of credit, which will be used to pay off the DVI revolving line of credit. The requirement that we refinance the revolving line of credit is not expected to substantially impede or delay our ability to consummate the Transactions as contemplated in this proxy statement. We expect that the refinancing will take the form of bank or other financial institution loans and will not involve the issuance of additional equity securities or have any dilutive effect on existing stockholders; however, we cannot be sure what the ultimate amount or terms of the refinancing will be.

Brantley IV will also receive the right to register Registrable Shares (as defined below) pursuant to a registration rights agreement to be executed between Orion and Brantley IV. Registrable Shares means the Class A common stock currently issued, or issued in the future, to Brantley IV and its permitted transferees

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(including shares of Class A common stock into which shares of Class B common stock or other securities of Orion are convertible) other than shares which have been sold pursuant to an effective registration statement or pursuant to a transaction under Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, Brantley IV and/or its permitted transferees, holding at least 50 percent of the Registrable Shares will have the right to request that Orion effect the registration on Form S-1 of shares of Class A common stock having an anticipated net aggregate offering price of at least \$5,000,000. Orion will not be required to effect any such registration within six months after the effective date of any such registration statement. Additionally, at any time Orion is eligible to file a registration statement on Form S-3, Brantley IV, and/or its permitted transferees, may request that Orion effect the registration on Form S-3 of Registrable Shares having an anticipated net aggregate offering price of at least \$500,000.

At any time Orion otherwise proposes to register any of its equity securities under the Securities Act, Brantley IV and/or its permitted transferees may request the registration of Registrable Shares. However, Orion will not be obligated to effect any registration of shares incidental to the registration of Orion securities in connection with a Form S-8 or a Form S-4 relating to the acquisition or merger, by Orion or Orion's subsidiaries, of or with any other business.

For one year after the date of the registration rights agreement, the IPS stockholders and certain IPS debtholders and the DCPS/ MBS equityholders may request to have the following shares included in registrations pursuant to which Brantley IV and its permitted transferees are registering shares: (i) the shares of Class A common stock issued to the IPS stockholders pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement or to the IPS debtholders pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement; and, (ii) the shares of Class A common stock issued to the DCPS/ MBS equityholders pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement (including shares issuable upon conversion of Class C common stock).

Brantley IV will have registration rights for all of the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of its shares of Class B common stock. Initially, this will be approximately 14,606,983 shares, but, assuming everything else remains the same, the number of shares of Class A common stock as to which Brantley IV has registration rights will continually increase, since the conversion factor for the Class B common stock is designed to yield additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price from time to time outstanding less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion. Brantley IV and its permitted transferees will also have registration rights for any additional shares of Class A common stock (including Class A common stock into which other securities of Orion are convertible) issued to them. The third-party beneficiaries will have registration rights for one year with respect to an aggregate of up to approximately 6,355,156 shares of Class A common stock. If the registration rights are exercised and the underlying shares are offered or sold, our stock price could decline.

Upon closing of the Transactions, Brantley IV will own shares of Class B common stock and Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital will own shares of Class A common stock. See The Equity Financing and The IPS Merger below. By virtue of their affiliations with Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P., Brantley IV, Brantley Capital and Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C., Messrs. Cascio and Finn may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Class B common stock to be held by Brantley IV and the shares of Class A common stock to be held by Brantley Capital and Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P., which together will initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 72.3% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares, and on an unconverted basis, approximately 71.4% of the outstanding voting power of Orion. Assuming everything else remains the same, the percentage interest of Brantley IV upon conversion will continually increase, since the conversion factor for the Class B common stock is designed to yield additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of

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conversion. Messrs. Cascio and Finn disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interests therein.

In connection with the Transactions, Brantley IV entered into an agreement on March 4, 2004 with certain of its limited partners, pursuant to which such limited partners have agreed to acquire, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, \$1 million worth of the Class B common stock which Brantley IV has agreed to purchase pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement and Brantley IV has agreed to assign to such limited partners its right to acquire such shares. To the extent such limited partners acquire such shares, Brantley IV's ownership will be decreased by the number of shares valued at \$1 million, or approximately 1,133,020 shares of Class B common stock as of September 2, 2004, which initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 4.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares.

**Regulatory Approvals**

We are not aware of any governmental approvals or actions that are required to complete the Transactions, apart from regulatory notifications and approvals that could be required by CMS or State Medicaid Offices or Departments of Health in connection with changes in control of Medicare and Medicaid providers and state licensed health care facilities. We plan to provide appropriate notifications to these regulatory agencies, seek any required governmental approval, and take any other necessary action to consummate the Transactions.

SurgiCare will file two additional listing applications with the AMEX in connection with the Transactions. One additional listing application will cover the Reverse Stock Split and reclassification of SurgiCare's common stock as Class A common stock. The second additional listing application will cover the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the Class B and C common stock or otherwise pursuant to the transactions described in this proxy statement. The Transaction Documents require that the shares of Class A common stock issuable thereunder be authorized for listing on the AMEX, subject to official notice of issuance, as a condition to closing.

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**THE IPS MERGER**

*This section of the proxy statement describes the material aspects of the proposed IPS Merger, including the IPS Merger Agreement. While we believe that the description covers the material terms of the IPS Merger, this summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read this entire proxy statement and the other documents we refer to carefully for a more complete understanding of the IPS Merger and the related transactions.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts give effect to the Reverse Stock Split described in this proxy statement. Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts and percentages are based on the assumptions described in the section Summary Term Sheet Assumptions and are therefore subject to change if such assumptions are not accurate at the time of the closing of the Acquisitions.*

**Vote Required for the IPS Merger**

Pursuant to our certificate of incorporation and applicable Delaware law, we do not require the approval of our stockholders to consummate the IPS Merger. However, we are required by our certificate of incorporation and Delaware law to obtain the approval majority of each class of our stockholders, voting as separate classes, and voting together as a single class, in order to amend and restate our certificate of incorporation. In addition, the AMEX rules require that we obtain the approval of our stockholders for the issuance of Class A common stock in connection with the IPS Merger. The Transaction Documents require that we obtain our stockholders' approval of the IPS Merger and all of the related proposals in this proxy statement (other than the proposal to issue warrants to the current members of our board of directors). The Transaction Documents specifically require that these proposals which require approval be approved by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and the outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class.

**Completion and Effectiveness of the IPS Merger**

The IPS Merger will be completed when all of the conditions to completion of the IPS Merger, as specified in the IPS Merger Agreement, are satisfied or, to the extent legally permissible, waived, including the adoption of the IPS Merger Agreement by the stockholders of IPS. The IPS Merger will become effective upon the filing of a certificate of merger with the Delaware Secretary of State.

We are working toward completing the IPS Merger as quickly as possible. We expect to complete the IPS Merger promptly after the meeting of our stockholders.

**Structure and Effect of the IPS Merger and Consideration Paid**

*Structure and Effect.* To effectuate the IPS Merger, we formed a subsidiary, IPS Acquisition, Inc., that will be merged into IPS, with IPS as the surviving corporation. Following the IPS Merger, IPS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare.

*Consideration.* When the IPS Merger is completed, and based on the assumptions used in this proxy statement, the IPS equityholders and certain IPS debtholders affiliated with Brantley IV will receive an aggregate of approximately 4,451,518 shares of Class A common stock (which will represent approximately 17.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares) in exchange for their shares of IPS common and preferred stock and contribution to SurgiCare for cancellation of all debt, including accrued interest, owed under certain notes issued by IPS having an aggregate principal amount as of September 2, 2004 of approximately \$3,256,619 and \$593,100 of debt in respect of accrued dividends. Of these shares of Class A common stock, an aggregate of approximately 3,929,461 shares (representing approximately 15.3% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares) will be issued to IPS equityholders and debtholders affiliated with Brantley IV.

**Terms of the Class A Common Stock**

The terms of the Class A common stock, including its rights and preferences, are discussed in The New Classes of Common Stock and are governed by the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

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attached as Annex L to this proxy statement. The shares of Class A common stock to be issued in the IPS merger shall be restricted securities as that term is defined in Rule 144 adopted by the SEC. Rule 144 provides an exemption for sales in compliance with the rule and generally provides that the stock must be held for more than one (1) year after issuance before it may be sold, in the market in brokered transactions, requires Orion to be current in its reporting requirements and imposes volume limitations on the amount of stock that may be sold in any three (3) month period. The holders of Class A common stock issued in the IPS merger will also have piggyback registration rights pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement as further described in The Equity Financing Registration Rights Agreement .

**Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the IPS Merger**

The following discussion briefly summarizes material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the IPS Merger that may be relevant to holders of SurgiCare common stock. It assumes that the other Transactions described herein occur in the manner described. SurgiCare obtained a legal opinion from its counsel, Strasburger & Price, LLP, regarding the material U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to SurgiCare and the holders of SurgiCare common stock resulting from the IPS Merger and the other Transactions described herein. This discussion is based upon advice we have received from Strasburger & Price, LLP regarding the currently existing provisions of the Code, existing and proposed Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) rulings and pronouncements, and judicial decisions, all in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change (possibly retroactively) at any time. This summary does not address all tax considerations that may be relevant; in particular, it does not address any tax considerations under state, local or foreign laws, or any tax considerations that may be relevant to certain stockholders in light of their particular circumstances. This summary also does not address any tax considerations that may be relevant to IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders, the owners of DCPS, Brantley IV or any of its affiliated entities, any stockholder who acquired SurgiCare common stock upon the exercise of an option or otherwise as compensation, or any optionholders, debtholders or warrant holders of any company. Finally, this summary does not address any tax consequences of the IPS Merger or of any related transactions other than as specifically set forth below.

*IPS Merger.* Neither SurgiCare nor the holders of SurgiCare common stock should recognize any taxable gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the issuance of shares of Class A common stock in exchange for the shares of IPS stock held by IPS stockholders in IPS Merger. However, see Loss Limitations below.

*Debt Exchange.* Subject to exceptions provided in the Treasury Regulations that arguably may be applicable to a portion of such debt, if the Class A common stock that is exchanged by SurgiCare for the contribution of debt owing by IPS to affiliates of Brantley IV by IPS pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement has a fair market value that is lower than the amount of the debt for which it is exchanged, IPS will recognize taxable cancellation of indebtedness income as follows:

The amount of such taxable income will generally be equal to the difference between the amount of the debt and the fair market value of the Class A common stock exchanged therefor. To the extent the debt is exchanged for Class A common stock with a fair market value equal to the amount of the debt, no cancellation of indebtedness will arise.

The debt will be exchanged for Class A common stock with a value equal to the debt for which it is exchanged using Class A Common Closing Price as the value of the Class A common stock for this purpose. The Class A Common Closing Price, which is based on the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share of the SurgiCare common stock on the AMEX for the five trading days immediately preceding the Closing Date, may differ from the actual trading price on the date of the Transactions. The actual amount of cancellation of indebtedness income will depend on the actual trading price on the date of the Transactions, as well as on certain other factors such as the tax treatment of the accrued dividends being exchanged and the amount of interest accrued and previously deducted.

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*Loss Limitations.* As a result of the IPS Merger and the other related Transactions described herein, it is expected that the use of any existing net operating losses of SurgiCare and IPS will be severely limited following the transactions.

Except as set forth in the discussion above, SurgiCare expresses no opinion as to the federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences to any party, other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders, of the IPS Merger, the MBS Merger, the DCPS Acquisition, the Debt Exchange, the Equity Financing or the Reverse Stock Split. In addition, SurgiCare expresses no opinion (i) as to whether or not the Transactions when analyzed on a combined basis, qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies or (ii) regarding any adverse tax consequences applicable to SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such that may result from a determination that the Transactions, when analyzed on a combined basis, do not qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies. If the Transactions do not qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies, the IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders and holders of DCPS interests may recognize taxable gain or loss in connection with the Transactions. Such holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of participating in the Transactions.

Furthermore, this summary does not apply to any tax considerations that may be relevant to any party to the Transactions other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such.

**Accounting Treatment of the IPS Merger**

The IPS Merger will be treated as a reverse acquisition for accounting purposes. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 requires that in a business combination effected through the issuance of shares or other equity interests, as in the case of the IPS Merger, a determination be made as to which entity is the accounting acquirer. This determination is principally based on the relative voting rights in the combined entity held by existing stockholders of each of the combining companies, the composition of the board of directors of the combined entity, and the expected composition of the executive management of the combined entity. Based on an assessment of the relevant facts and circumstances existing with respect to the IPS Merger, it has been determined that IPS will be the acquirer for accounting purposes, even though IPS will be a subsidiary of SurgiCare.

Accordingly, the IPS Merger will be treated as a reverse acquisition, meaning that the purchase price, comprised of the fair value of the outstanding shares of SurgiCare, plus applicable transaction costs, will be allocated to the fair value of SurgiCare's tangible and intangible assets and liabilities, with any excess being considered goodwill. Upon closing of the IPS Merger, IPS will be treated as the continuing reporting entity, and thus IPS's historical results will become those of the combined company. The combined company's results will include the results of both SurgiCare and IPS commencing on the date of closing of the merger. For more information, see Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements beginning on page 79 of this proxy statement.

**The IPS Merger Agreement**

We will acquire IPS by merging IPS Acquisition, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare which we refer to as the IPS merger sub, with and into IPS, with IPS as the surviving corporation. It has been determined that IPS will be the acquirer for accounting purposes, as described above in Accounting Treatment of the IPS Merger. As a consequence of the merger, IPS will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare. The following is a summary of material provisions of the IPS Merger Agreement. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the IPS Merger Agreement, which is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement. We urge you to read the full text of the IPS Merger Agreement. The transaction in which certain debtholders are receiving Class A shares in connection with the merger is governed by the Debt Exchange Agreement attached as Annex F to this proxy statement.

*Effective Time.* The IPS Merger will become effective upon the filing of a certificate of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware or such later time as may be specified in the certificate of merger. The filing of the certificate of merger will occur as soon as practicable but not later than three business days

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after the day on which all of the conditions to completion of the IPS Merger are satisfied or waived, including the required stockholder approvals, or at such other time as SurgiCare and IPS may agree in writing.

*Conversion of Securities.* Upon completion of the IPS Merger, and based upon the assumptions described above in Summary Term Sheet Assumptions, holders of IPS common stock and preferred stock and certain IPS debtholders, will receive an aggregate of approximately 4,451,518 shares of our Class A common stock (representing approximately 17.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares). The aggregate amount of shares to be received by the IPS stockholders is the amount of SurgiCare shares outstanding immediately after giving effect to the amendments to SurgiCare's charter, but prior to the closing of the Transactions, assuming cashless exercise of all in-the-money options and warrants, less the shares received by the debtholders pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement. Options and warrants will be deemed in-the-money if they have an exercise price of less than the greater of \$0.55 or the fair market value (based on the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to closing). Changes in the closing price will affect the number of SurgiCare shares deemed outstanding for purposes of this calculation and thus will affect the aggregate number of shares to be received by the IPS stockholders.

Pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement, each debtholder party thereto is entitled to receive Class A common stock with a fair market value (based on the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) equal to the aggregate amount of principal and interest owing to the debtholder under its loan to IPS, which debt will be contributed to SurgiCare for cancellation. Pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement, Brantley Capital is also entitled to receive Class A common stock with a fair market value (based on the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) equal to the amount of certain accrued dividends owed to it by IPS in exchange for the contribution of such indebtedness, provided that the amount of shares to be received in respect of such dividends may be reduced as necessary to achieve the guaranteed allocation of shares of Class A common stock to the holders of IPS common stock pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement.

At the effective time of the IPS Merger, each share of IPS common stock and preferred stock, issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the IPS Merger (other than shares as to which appraisal rights pursuant to the DGCL have been exercised), will be cancelled and automatically converted into the right to receive shares of our Class A common stock pursuant to a ratio to be calculated for each class of stock pursuant to the terms of the IPS Merger Agreement. At the effective time of the IPS Merger, each share held in treasury of IPS or any subsidiary of IPS or owned by SurgiCare or its subsidiaries immediately prior to the effective time of the IPS Merger will be cancelled and extinguished, no conversion of those shares will occur and no payment will be made for those shares.

No fractional shares will be issued in connection with the IPS Merger. Instead, each holder of shares of IPS common stock and/or preferred stock who otherwise would be entitled to a fraction of a share (after aggregating all fractional shares to be received by such holder) will receive from SurgiCare an amount of cash, without interest, equal to the product of the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock on the AMEX for the five trading days immediately preceding the closing of the IPS Merger, as adjusted to account for the Reverse Stock Split.

The shares of our Class A common stock that IPS stockholders and certain IPS debtholders will receive in connection with the IPS Merger will be issued in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws and may not be transferred until we register such shares under the Securities Act or unless the shares are transferred in a transaction not requiring registration under the Securities Act, such as a transfer pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act. The IPS stockholders and debtholders receiving shares of Class A common stock will be third-party beneficiaries to the registration rights agreement between Orion and Brantley IV. Until the first anniversary of the date of the registration rights agreement, the IPS stockholders and debtholders will be permitted to cause Orion to add their shares of Class A common stock to a registration statement on which Brantley IV's shares are being registered. A form of the registration rights agreement is attached hereto as Annex G.



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*Exchange Agent.* As soon as practicable after the effective time of the IPS Merger (but in any event within five business days), Registrar and Transfer Company, or another bank or trust company designated by SurgiCare and reasonably satisfactory to IPS, in its capacity as exchange agent, will send a transmittal letter to each former IPS stockholder. The transmittal letter will be accompanied by instructions on how to obtain shares of SurgiCare common stock in exchange for shares of IPS common stock and/or preferred stock. IPS stockholders should not send their certificates until they receive the transmittal materials from the exchange agent.

*IPS Stock Options and Warrants.* In connection with the IPS Merger, the exercisability of all outstanding IPS stock options under the IPS 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan will be accelerated. Immediately following the effective time, all such outstanding IPS stock options not exercised prior to the effective time of the IPS Merger will be cancelled without payment of any consideration.

IPS has issued warrants to purchase 150,000 shares of its Series C preferred stock to Bank Austria Creditanstalt Corporate Finance, Inc. ( Bank Austria ). Bank Austria will receive warrants to purchase the number of shares of SurgiCare Class A common stock that Bank Austria would have been entitled to receive if it had exercised its warrants immediately prior to the effective time, which number, based on the assumptions described above in Summary Term Sheet Assumptions will equal approximately 9,833 shares of Class A common stock.

Warrants to purchase 100,000 shares of IPS common stock held by Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley are required to be terminated without consideration as a condition to the closing of the IPS Merger.

*Appraisal Rights.* Under Delaware law, holders of shares of IPS common stock and preferred stock have appraisal rights.

*Conditions to Closing.* The obligations of SurgiCare and IPS to consummate the IPS Merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver (all conditions are waivable, unless otherwise indicated) of a number of conditions, including:

Obtaining all necessary approvals of the SurgiCare and IPS stockholders (this condition is not waivable);

No governmental entity or court shall have enacted, threatened, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any law, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, injunction, executive order or award that is then in effect, pending or threatened and has, or would have, the effect of making the IPS Merger illegal or otherwise prohibiting consummation of the IPS Merger or the other transactions;

Expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, which provides for advance notification of business combinations of greater than a minimum size by the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (this condition is not waivable);

Shares of Class A common stock to be issued in the IPS Merger shall have been authorized for listing on the AMEX, subject to official notice of issuance;

The DCPS/ MBS Merger shall have been consummated concurrently with the IPS Merger;

The equity financing with Brantley IV, and the debt exchange with certain affiliates of Brantley IV, described herein shall have been consummated;

The continued truthfulness and accuracy of the representations and warranties in all material respects, except that representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date shall remain true and correct in all material respects as of such date (representations or warranties that are qualified by materiality shall continue to be true and accurate in all respects) and the performance or compliance with all agreements and covenants required by the IPS Merger Agreement, and receipt from the other party of a certificate of an officer certifying to the foregoing;

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The receipt of all material governmental consents, approvals or other authorizations legally required to consummate the IPS Merger from all governmental authorities and receipt by IPS and SurgiCare of all required third party consents in respect of material contracts;

No event, circumstance, occurrence, change or effect shall have occurred since February 9, 2004 which, individually or in the aggregate, has or would materially and adversely affect, or pose a material risk of materially and adversely affecting, the business, operations, condition (financial or otherwise), assets (tangible or intangible), results of operations or prospects of SurgiCare and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or IPS and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or which is reasonably likely to prevent or delay the consummation of the IPS Merger;

No action shall have been brought, be pending or have been threatened by any government entity or any person that seeks to prevent or delay the consummation of the IPS Merger or the other transactions, seeks to restrain or prohibit SurgiCare's or IPS merger subs or impose limitations on SurgiCare's or IPS merger subs ability to own or dispose of any portion of the business or assets of IPS or IPS capital stock or that would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect, or pose a material risk of materially and adversely affecting, the business, operations, condition (financial or otherwise), assets (tangible or intangible), results of operations or prospects of IPS and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or SurgiCare and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or which is reasonably likely to prevent or delay the consummation of the IPS merger;

The number of shares as to which appraisal rights pursuant to the DGCL have been exercised shall not exceed 15% of the outstanding common stock of IPS;

All directors of IPS and each IPS subsidiary shall have resigned from their positions as directors of IPS and each IPS subsidiary, except as agreed by IPS and SurgiCare;

Each of Keith G. LeBlanc, Terrence L. Bauer and Stephen H. Murdock shall have entered into an employment agreement with SurgiCare which is in full force and effect, must be employed by their respective employers immediately prior to the merger, and cannot have indicated an intention to terminate his employment, and all other employment agreements with such individuals shall have been terminated;

SurgiCare and IPS each having received a legal opinion from the counsel to the other party;

All existing registration rights of holders of IPS common and/or preferred stock shall have been terminated and SurgiCare shall have received a certificate to such effect signed by an officer of IPS;

There shall be no more than 30 holders of IPS capital stock immediately prior to the merger that (i) have not delivered to SurgiCare executed investment letters certifying as to their investor status under the securities laws or (ii) have returned investment letters indicating that they are not accredited investors;

No tender offer, exchange offer, merger or other transaction in respect of shares of capital stock or material assets of IPS or SurgiCare or their subsidiaries shall have been commenced by any person;

SurgiCare shall have delivered resignations from each director of SurgiCare and, except as agreed by SurgiCare and IPS, each SurgiCare subsidiary; and the Orion board shall consist of Terrence L. Bauer, Keith G. LeBlanc, two individuals designated by Brantley IV, and three outside directors reasonably satisfactory to IPS (Messrs. Crane, McIntosh and Valley are satisfactory to IPS), and the officers of SurgiCare shall be Mr. Bauer as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. LeBlanc as President, and Stephen H. Murdock as Chief Financial Officer;

The capital structure of each SurgiCare subsidiary shall have been resyndicated in a manner satisfactory to IPS;

SurgiCare shall have amended and restated its certificate of incorporation and by-laws; and

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All shares of SurgiCare Series AA preferred stock shall have been redeemed or converted into shares of SurgiCare common stock.

The Debt Exchange Agreement and the Stock Subscription Agreement require that the conditions to closing of the IPS Merger Agreement have been satisfied.

*Representations and Warranties.* SurgiCare and the IPS merger sub, on the one hand, and IPS, on the other hand, made mutual representations and warranties in the IPS Merger Agreement regarding the following:

corporate organization, good standing and qualification of each of the companies and their subsidiaries;

validity and effectiveness of charter and by laws of each of the companies and their subsidiaries;

capitalization of the companies and their subsidiaries;

authority to enter into the IPS Merger Agreement;

absence of conflicts between the IPS Merger Agreement, the IPS Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the IPS Merger Agreement, on the one hand, and other contractual and legal obligations of the companies, on the other hand;

requirement of consents, approvals, licenses, permits, orders, filings or other authorizations to enter into the IPS Merger Agreement and consummate the IPS Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the IPS Merger Agreement;

possession of authorizations, licenses, permits, certificates, approvals and orders of any government or other authority thereof, or any body exercising any other authority necessary or advisable for each of the companies and their subsidiaries to own, lease and operate their properties and to carry on their business as currently conducted;

compliance with applicable laws;

absence of undisclosed liabilities;

absence of certain changes or events since December 31, 2002;

absence of material litigation;

employee benefit matters;

material contracts;

environmental matters;

title to properties and absence of liens and encumbrances;

intellectual property;

taxes;

insurance;

opinion of financial advisor;

use of brokers;

labor matters;

transactions with affiliates;

absence of stockholder rights agreements; and

absence of unlawful or prohibited payments.

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In addition to the mutual representations, SurgiCare also made representations and warranties in the IPS Merger Agreement regarding the following:

compliance with all applicable SEC filing requirements and accuracy and completeness of SEC filings;

effectiveness of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement; and

validity of the offering.

None of the representations and warranties contained in the IPS Merger Agreement survives the closing of the IPS Merger.

*Conduct of Business Prior to Closing.* Each of SurgiCare and IPS has agreed on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, between the execution of the IPS Merger Agreement and the effective time of the IPS Merger, to:

conduct its businesses and the business of its subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and in a manner consistent with past practice; and

use its reasonable best efforts to preserve substantially intact its business organization and goodwill and to keep available the services of its (and its subsidiaries ) current officers, employees and consultants and to preserve its (and its subsidiaries ) current relationships with customers, suppliers, licensors, licensees and other persons with which it and its subsidiaries have significant business relations.

Each of SurgiCare and IPS has also agreed that, except as contemplated by the IPS Merger Agreement, and subject to certain other exceptions, prior to the effective time of the IPS Merger, without the prior written agreement of the other party, it shall neither do any of the following nor permit its subsidiaries to do any of the following:

Amend or otherwise change its charter or bylaws;

Issue, sell, pledge, dispose of, or authorize for issuance, sale, pledge or disposal, equity securities or equity equivalent securities, except for the issuance of common stock upon the exercise of options and warrants outstanding as of the date of the IPS Merger Agreement;

Authorize, declare or set aside any dividend payments or other distribution with respect to any of its stock;

Reclassify, combine, split, subdivide or redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of its stock or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, or in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock;

Acquire or agree to acquire or sell any interest in any corporation, partnership or other business or any assets constituting a business or a portion of a business;

Sell, lease, license, encumber or otherwise dispose of any of its or its subsidiaries' real property or improvements;

Incur any indebtedness for borrowed money or issue any debt securities or assume guarantee or endorse the obligations of any person, or make any loans or advances, except with a maturity of not more than one year and in a principal amount not, in the aggregate, in excess of \$100,000 or under its existing revolving credit facility in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice;

Enter into any contracts or agreement requiring payment or receipt of payment in excess of \$250,000, or modify, renew or waive any material provision of, breach or terminate any of its or its subsidiaries' existing material contracts;

Make or authorize any capital expenditures which were not disclosed to the other party in connection with the IPS Merger Agreement;

Except for the acceleration of vesting of unvested stock options and warrants outstanding on the date of the IPS Merger Agreement, waive any stock repurchase or acceleration rights, otherwise amend or

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change the terms of any options, warrants or restricted stock, or reprice options granted under its stock option plan or warrants or authorize cash payments in exchange for any options or warrants;

Increase compensation to its or its subsidiaries' officers or employees (including rights to severance or termination pay), except for increases in salaries or wages of employees other than directors, officers and key employees, in accordance with past practices and consistent with current budgets (and, in the case of SurgiCare, in the ordinary course of business, and as disclosed to IPS in connection with the IPS Merger Agreement), grant or amend any rights to severance or termination pay to, or enter into or amend any employment or severance agreement with any of its or its subsidiaries' directors, officers or employees (or, in the case of SurgiCare any person, except as required by previously existing contractual arrangements or required law) or forgive any indebtedness of any employee, or in the case of SurgiCare, enter into or amend any consulting, retirement or special pay arrangement with any person, except as required by previously existing contractual arrangements or applicable law;

Pay, discharge or satisfy any claims, liabilities or obligations (absolute, accrued, asserted or unasserted, contingent or otherwise) in excess of \$100,000 in the aggregate, other than the payment, discharge or satisfaction, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, of liabilities reflected or reserved against in its balance sheet or incurred in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practices, or cancel any indebtedness in excess of \$100,000 in the aggregate or waive any claims or rights of substantial value, or waive the benefits of, or agree to modify in any manner, any confidentiality, standstill or similar agreement to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party;

Settle any action other than any settlement that involves only the payment of damages in an immaterial amount and does not involve injunctive or equitable relief or commence any litigation or arbitration;

Make or revoke any tax election, unless required by law, adopt or change any method of tax accounting, request any ruling or similar determination, enter into any closing agreement or settle any tax liabilities or take any action with respect to the computation of taxes or the preparation of a tax return that is inconsistent with past practices;

Change its accounting principles or procedures, other than certain required changes;

Subject to certain exceptions, establish, adopt, enter into, amend or terminate any collective bargaining agreement or certain employee benefit plans, other than to the extent required by such benefit employee plans or to comply with applicable law, or, unless consistent with past practice, make any material determinations not in the ordinary course of business, under any collective bargaining, certain employee benefit plans, or take any action or accelerate any rights or benefits;

Enter into or implement any stockholder rights plan or similar anti-takeover plan or device in a manner that could prevent or delay the consummation of the IPS Merger;

Agree in writing or otherwise take any of the actions described above; or

Take any action that would reasonably be expected to cause any representation and warranty given by it (and in the case of SurgiCare, given by the IPS merger sub) that is qualified by materiality to be untrue, any representation and warranty given by it (and in the case of SurgiCare, given by the IPS merger sub) that is not qualified by materiality to be untrue in any material respect, or would reasonably be expected to result in its (and in the case of SurgiCare, the IPS merger sub's) inability to satisfy certain conditions to closing.

*No Solicitation Provision.* Each of SurgiCare and IPS has agreed not to, and not to permit any of its subsidiaries, officers, directors, or agents to, directly or indirectly through any officer, director, agent or otherwise, initiate, solicit, negotiate, engage in discussions regarding, encourage or provide confidential information to facilitate any proposal or offer to acquire (i) any material part of its or its subsidiaries' business or properties (which includes, but is not limited to any part of such business or properties constituting 10% or more of its and its subsidiaries' net revenues, net income or assets) or (ii) any of its or its subsidiaries' capital stock. Each of SurgiCare and IPS has also agreed to cease and cause to be terminated all activities, discussions or negotiations with respect to any offer or proposal with respect to any such acquisition transaction other than

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the IPS Merger described herein. SurgiCare and IPS have each agreed to notify the other party orally within 24 hours (and in writing within 48 hours), of all inquiries and proposals that it may receive relating to any of the foregoing matters, such notice to set out the terms and conditions of such contact, inquiry or proposal, the identity of the person making it and the intent of the party providing the notice to furnish information to, or enter into discussions or negotiations with such person.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the effective time of the IPS Merger, the boards of directors of each of SurgiCare and IPS is not prohibited from:

Furnishing information to, or entering into and engaging in discussions or negotiations with, any person in response to an unsolicited written proposal or offer regarding an acquisition transaction; if only to the extent that:

the board of directors determines in good faith after consultation with its independent financial advisor and legal counsel, that the acquisition proposal would (or reasonably could) constitute a superior proposal, which is defined in the IPS Merger Agreement as a bona fide acquisition proposal by a third party for all of the outstanding capital stock of the party receiving the proposal or all of the assets of that party and its subsidiaries, not subject to financing approvals and due diligence condition, which the board of directors determines in its good faith judgment (after consultation with its financial advisor) to be significantly more favorable to the stockholders of that party from a financial point of view than the IPS Merger, taking into account all terms of such acquisition proposal, and which the board of directors determines in its good faith judgment is reasonably likely to be consummated, taking into account all legal and regulatory aspects of the proposal;

the board of directors determines in good faith after consultation with its legal counsel, that the failure to take such action would constitute a breach of the fiduciary duties of the board of directors to its stockholders under applicable law; and

the board of directors receives, prior to furnishing any such information or entering into any discussions or negotiations with such person, an executed confidentiality agreement on terms no less favorable to SurgiCare or IPS, as the case may be, than the confidentiality agreement between SurgiCare and IPS.

Withholding, withdrawing, qualifying or modifying its approval or recommendation of the IPS Merger or certain related actions, or proposing publicly to do so, in a manner adverse to the other party to the merger, or endorsing, approving, recommending or submitting to the stockholders another acquisition transaction, or proposing publicly to do so, or causing the party to enter into any letter of intent or other agreement or understanding related to a potential acquisition, if after receipt of a superior proposal, it determines in good faith, after taking into account advice from independent outside legal counsel with respect to its fiduciary duties to its stockholders under applicable law, that such action is required for the board to comply with its fiduciary obligations to the stockholders of that party under applicable law, but only at a time that is after the fifth business day after the other party to the IPS Merger Agreement receives written notice from the board that it intends to take such action. The written notice must specify the material terms and conditions of the superior proposal, identify the person making such proposal and state that the board intends to take an action described above. During the five business day period, the party whose board is proposing to take such action will provide full opportunity for the other party to the IPS Merger Agreement to propose such adjustment to the terms and conditions of the IPS Merger Agreement and the IPS Merger as would enable the board to proceed with its recommendation to its stockholders without taking such action.

*Events of Termination.* The IPS Merger Agreement may be terminated and the IPS Merger abandoned at any time prior to the effective time:

By mutual written consent duly authorized by the board of directors of each of SurgiCare and IPS;

By either SurgiCare or IPS if a governmental authority has taken any final and non appealable action prohibiting the consummation of the IPS Merger (but the merger agreement cannot be terminated for

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this reason by a party whose failure to fulfill its obligations under merger agreement resulted in such action);

By either SurgiCare or IPS if the IPS Merger is not completed on or prior to October 31, 2004;

By either SurgiCare or IPS if the board of directors of the other party:

(i) withholds, withdraws, qualifies or modifies its approval or recommendation of the IPS Merger or certain related actions, or proposes publicly to do so, in a manner adverse to the other party to the merger, (ii) endorses, approves, recommends or submits to its stockholders another acquisition proposal, or proposes publicly to do so, or (iii) enters into any letter of intent, or other agreement or understanding relating to a proposed acquisition, in each case, if after receipt of a superior proposal it determines in good faith, after taking into account advice from independent outside legal counsel with respect to its fiduciary duties to its stockholders under applicable law, that such action is required for the board to comply with its fiduciary obligations to its stockholders under applicable law;

fails to recommend to its stockholders that they approve the issuance of shares of its stock in the IPS Merger or approve the IPS Merger, as the case may be, and that they give the other stockholder approvals required by the IPS Merger Agreement; or

fails to reconfirm the recommendation referred to in the foregoing bullet or fails to announce that it does not recommend any alternative acquisition to the IPS Merger, within five business days after the other party requests in writing that such recommendation be reaffirmed, or such announcement be made, as the case may be;

By either SurgiCare or IPS if the other party has breached its non-solicitation agreements contained in the IPS Merger Agreement;

By either SurgiCare or IPS if a tender offer or exchange offer for 10% or more of the outstanding shares of the other party is commenced and the board of directors of that party fails to recommend against acceptance of such tender offer or exchange offer by its stockholders;

By either SurgiCare or IPS if either SurgiCare or IPS does not receive the required stockholder approval;

By either SurgiCare or IPS if the other party (and by IPS if the IPS merger sub) breaches a representation, warranty, covenant or agreement, or if any representation or warranty by such party becomes untrue, in either case such that the relevant closing conditions, subject to the materiality thresholds contained in such closing conditions, would not be satisfied;

By either SurgiCare or IPS prior to its stockholders meeting, upon written notice to the other party of the existence of a superior proposal in respect of which its board of directors authorized it to enter a definitive agreement and the other party has not made, within five business days of receipt of notice, an offer which its board of directors determines, in good faith after consultation with its financial advisor is at least as favorable to its stockholders as the competing proposal; provided that termination will not be effective until the terminating party pays the termination fee described below;

By IPS, if a tender offer, exchange offer, merger or other transaction in respect of shares of capital stock of SurgiCare shall have been commenced by any person;

By SurgiCare, if a tender offer, exchange offer, merger or other transaction in respect of shares of capital stock of IPS shall have been commenced by any person; and

By either SurgiCare or IPS prior to its stockholders meeting, if after receipt of a superior proposal, the board of directors of such party determines in good faith, after consultation with legal counsel, that failure to (i) withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify its approval of the IPS Merger, or certain related transactions, or publicly propose to do so, (ii) endorse, approve, recommend or submit to its stockholders an acquisition proposal it has received or publicly propose to do so or (iii) enter into any letter of intent, or other agreement or understanding relating to such acquisition proposal, and that the holding of a stockholders meeting for the approval of the IPS Merger described herein, would constitute a breach of



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its fiduciary duties to its stockholders; provided that termination will not be effective until the terminating party pays the termination fee described below.

*Fees and Expenses.* In the event the IPS Merger Agreement is terminated by either party (other than by mutual written consent or as result of final and non appealable action taken by a governmental authority prohibiting the consummation of the IPS Merger or the failure to consummate the IPS Merger prior to October 31, 2004, assuming the parties amend the agreement to extend this date), then under the terms of the IPS Merger Agreement, the party responsible for triggering the underlying cause for the termination will reimburse the other party for all of its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including, without limitation, all fees and expenses of counsel, accountants, financing sources, appraisers, investment bankers, experts and consultants). Except as set forth above, each party to the IPS Merger Agreement will pay its fees and expenses.

SurgiCare is required by the Stock Subscription Agreement to reimburse Brantley IV for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and pay Brantley IV a non-refundable fee of \$3 million upon termination of the IPS Merger Agreement:

By either SurgiCare or IPS if the IPS Merger is not completed on or prior to October 31, 2004, except that the expenses are only payable if at the time of such termination, any of the conditions to the obligations of IPS to consummate the IPS Merger set forth in Section 7.03 of the IPS Merger Agreement have not been satisfied, and the fee is only payable if within 18 months of such termination SurgiCare consummates, or enters into an agreement or letter of intent with respect to (or SurgiCare's board of directors resolves to enter into such agreement or letter of intent with respect to) a Business Combination (as defined below) with any person, entity or group;

By either SurgiCare or IPS, if the required approvals of the SurgiCare stockholders are not received, except that the fee is only payable if within 18 months of such termination SurgiCare consummates, or enters into an agreement or letter of intent with respect to (or SurgiCare's board of directors resolves to enter into such agreement or letter of intent with respect to) a Business Combination with any person, entity or group;

By IPS if the board of directors of SurgiCare:

(i) withholds, withdraws, qualifies or modifies its approval or recommendation of the IPS Merger or certain related actions or proposes publicly to do so, in a manner adverse to IPS, (ii) endorses, approves, recommends or submits to its stockholders another acquisition proposal, or proposes publicly to do so, or (iii) enters into any letter of intent, or other agreement or understanding relating to a proposed acquisition, in each case, if after receipt of a superior proposal it determines in good faith, after taking into account advice from independent outside legal counsel with respect to its fiduciary duties to its stockholders under applicable law, that such action is required for the board to comply with its fiduciary obligations to its stockholders under applicable law;

fails to recommend to its stockholders that they approve the issuance of shares of its stock in the IPS Merger and that they give the other stockholder approvals required by the IPS Merger Agreement; or

fails to reconfirm the recommendation referred to in the foregoing bullet or fails to announce that it does not recommend any alternative acquisition to the IPS Merger, within five business days after IPS requests in writing that such recommendation be reaffirmed;

By IPS if SurgiCare has breached its non-solicitation agreements contained in the IPS Merger Agreement;

By IPS if a tender offer or exchange offer for 10% or more of the outstanding shares of SurgiCare is commenced and the board of directors of SurgiCare fails to recommend against acceptance of such tender offer or exchange offer by its stockholders;

By IPS if SurgiCare or the IPS merger sub breaches a representation, warranty, covenant or agreement, or if any representation or warranty by such party becomes untrue, in either case such that the relevant closing conditions, subject to the materiality thresholds contained in such closing conditions, would not be

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satisfied, except that the fee is only payable if within 18 months of such termination SurgiCare consummates, or enters into an agreement or letter of intent with respect to (or SurgiCare's board of directors resolves to enter into such agreement or letter of intent with respect to) a Business Combination with any person, entity or group;

By IPS, if a tender offer, exchange offer, merger or other transaction in respect of shares of capital stock of SurgiCare shall have been commenced by any person, except that the fee is only payable if within 18 months of such termination SurgiCare consummates, or enters into an agreement or letter of intent with respect to (or SurgiCare's board of directors resolves to enter into such agreement or letter of intent with respect to) a Business Combination with any person, entity or group;

By SurgiCare prior to its stockholders meeting, upon written notice to IPS of the existence of a superior proposal in respect of which its board of directors authorized it to enter a definitive agreement and IPS has not made, within five business days of receipt of notice, an offer which its board of directors determines, in good faith after consultation with its financial advisor is at least as favorable to its stockholders as the competing proposal; or

By SurgiCare prior to its stockholders meeting, if after receipt of a superior proposal, the board of directors of SurgiCare determines in good faith, after consultation with legal counsel, that failure to (i) withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify its approval of the IPS Merger, or certain related transactions, or publicly propose to do so, (ii) endorse, approve, recommend or submit to its stockholders an acquisition proposal it has received or publicly propose to do so or (iii) enter into any letter of intent, or other agreement or understanding relating to such acquisition proposal, and that the holding of a stockholders meeting for the approval of the IPS Merger described herein, would constitute a breach of its fiduciary duties to its stockholders.

As used above, Business Combination means (i) a merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination or similar transaction involving SurgiCare as a result of which SurgiCare's stockholders prior to such transaction cease to own at least 80% of the voting securities of the entity surviving or resulting from such transaction (or the ultimate parent entity thereof) in the proportion they owned such shares prior to such transaction, (ii) a sale, lease, exchange, transfer, public offering in respect of, or other disposition of more than 20% of the assets of SurgiCare and the SurgiCare subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in either case, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, or (iii) the acquisition, by a person, group or entity of beneficial ownership of more than 20% of SurgiCare's outstanding common stock (or in the case of any person, group or entity beneficially owning in excess of 20% of SurgiCare's common stock outstanding on February 9, 2004, the acquisition of any additional shares of SurgiCare's common stock by such person, group or entity), in either case, whether from SurgiCare or by tender or exchange offer or otherwise.

SurgiCare is also required to pay Brantley IV's out-of-pocket expenses and the non-refundable fee of \$3 million if SurgiCare breaches its obligation to issue the shares of Class B common stock pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement.

*Choice of Law.* The IPS Merger Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

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**THE DCPS/ MBS MERGER**

*This section of the proxy statement describes the material aspects of the proposed DCPS/ MBS Merger, including the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement. While we believe that the description covers the material terms of the DCPS/ MBS Merger, this summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read this entire proxy statement and the other documents we refer to carefully for a more complete understanding of the DCPS/ MBS Merger and the related transactions.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts give effect to the Reverse Stock Split described in this proxy statement. Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts and percentages are based on the assumptions described in the section Summary Term Sheet Assumptions and are therefore subject to change if such assumptions are not accurate at the time of the closing of the Acquisitions.*

**Vote Required for the DCPS/ MBS Merger**

Under our certificate of incorporation and under Delaware law, we do not require the approval of our stockholders to consummate the DCPS/ MBS Merger. However, we are required by our certificate of incorporation and Delaware law to obtain the approval majority of each class of our stockholders, voting as separate classes, and voting together as a single class, in order to amend and restate our certificate of incorporation. In addition, the AMEX rules require that we obtain the approval of our stockholders for the issuance of our common stock in connection with the IPS Merger and the DCPS/ MBS Merger. The Transaction Documents require that we obtain our stockholders' approval of the DCPS/ MBS Merger and all of the related proposals in this proxy statement, other than the proposal to issue warrants to the current members of our board of directors. The Transaction Documents specifically require that these proposals which require approval be approved by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class.

**Completion and Effectiveness of the DCPS/ MBS Merger**

The DCPS/ MBS Merger will be completed when all of the conditions to completion of the DCPS/ MBS Merger are satisfied or, to the extent legally permissible, waived, including the adoption of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement by the stockholders of IPS. The MBS merger will become effective upon the filing of the certificate of merger with the Texas Secretary of State or such later time as may be specified in the certificate of merger. The DCPS acquisition will become effective upon the closing of the contribution of the DCPS equity to SurgiCare. Immediately following the closing of the MBS merger and the DCPS acquisition, the interests in DCPS and its general partner will be transferred to MBS, and DCPS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBS.

We are working toward completing the Acquisitions as quickly as possible. We expect to complete the DCPS/ MBS Merger promptly after the meeting of our stockholders.

**Structure and Effect of the DCPS/ MBS Merger and Consideration Paid**

*Structure and Effect.* To effectuate the DCPS/ MBS Merger, we formed a subsidiary, DCPS/ MBS Acquisition, Inc., that will be merged with and into MBS, with MBS as the surviving corporation. DCPS will be acquired by the contribution of the units of limited partnership interest in DCPS to SurgiCare. The limited liability company interests of the limited liability company that is the general partner of DCPS will also be contributed to SurgiCare. Immediately following the closing of the MBS merger and the DCPS acquisition, the interests in DCPS and its general partner will be transferred to MBS. Following the Acquisitions, IPS and MBS will be wholly-owned subsidiaries of SurgiCare, and DCPS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBS.

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*MBS Merger Consideration.* When the MBS merger is completed and the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock (based on the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) is less than \$0.70, stockholders of MBS will receive:

an aggregate of \$2 million in cash, and

approximately 787,880 shares of Class C common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding stock of MBS.

Otherwise, the stockholders of MBS will receive:

an aggregate of \$1.4 million in cash, and

approximately 1,040,000 shares of Class C common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding stock of MBS.

The purchase price is subject to retroactive increase or decrease based on the financial results of the newly-formed DCPS/MBS entity in the two years following the DCPS/MBS Merger.

*DCPS Merger Consideration.* When the DCPS merger is completed, the partners of DCPS will receive:

an aggregate of \$1.5 million in cash,

subordinated promissory notes of SurgiCare in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000, and

approximately 787,880 shares of Class C common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding partnership interests of DCPS.

The purchase price is subject to retroactive increase or decrease based on the financial results of the newly-formed DCPS/MBS entity in the two years following the DCPS/MBS Merger.

***Additional Issuances, Advances and Payments***

The DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement also provides for additional issuances, advances and payments as described in The DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement Additional Issuances, Advances and Payments on page 57.

***DCPS/MBS Ownership***

Based on the assumptions in this proxy statement, including the fair market value of our common stock being less than \$0.70, and assuming receipt of the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the earn-out provisions of the DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement, the DCPS and MBS equityholders and their designees will own approximately 8.3% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. If the fair market value of our common stock is greater than or equal to \$0.70, but all other assumptions remain the same, the DCPS/MBS equityholders and their designees will own approximately 9.2% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares, as adjusted for the issuance of additional shares of Class C common stock at such fair market value.

**Terms of the Class C Common Stock**

The terms of the Class C common stock, including its rights and preferences, are discussed in The New Classes of Common Stock and are governed by the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

The shares of Class C common stock to be issued, and the shares of Class A common stock into which they are convertible, will each be restricted securities as that term is defined in Rule 144 adopted by the SEC. No market for resale of the Class C common stock to be issued is ever expected to develop. The Class A common stock into which the Class C common stock is convertible may be sold in compliance with

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Rule 144. Rule 144 provides an exemption for sales in compliance with the rule and generally provides that the stock must be held for more than one (1) year after issuance before it may be sold in the market in brokered transactions,

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requires Orion to be current in its reporting requirements, and imposes volume limitations on the amount of stock that may be sold in any three (3) month period.

**Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the DCPS/ MBS Merger**

The following discussion briefly summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the DCPS/MBS Merger that may be relevant to holders of SurgiCare common stock. It assumes that the other Transactions described herein occur in the manner described. SurgiCare obtained a legal opinion from its counsel, Strasburger & Price, LLP, regarding the material U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to SurgiCare and the holders of SurgiCare common stock resulting from the DCPS/MBS Merger and the other Transactions described herein. This discussion is based upon advice we have received from Strasburger & Price, LLP regarding the currently existing provisions of the Code, existing and proposed Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, IRS rulings and pronouncements, and judicial decisions, all in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change (possibly retroactively) at any time. This summary does not address all tax considerations that may be relevant; in particular, it does not address any tax considerations under state, local or foreign laws, or any tax considerations that may be relevant to certain stockholders in light of their particular circumstances. This summary also does not address any tax considerations that may be relevant to IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders, the owners of DCPS, Brantley IV or any of its affiliated entities, any stockholder who acquired SurgiCare common stock upon the exercise of an option or otherwise as compensation, or any optionholders, debtholders or warrant holders of any company. Finally, this summary does not address any tax consequences of the DCPS/ MBS Merger or of any related transactions other than as specifically set forth below.

*MBS Merger.* Neither SurgiCare nor holders of SurgiCare common stock should recognize any taxable gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the MBS merger. However, see Loss Limitations below.

*DCPS Acquisition.* Neither SurgiCare nor holders of SurgiCare common stock should recognize any taxable gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the DCPS acquisition. Assuming that DCPS is a validly electing S corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and is not subject to certain special rules providing for a corporate-level tax on S corporations in certain circumstances, DCPS should not be liable for unpaid corporate-level taxes arising prior to the DCPS acquisition. If, however, DCPS were not a validly electing S corporation prior to the DCPS acquisition, DCPS would be liable for corporate-level taxes on its earnings prior to the DCPS acquisition. We cannot be certain that DCPS will be a validly electing S corporation at the time of the DCPS acquisition, and if it were not a validly electing S corporation, there may be unpaid taxes for which DCPS would be liable.

*Loss Limitations.* As a result of the DCPS/ MBS Merger and the other Transactions discussed herein, it is expected that the use of any existing net operating losses of SurgiCare and MBS will be severely limited following the Transactions.

Except as set forth in the discussion above, SurgiCare expresses no opinion as to the federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences to any party, other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders, of the IPS Merger, the MBS Merger, the DCPS Acquisition, the Debt Exchange, the Equity Financing or the Reverse Stock Split. In addition, SurgiCare expresses no opinion (i) as to whether or not the Transactions when analyzed on a combined basis, qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies or (ii) regarding any adverse tax consequences applicable to SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such that may result from a determination that the Transactions, when analyzed on a combined basis, do not qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies. If the Transactions do not qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies, the IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders and holders of DCPS interests may recognize taxable gain or loss in connection with the Transactions. Such holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of participating in the Transactions.

Furthermore, this summary does not apply to any tax considerations that may be relevant to any party to the Transactions other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such. The opinion issued by SurgiCare's counsel is being furnished only to SurgiCare in connection with the IPS Merger, the

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DCPS/MBS Merger, the Debt Exchange, the Equity Financing and the Reverse Stock Split and is solely for SurgiCare's benefit in connection therewith. It may not be used or relied upon for any other purposes, and except for purposes of this proxy statement, may not be circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose without the express written consent of SurgiCare's counsel.

**Accounting Treatment of the DCPS/ MBS Merger**

SurgiCare intends to account for the DCPS/ MBS Merger as a purchase transaction for financial reporting and accounting purposes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141. After the DCPS/MBS Merger, the results of operations of DCPS/ MBS will be included in the consolidated financial statements of SurgiCare. The purchase price, which is equal to the total consideration of cash, notes and new SurgiCare Class C common stock, will be allocated based on the fair values of the DCPS/MBS assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The amount of the purchase price in excess of the fair value of the net tangible assets of DCPS/MBS acquired will be recorded as goodwill and other tangible assets. For more information, see Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements beginning on page 79 of this proxy statement.

**The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement**

We will acquire DCPS and MBS by merging DCPS/ MBS Acquisition, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare, with MBS, with MBS as the surviving corporation. DCPS will be acquired by the contribution of the units of limited partnership interest in DCPS to SurgiCare. The limited liability company interests of the limited liability company that is the general partner of DCPS will also be contributed to SurgiCare. Immediately following the closing of the MBS merger and the DCPS acquisition, the interests in DCPS and its general partner will be transferred to MBS. As a consequence of the DCPS/MBS Merger, MBS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare, and DCPS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBS. The following is a summary of material provisions of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement which is attached as Annex B to this proxy statement. We urge you to read the full text of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement.

*Effective Time.* The MBS merger will become effective upon the filing of the certificate of merger with the Texas Secretary of State or such later time as may be specified in the certificate of merger. The filing of the certificates of merger will occur as soon as practicable but not later than three business days after the day on which all of the conditions to completion of the DCPS/ MBS Merger are satisfied or waived, including the required stockholder approvals, or at such other time as SurgiCare and the DCPS/ MBS Sellers may agree in writing. The DCPS acquisition will become effective upon the closing of the contribution of the DCPS equity to SurgiCare. Immediately following the closing of the MBS merger and the DCPS acquisition, the interests in DCPS and its general partner will be transferred to MBS, and DCPS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBS.

***Conversion of Securities.***

***MBS***

At the effective time of the DCPS/ MBS Merger, all of the shares of MBS common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the DCPS/ MBS Merger will be cancelled and automatically converted into the right to receive, in the aggregate:

If the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock (based on the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) is less than \$0.70,

an aggregate of \$2 million in cash, and

787,880 shares of Class C common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding stock of MBS, subject to retroactive adjustment.

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Otherwise,

an aggregate of \$1.4 million in cash, and

1,040,000 shares of Class C common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding stock of MBS, subject to retroactive adjustment.

Shares of MBS common stock as to which appraisal rights pursuant to Texas law have been exercised will not be converted to receive the applicable merger consideration pursuant to the provisions described above, but will have the rights described below under Appraisal Rights.

At the effective time of the DCPS/ MBS Merger, each share of MBS common stock held in treasury of MBS or any subsidiary of MBS or owned by SurgiCare or its subsidiaries immediately prior to the effective time of the DCPS/ MBS Merger will be cancelled and extinguished, no conversion of those shares will occur and no payment will be made for those shares. Furthermore, each share of common stock of DCPS/ MBS Acquisition, Inc. issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the DCPS/ MBS Merger will be converted and exchanged for one share of common stock of MBS, as the surviving corporation. No fractional shares will be issued in connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger. Instead, each holder of shares of MBS common stock who otherwise would be entitled to a fraction of a share (after aggregating all fractional shares to be received by such holder) will receive from SurgiCare a number of shares of Class C common stock rounded down to the nearest whole share.

The shares of SurgiCare common stock that MBS stockholders will receive in the merger will be issued in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws and may not be transferred until we register such shares under the Securities Act or unless the shares are transferred in a transaction not requiring registration under the Securities Act, such as a transfer pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act. The MBS stockholders will be third-party beneficiaries to the registration rights agreement between Orion and Brantley IV. Until the first anniversary of the date of the registration rights agreement, the MBS stockholders will be permitted to cause Orion to add their shares of Class A common stock (received upon conversion of the shares of Class C common stock or otherwise pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement) to a registration statement on which Brantley IV's shares are being registered. A form of the registration rights agreement is attached hereto as Annex G.

*DCPS*

Upon the closing of the DCPS acquisition all partnership interests in DCPS issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the closing and all limited liability company interests in the general partner of DCPS will be contributed to SurgiCare in exchange for, in the aggregate:

an aggregate of \$1.5 million in cash;

subordinated promissory notes of SurgiCare which bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) at a rate of 8% per annum in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000, subject to retroactive adjustment (the DCPS Note ); and

787,880 shares of Orion Class C common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding partnership interests of DCPS, subject to retroactive adjustment.

The shares of SurgiCare common stock that holders of DCPS partnership interests will receive in the acquisition will be issued in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws and may not be transferred until we register such shares under the Securities Act or unless the shares are transferred in a transaction not requiring registration under the Securities Act, such as a transfer pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act. The DCPS equityholders will be third-party beneficiaries to the registration rights agreement between Orion and Brantley IV. Until the first anniversary of the date of the registration rights agreement, the DCPS equityholders will be permitted to cause Orion to add their shares of Class A common stock (received upon conversion of the Class C common stock or otherwise pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement) to a registration statement on which Brantley IV's shares are being registered. A form of the registration rights agreement is attached hereto as Annex G.



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*Exchange Procedures*

At the closing of the DCPS/ MBS Merger, certificates representing shares of Class C common stock will be exchanged for certificates representing MBS common shares, DCPS partnership interests and limited liability company interests in the general partner of DCPS as applicable.

***Additional Issuances, Advances and Payments.***

Subject to any restrictions imposed by applicable law, SurgiCare agrees to provide, upon Dennis Cain's request, a loan to the DCPS equityholders in the amount of up to \$375,000 in the event that the Transactions do not qualify as transfers to a corporation controlled by transferors under the provisions of Section 351 of the Code and an additional tax is therefore payable. Such loan will have the same interest rate and maturity date as that of the DCPS Note.

If the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock at the closing of the MBS merger (based on the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing) is less than \$0.70 and the Transactions do not qualify as transfers to a corporation controlled by transferors under the provisions of Section 351 of the Code, SurgiCare will pay Mr. Smith on April 1, 2005 an amount equal to the quotient of (a) the excess of 15% of the assumed incremental gain (as defined below) over \$435,000 divided by (b) 85%. The assumed incremental gain is the amount by which the value of the 787,880 shares of Class C common stock (based on the average of the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing as adjusted for the Reverse Stock Split) exceeds \$100,000. Mr. Smith will allocate and distribute any such payment to the MBS stockholders pro rata based on the respective federal income tax liabilities of the MBS stockholders in respect of the Class C common stock issued to the MBS stockholder upon the closing of the DCPS/ MBS Merger.

Following the closing of the MBS merger, SurgiCare agrees to issue, subject to applicable securities laws, up to 75,758 shares of Class A common stock to such persons and entities as directed by Mr. Cain or Mr. Smith, which persons may be employees or customers of DCPS/ MBS.

***Purchase Price Adjustments.***

*Clawback.* During 2004 and 2005, if the earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ) of DCPS/ MBS (prior to deduction of any management fees payable to SurgiCare, excluding extraordinary or non-recurring gains and, for 2004, amounts paid to Tom M. Smith and Dennis Cain in excess of their base salaries prior to the closing) is less than \$1.6 million (the Negotiated Amount ), annually, SurgiCare is entitled to a return of debt and stock based on the following formula:

- 1) 125% of the difference between the actual EBITDA and the Negotiated Amount is referred to as the Payback Amount with respect to each of MBS and DCPS;
- 2) The stockholders of MBS forfeit to SurgiCare a number of shares of Class C common stock which, if converted, would represent a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to (x) the Payback Amount divided by (y) 3.3. Mr. Smith, on behalf of the MBS equityholders, may elect to pay some or all of the Payback Amount in cash; and
- 3) The principal balance of the DCPS Note shall be reduced by the Payback Amount. If the Payback Amount exceeds the principal balance of the DCPS Note, SurgiCare may request that the DCPS equityholders forfeit to SurgiCare a number of shares of Class C common stock which, if converted, would represent a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to (x) the difference between the Payback Amount and the principal balance on the DCPS Note divided by (y) 3.3.

*Earn-out.* During 2004 and 2005, if the EBITDA of DCPS/ MBS (prior to deduction of any management fees payable to SurgiCare, excluding extraordinary or non-recurring gains and, for 2004, amounts paid to Tom M. Smith and Dennis Cain in excess of their base salaries prior to the closing) is greater than the Negotiated

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Amount, annually, the DCPS/ MBS equityholders will be entitled to additional cash and Class A common stock from Orion based on the following formula:

- 1) The difference between the actual EBITDA and the Negotiated Amount each year shall be called the Additional Consideration Amount.
- 2) Twenty percent (20%) of the Additional Consideration Amount shall be paid to the MBS equityholders in cash, up to a maximum of \$450,000 over the two year period.
- 3) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Additional Consideration Amount shall be paid to the DCPS equityholders in cash, up to a maximum of \$562,500 over the two year period.
- 4) The MBS equityholders shall receive a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to 80% of the Additional Consideration Amount divided by 7.5, up to a maximum of 240,000 shares over the two year period.
- 5) The DCPS equityholders shall receive a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to 20% of the Additional Consideration Amount divided by 7.5, up to a maximum of 225,000 shares over the two year period.

*Effect of Sale; Termination of Key Employees without Cause.* In the event that (a) the employment of Tom M. Smith is terminated by SurgiCare without Cause (as defined in his employment agreement) or (b) SurgiCare sells all of the capital stock, or all or substantially all of the assets, of DCPS/MBS to an unaffiliated third party (other than in connection with an acquisition of all or substantially all of SurgiCare):

- 1) On or prior to the first anniversary of the Closing Date, the MBS equityholders shall be entitled to receive the maximum earn-out amount of \$450,000 in cash and 240,000 shares of Class A common stock.
- 2) After the first anniversary of the Closing Date but on or prior to the second anniversary, the Additional Consideration Amount shall be payable to the MBS equityholders in respect to the second year of operations of DCPS/ MBS, as pro-rated for a full year based upon the EBITDA of DCPS/ MBS for such year as of the last day of the month of such termination or sale.
- 3) On or prior to the second anniversary of the Closing Date, the claw-back provisions under the letter of intent as described above shall terminate with respect to the MBS equityholders, provided that no such termination of the claw-back provisions shall require SurgiCare to return any amount already forfeited in accordance with same.

In the event that (a) the employment of Dennis Cain is terminated by SurgiCare without Cause (as defined in his employment agreement) or (b) SurgiCare sells all of the capital stock, or all or substantially all of the assets, of DCPS/ MBS to an unaffiliated third party (other than in connection with an acquisition of all or substantially all of SurgiCare):

- 1) On or prior to the first anniversary of the Closing Date, the DCPS equityholders shall be entitled to receive the maximum earn-out amount of \$562,500 in cash and 225,000 shares of Class A common stock.
- 2) After the first anniversary of the Closing Date but on or prior to the second anniversary, the Additional Consideration Amount shall be payable to the DCPS equityholders in respect to the second year of operations of DCPS/ MBS, as pro-rated for a full year based upon the EBITDA of DCPS/ MBS for such year as of the last day of the month of such termination or sale.
- 3) On or prior to the second anniversary of the Closing Date, the claw-back provisions under the letter of intent as described above shall terminate with respect to the DCPS equityholders, provided that no such termination of the claw-back provisions shall require SurgiCare to return any amount already forfeited in accordance with same.

*Certain Additional Terms of the Merger.* In the event that, during the earn-out period, DCPS/ MBS performs billing and collection, contracting and/or management services for SurgiCare, SurgiCare agrees to pay DCPS/ MBS a rate 10% greater than the minimal amount needed to cover all costs associated with such services. SurgiCare also agrees to assist DCPS/ MBS in the development and marketing of a surgery center

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division of the company. In addition, during the earn-out period, SurgiCare agrees that it will not purchase any medical billing services provided by DCPS/ MBS from any person other than DCPS/ MBS at a rate equal to or higher than the rate provided by DCPS/ MBS. If, during the earn-out period, SurgiCare proposes to purchase such services from a person other than DCPS/ MBS at a rate lower than the rate payable to DCPS/ MBS, SurgiCare will provide DCPS/ MBS with the opportunity to provide such services to SurgiCare at the lower rate.

In the event that SurgiCare shall establish an advisory board, each of Tom M. Smith and Dennis Cain shall have the right to appoint one member, so long as he continues to own 50% of the SurgiCare shares issued to him in consideration for the merger.

*Right of First Refusal.* In the event that SurgiCare or its successors desire to sell DCPS/ MBS prior to the later of (i) the third anniversary of the Closing Date or (ii) the date on which the promissory notes issued to Dennis Cain and Tom M. Smith have been paid in full, the DCPS/ MBS Sellers will be given the right to match any offer received by SurgiCare or its successors, unless all or substantially all of SurgiCare is to be acquired pursuant to such offer. The DCPS/ MBS Sellers may elect to transfer shares of Class A common stock or Class C common stock in satisfaction of all or portion of the applicable purchase price, provided that the value of any such share transferred to SurgiCare shall be deemed to equal 85% of the average of the closing prices of the Class A common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing of such sale.

*Terms of Debt.* The DCPS Note shall be due and payable after three (3) years, and shall bear interest at an eight percent (8%) annual rate, with monthly interest payments and no prepayment penalty. The DCPS Note shall be subordinated to SurgiCare's senior bank debt on terms satisfactory to its senior lender. SurgiCare shall have the right to set off amounts owed by DCPS to SurgiCare against amounts owing under the DCPS Note. Upon a material default by SurgiCare under the DCPS Note, the noncompetition agreement contained in the employment agreement with Dennis Cain shall terminate.

*Appraisal Rights.* Under Texas law, holders of shares of MBS common stock are entitled to exercise appraisal rights.

*Conditions to Closing.* The obligations of SurgiCare, DCPS and MBS to consummate the DCPS/ MBS Merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver (all conditions are waivable unless otherwise indicated) of a number of specified conditions, including:

Obtaining all necessary approvals of the SurgiCare stockholders (this condition is not waivable);

No governmental entity or court shall have enacted, threatened, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any law, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, injunction, executive order, or award that is then in effect, pending or threatened and has, or would have, the effect of making the DCPS/ MBS Merger illegal or otherwise prohibiting consummation of the DCPS/ MBS Merger or the other transactions;

Expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, which provides for advance notification of business combinations of greater than a minimum size by the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (this condition is not waivable);

The shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the shares of Class C common stock issuable in the DCPS/ MBS Merger and the Shares of Class A common stock issuable pursuant to the earn-out shall have been authorized for listing on the AMEX, subject to official notice of issuance;

The IPS Merger shall have been consummated concurrently with the DCPS/ MBS Merger;

The equity financing with Brantley IV, and the debt exchange with certain affiliates of Brantley IV described herein shall have been consummated;

The continued truthfulness and accuracy of the representations and warranties in all material respects, except that representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date shall remain true and correct in all material respects as of such date (representations or warranties that are qualified by materiality shall continue to be true and accurate in all respects) and the performance or compliance

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in all material respects with all agreements and covenants required by the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, and receipt from the other party of a certificate of an officer certifying to the foregoing;

The receipt of all material governmental consents, approvals or other authorizations legally required to consummate the DCPS/ MBS Merger from all governmental authorities and receipt by DCPS, MBS and SurgiCare of all required third party consents in respect of material contracts;

No event, circumstance, occurrence, change or effect shall have occurred since the date of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement which, individually or in the aggregate, has or would materially and adversely affect, or pose a material risk of materially and adversely affecting, the business, operations, condition (financial or otherwise), assets (tangible or intangible), results of operations or prospects of SurgiCare and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or DCPS and MBS, taken as a whole, or which is reasonably likely to prevent or delay the consummation of the DCPS/ MBS Merger;

No action shall have been brought, be pending or have been threatened by any government entity or any person that seeks to prevent or delay the consummation of the DCPS/ MBS Merger or the other transactions, seeks to restrain or prohibit SurgiCare or DCPS/ MBS or impose limitations on SurgiCare or DCPS/ MBS ability to own or dispose of any portion of the business or assets of DCPS or MBS or that would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect, or pose a material risk of materially and adversely affecting the business, operations, condition (financial or otherwise), assets (tangible or intangible), results of operations or prospects of SurgiCare and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or DCPS and MBS, taken as a whole, or which is reasonable likely to prevent or delay the consummation of the DCPS/ MBS Merger;

Each of Dennis Cain and Tom M. Smith shall have entered into an employment agreement with SurgiCare which is in full force and effect, must be employed by their respective employers immediately prior to the merger, and cannot have indicated an intention to terminate his employment, and all other employment agreements with such individuals shall have been terminated;

SurgiCare having received a legal opinion from the counsel to DCPS and MBS, and DCPS and MBS having received a legal opinion from the counsel of SurgiCare and DCPS/ MBS;

All existing registration rights of holders of MBS common shares and DCPS partnership interests shall have been terminated and SurgiCare and DCPS/ MBS shall have received a certificate to such effect signed by the DCPS/ MBS Sellers and by an officer of each of DCPS and MBS;

All loans, guarantees or other obligations of DCPS or MBS to each other or to any of their affiliates have been terminated without the payment of any consideration and, except as otherwise agreed to in writing by SurgiCare, all agreements among any of the foregoing shall have been terminated without cost to DCPS or MBS;

Each of the DCPS/ MBS Sellers shall have entered into a subordination agreement with each of SurgiCare's senior lenders in form and substance satisfactory to SurgiCare and such senior lenders;

SurgiCare shall have delivered resignations from each director of SurgiCare and the Orion board shall consist of Terrence L. Bauer, Keith G. LeBlanc, two individuals designated by Brantley IV, and three outside directors reasonably satisfactory to DCPS and MBS, and the officers of Orion shall be Mr. Bauer as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. LeBlanc as President, and Stephen H. Murdock as Chief Financial Officer;

SurgiCare shall have amended and restated its certificate of incorporation and by-laws; and

No appraisal rights shall have been exercised with respect to any MBS common shares.

The Debt Exchange Agreement and the Stock Subscription Agreement require that the conditions to closing of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement have been satisfied.

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*Representations and Warranties.* SurgiCare and DCPS/ MBS, on the one hand, and DCPS, MBS and the DCPS/ MBS Sellers, on the other hand, made mutual representations and warranties in the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement regarding the following:

corporate organization, good standing and qualification of each of the companies and their subsidiaries;

validity and effectiveness of charter and by laws of each of the companies and their subsidiaries;

capitalization of the companies and their subsidiaries;

authority to enter into the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement;

absence of conflicts between the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, the DCPS/ MBS Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, on the one hand, and other contractual and legal obligations of the companies, on the other hand;

requirement of consents, approvals, licenses, permits, orders, filings or other authorizations to enter into the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement and consummate the DCPS/ MBS Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement;

possession of authorizations, licenses, permits, certificates, approvals and orders of any government or other authority thereof, or any body exercising any other authority necessary or advisable for each of the companies and their subsidiaries to own, lease and operate their properties and to carry on their business as currently conducted;

compliance with applicable laws;

absence of undisclosed liabilities;

absence of certain changes or events since December 31, 2002 (in the case of MBS, since September 30, 2003);

absence of material litigation;

employee benefit matters;

material contracts;

environmental matters;

title to properties and absence of liens and encumbrances;

intellectual property;

taxes;

insurance;

opinion of financial advisor;

use of brokers;

labor matters;

transactions with affiliates;

absence of stockholder rights agreements; and

absence of unlawful or prohibited payments.

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In addition to the mutual representations, the DCPS/ MBS Sellers made representations and warranties regarding their investment and their status as accredited investors under Regulation D and SurgiCare made representations and warranties in the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement regarding the following:

compliance with all applicable SEC filing requirements and accuracy and completeness of SEC filings;

effectiveness of the IPS Merger agreement; and

validity of the offering.

None of the representations and warranties contained in the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement survives the closing of the DCPS/ MBS Merger.

*Conduct of Business Prior to Closing.* Each of SurgiCare, DCPS and MBS has agreed on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, as applicable, that, subject to certain exceptions, between the execution of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement and the effective time of the DCPS/ MBS Merger, to:

conduct its businesses and the business of its subsidiaries, as applicable, in the ordinary course of business and in a manner consistent with past practice; and

use its reasonable best efforts to preserve substantially intact its business organization and goodwill and to keep available the services of its (and its subsidiaries as applicable) current officers, employees and consultants and to preserve its (and its subsidiaries as applicable) current relationships with members or other customers, suppliers, licensors, licensees and other persons with which it and its subsidiaries, as applicable, have significant business relations.

Each of SurgiCare, DCPS and MBS has also agreed that, subject to certain exceptions, prior to the effective time of the DCPS/ MBS Merger, without the prior written agreement of the other party, it shall neither do any of the following nor permit its subsidiaries, as applicable, to do any of the following:

Amend or otherwise change its charter or bylaws or equivalent organizational documents;

Issue, sell, pledge, dispose of, or authorize for issuance, sale, pledge or disposal, equity securities or equity equivalent securities, or any other ownership interest, except for the issuance of shares of SurgiCare common stock upon the exercise of options and warrants outstanding as of the date of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement;

Authorize, declare or set aside any dividend payments or other distribution with respect to any of its stock or other ownership interests; provided, however, that each of DCPS and MBS may dividend out excess cash prior to the closing of the DCPS/ MBS Merger subject to certain exceptions;

Reclassify, combine, split, subdivide or redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of its stock or other ownership interests or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, or in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock or other ownership interests;

Acquire or agree to acquire or sell or agree to sell any interest in any corporation, partnership or other business or any assets constituting a business or a portion of a business;

Sell, lease, license, encumber or otherwise dispose of any of its or its subsidiaries, as applicable, real property or improvements;

Incur any indebtedness for borrowed money or issue any debt securities or assume, guarantee or endorse the obligations of any person, or make any loans or advances, except for revolving indebtedness under existing revolving loan agreements of SurgiCare, DCPS and MBS, incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice, indebtedness under any additional notes evidencing additional loans made by Lakepoint Acquisition, Inc. to SurgiCare after October 24, 2003, and other indebtedness with a maturity of not more than one year and in a principal amount not, in the aggregate, in excess of \$100,000 with respect to SurgiCare and in excess of \$25,000 with respect to DCPS and MBS;

Enter into any contracts or agreements requiring payment or receipt of payment in excess of \$250,000 with respect to SurgiCare and in excess of \$100,000 with respect to DCPS and MBS, or modify, amend,





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renew or waive any material provision of, breach or terminate any of its or its subsidiaries , as applicable, existing material contracts;

Make or authorize any capital expenditures which were not disclosed in connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement;

Except for the acceleration of vesting of unvested SurgiCare stock options and warrants outstanding on the date of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, waive any stock repurchase or acceleration rights, amend or change the terms of any options, warrants or restricted stock, or reprice options or warrants or authorize cash payments in exchange for any options or warrants;

Increase compensation to its or its subsidiaries , as applicable, officers or employees (including rights to severance or termination pay), except for increases in salaries or wages of employees other than directors, officers and key employees, in accordance with past practices and consistent with current budgets (and, in the case of SurgiCare in the ordinary course of business, and as disclosed to DCPS and MBS in connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement), grant or amend any rights to severance or termination pay to, or enter into or amend any employment or severance agreement with any of its or its subsidiaries , as applicable, directors, officers or employees (or, in the case of SurgiCare any person, except as required by previously existing contractual arrangements or required law) or forgive any indebtedness of any of its or its subsidiaries , as applicable, employees;

Pay, discharge or satisfy any claims, liabilities or obligations (absolute, accrued, asserted or unasserted, contingent or otherwise) in excess of \$100,000 in the aggregate with respect to SurgiCare and \$50,000 in the aggregate with respect to DCPS and MBS, other than the payment, discharge or satisfaction, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, of liabilities reflected or reserved against in its balance sheet or incurred in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practices, or cancel any indebtedness in excess of \$100,000 in the aggregate with respect to SurgiCare and \$50,000 in the aggregate with respect to DCPS and MBS, or waive any claims or rights of substantial value, or waive the benefits of, or agree to modify in any manner, any confidentiality, standstill or similar agreement to which it or any of its subsidiaries, as applicable, is a party;

Settle any action other than any settlement that involves only the payment of damages in an immaterial amount and does not involve injunctive or other equitable relief, or commence any litigation or arbitration;

Make or revoke any tax elections, unless required by applicable law, adopt or change any method of tax accounting, request any ruling or similar determination, enter into any closing agreement or settle any tax liabilities or take any action with respect to the computation of taxes or the preparation of a tax return that is inconsistent with past practice;

Change its accounting principles or procedures, other than certain required changes;

Subject to certain exceptions, establish, adopt, enter into, amend or terminate any collective bargaining agreement or certain employee benefit plans, other than to the extent required by such employee benefit plans or to comply with applicable law, or, take any action to accelerate any rights or benefits, or, unless consistent with past practice, make any material determinations not in the ordinary course of business, under any collective bargaining agreement or certain employee benefit plans;

Enter into or implement any stockholder rights plan or any similar anti-takeover plan or device in a manner that could prevent or delay the consummation of the DCPS/ MBS Merger;

Agree in writing or otherwise to take any of the actions described above; or

Take any action that would reasonably be expected to cause any representation and warranty given by it (and in the case of SurgiCare, given by DCPS/ MBS) that is qualified by materiality to be untrue, any representation and warranty given by it (and in the case of SurgiCare, given by DCPS/ MBS) that is not qualified by materiality to be untrue in any material respect, or would reasonably be expected to result in its (and in the case of SurgiCare, DCPS/ MBS s) inability to satisfy certain conditions to closing.

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***No Solicitation Provisions.***

Each of DCPS and MBS has agreed not to directly or indirectly initiate, solicit, negotiate, engage in discussions regarding, encourage or provide nonpublic confidential information to facilitate, and DCPS and MBS will not, and will use their reasonable best efforts to cause any officer, director or employee of DCPS or MBS, or any attorney, accountant, investment banker, financial advisor or other agent retained by DCPS or MBS not to, directly or indirectly, initiate, solicit, negotiate, engage in discussions regarding, encourage or provide nonpublic or confidential information to facilitate, any proposal, offer or inquiry to acquire a material part of the business or properties of DCPS or MBS (which shall include, but not be limited to, a part of the business or properties of DCPS or MBS constituting 10% or more of the net revenues, net income or the assets of DCPS or MBS or any capital stock or other ownership interests of DCPS or MBS) whether by merger, consolidation, recapitalization, purchase of assets, tender offer or otherwise and whether for cash, securities or any other consideration or combination thereof. DCPS and MBS have also agreed to immediately cease and cause to be terminated all activities, discussions or negotiations with any parties with respect to any of the transactions described in the previous sentence, other than in connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger.

*Observer Rights.* Dennis Cain, the current President of DCPS, will have the right to be present as an observer at all meetings of the board of directors of Orion or any of its committees so long as he continues to own at least 50% of the shares of Class C common stock issued to him in connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger (or Class A common stock issued upon conversion of the Class C common stock or otherwise). Similarly, Tom M. Smith, the current President of MBS, will have the right to be present as an observer at all meetings of the Board of Directors of Orion or any of its committees so long as he continues to own at least 50% of the shares of Class C common stock issued to him in connection with the DCPS/ MBS Merger (or Class A common stock issued upon conversion of the Class C common stock or otherwise). The board of directors, however, may exclude either observer from attending any meeting where all members of management are excluded or which relates to a matter in which the observer has a material business or financial interest (other than by reason of his interest as a stockholder). Orion will pay for all reasonable expenses incurred by the observers in connection with their attendance of meetings of the board of directors of Orion or any of its committees.

*Events of Termination.* The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement may be terminated and the DCPS/ MBS Merger abandoned at any time prior to the effective time, notwithstanding any requisite approval and adoption of the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement and such transactions, as follows:

By mutual written consent duly authorized by the board of directors of each of SurgiCare and MBS, and the general partner and limited partners of DCPS;

By either SurgiCare, on the one hand, or DCPS and MBS, on the other hand, by giving written notice to the other party, if there is any applicable law or order of a governmental authority which is final and nonappealable preventing the consummation of the DCPS/ MBS Merger (but the merger agreement cannot be terminated for this reason by a party whose failure to fulfill its obligations under the merger agreement resulted in such action);

By either SurgiCare, on the one hand, or DCPS and MBS, on the other, by giving written notice to the other party, if the DCPS/ MBS Merger is not completed on or prior to October 31, 2004;

By either SurgiCare, on the one hand, or DCPS and MBS, on the other hand, by giving written notice to the other party, if SurgiCare does not obtain the required stockholder approval;

By SurgiCare, by giving written notice to DCPS and MBS, upon a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement on the part of DCPS or MBS set forth in the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, or if any representation or warranty of DCPS and MBS has become untrue, in either case such that the relevant closing conditions, subject to the materiality thresholds contained in such closing conditions, would not be satisfied (but the merger agreement cannot be terminated for this reason by SurgiCare if SurgiCare is, at the time, in breach of the merger agreement); and

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By DCPS and MBS by giving written notice to SurgiCare, upon a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement on the part of SurgiCare or DCPS/ MBS set forth in the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, or if any representation or warranty of SurgiCare or DCPS/ MBS has become untrue, in either case such that the relevant closing conditions, subject to the materiality thresholds contained in such closing conditions, would not be satisfied (but the merger agreement cannot be terminated for this reason by DCPS and MBS if DCPS or MBS is, at the time, in breach of the merger agreement).

*Fees and Expenses.* In the event that the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement is terminated due to SurgiCare's failure to obtain the required stockholder approval, SurgiCare will reimburse DCPS and MBS for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by or on behalf of DCPS or MBS. In all other circumstances, each party to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement will pay its fees and expenses.

*Choice of Law.* The DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

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**THE EQUITY FINANCING**

*This section of the proxy statement describes the material aspects of the proposed equity financing. While we believe that the description covers the material terms of the equity financing, this summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read this entire proxy statement and the other documents we refer to carefully for a more complete understanding of the equity financing and the related transactions.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts give effect to the Reverse Stock Split described in this proxy statement. Unless otherwise indicated, all share amounts and percentages are based on the assumptions described in the section Summary Term Sheet Assumptions and are therefore subject to change if such assumptions are not accurate at the time of the closing of the Acquisitions.*

**Vote Required for the Equity Financing**

We are required by our certificate of incorporation, Delaware law and the Transaction Documents to obtain the approval majority of each class of our stockholders, voting as separate classes, and voting together as a single class, in order to amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to authorize the Class B common stock. In addition, the AMEX rules require that we obtain the approval of our stockholders for the issuance of our Class B common stock.

**The Equity Financing**

Brantley IV will contribute cash in the amount of \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount. Brantley IV has, through an entity wholly-owned by Brantley IV, bridge loans outstanding to both SurgiCare and IPS. A portion of the cash invested by Brantley IV will be used by Orion to pay this debt. With respect to the bridge loans owing by IPS, Orion will pay such debt on behalf of IPS. As of September 2, 2004, the aggregate amount of the outstanding indebtedness, including interest thereon, was \$4,904,539.

*Shares Received by Brantley IV.* Brantley IV will receive a number of shares of Class B common stock equal to 1.02 times the aggregate number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock immediately after giving effect to the amendments to SurgiCare's charter, but prior to the closing of the Transactions (giving effect to issuance of 2,100,000 shares of common stock to A.I. International and the conversion of all of our Series AA preferred stock for 8,750,000 shares of common stock and cashless exercise of in-the-money options or warrants) divided by 0.49 plus \$2,720,000 divided by \$1.25. Options and warrants will be deemed in-the-money if they have an exercise price of less than the greater of \$0.55 or the fair market value (based on the daily average of the high and low price per share of SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to closing). Changes in the closing price will affect the number of SurgiCare shares deemed outstanding for purposes of this calculation and thus will affect the aggregate number of shares to be received by Brantley IV.

Brantley IV will also receive the option to purchase shares of Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million from time to time after the closing of the Transactions, subject to the approval of a majority of the unaffiliated members of the board of directors of Orion, at a price equal to the lesser of \$1.25 per share or 70% of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the Class A common stock for the twenty trading days preceding the date of the closing of such investment.

Based on the assumptions used in this proxy statement, including the assumed market price of the SurgiCare common stock, Brantley IV would receive approximately 11,442,426 shares (based on the market price of SurgiCare Common Stock as of September 2, 2004) of Class B common stock. Prior to the DCPS/ MBS Merger, the shares of Class B common stock issued to Brantley IV will represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 62.1% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as adjusted for the shares of Class A common stock and Class C common stock issuable pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement), and will initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 57.0% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. Assuming everything else remains the same, the percentage interest of Brantley IV upon conversion will continually increase, since the conversion factor for the Class B common stock is designed to yield additional shares of

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Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion.

In connection with the Transactions, Brantley IV entered into an agreement on March 4, 2004 with certain of its limited partners, pursuant to which such limited partners have agreed to acquire, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, \$1 million worth of the Class B common stock which Brantley IV has agreed to purchase pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement and Brantley IV has agreed to assign to such limited partners its right to acquire such shares. To the extent such limited partners acquire such shares, Brantley IV's ownership will be decreased by the number of shares valued at \$1 million, or approximately 1,133,020 shares of Class B common stock as of September 2, 2004, which initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 4.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares.

In addition, the conversion ratio of the Class B common stock is tied to the price of the Class A common stock. The Class B common stock conversion ratio, which is initially approximately 1.28 shares of Class A common stock for each share of Class B common stock, is determined upon conversion by adding one to a fraction whose numerator is the Class B common stock purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount (plus 9% per annum) and whose denominator is the market price of the Class A common stock at that time. Thus, a decline in the price of Class A common stock will increase the Class B common stock conversion ratio because the multiplier for calculating the conversion ratio increases as the stock price used in its denominator decreases.

The fraction obtained by dividing the purchase price of the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount (approximately \$0.874 per share) by the market price of the Class A common stock is added to 1 to arrive at the Class B conversion ratio. The initial conversion price of 1.28 assumes a Class A common stock price of \$3.16 per share, and is calculated as follows:

$$\$0.874 \div \$3.16 = 0.28 + 1 = 1.28$$

If the price of the Class A common stock rises, the conversion ratio decreases, and if the Class A common price falls, the conversion ratio increases. For example, assume that nothing else changes but the price of the Class A common stock declines by 25% from \$3.16 per share to \$2.37. The conversion ratio would increase as follows:

$$\$0.874 \div \$2.37 = 0.37 + 1 = 1.37$$

**Terms of the Class B Common Stock**

The terms of the Class B common stock, including its rights and preferences, are discussed in "The New Classes of Common Stock" and are governed by the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

The shares of Class B common stock to be issued, and the shares of Class A common stock into which they are convertible, will each be restricted securities as that term is defined in Rule 144 adopted by the SEC. No market for resale of the Class B common stock to be issued is ever expected to develop. The Class A common stock into which the Class B common stock is convertible may be sold in compliance with Rule 144. Rule 144 provides an exemption for sales in compliance with the rule and generally provides that the stock must be held for more than one (1) year after issuance before it may be sold in the market in brokered transactions, requires Orion to be current in its reporting requirements, and imposes volume limitations on the amount of stock that may be sold in any three (3) month period.

In addition, the holders of Class B common stock will have the right to cause Orion to register the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of their shares for sale pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement as further described below in "Registration Rights Agreement."

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**Stock Subscription Agreement**

The equity financing is governed by the Stock Subscription Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex H. We urge you to read the Stock Subscription Agreement in its entirety. It is the legal document that governs the equity financing.

The Stock Subscription Agreement contains customary closing conditions, including the requirement that SurgiCare complete additional financing, in connection with which the debt liabilities of each of IPS, DCPS, MBS and SurgiCare will be restructured, refinanced or assumed and the requirement that the closing conditions to the IPS and DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreements be satisfied. IPS and SurgiCare completed negotiations with DVI Business Credit Corp. and DVI Financial Services, Inc. ( DVI ) which resulted in a decrease of their combined debt of approximately \$10.1 million to a combined principal amount of approximately \$6.5 million including a buy-out of the revolving lines of credit. As part of that agreement, the companies have executed restated loan agreements with U.S. Bank Portfolio Services ( USBPS ), as servicer for payees, for payment of the revolving line of credit and renegotiated the term loan amounts. Under the terms of the restated loan agreements, as of the closing date of the Transactions the Companies will pay the sum of \$2 million in cash to USBPS, as servicer for DVI BC and issue a promissory note in the original principal amount of \$750,000 to USBPS, in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various revolving lines of credit previously held by DVI BC. The \$750,000 promissory note will be payable in two installments, with the first such installment of \$500,000 plus accrued interest payable on the date which is 12 months after the closing of the Transactions, and the second installment of \$250,000 plus accrued interest payable on the date which is 18 months after the closing of the Transactions. Additionally, the restated loan agreement for the existing term loans previously held by DVI FS requires the Companies to issue, as of the closing date of the Transactions, a promissory note in the original principal amount of \$3,750,144 to USBPS, as servicer for DVI FS, in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various term loans previously held by DVI FS. The term loan promissory note is a non-interest bearing note and the principal balance is payable in monthly installments of \$2,500 for the first 24 months in \$2,500, monthly installments of \$45,628 for the following 48 months, and a final payment of \$1,500,000 due on the sixth anniversary of the closing of the Transactions. The restated loan agreement expired on August 15, 2004 and the Companies are currently negotiating the terms of extensions of both restated loan agreements with the lenders. As a part of the restructuring of the DVI loan facilities, the companies have signed a term sheet for a new revolving line of credit, which will be used to pay off the DVI revolving line of credit. The requirement that we refinance the revolving line of credit is not expected to substantially impede or delay our ability to consummate the Transactions as contemplated in this proxy statement. We expect that the refinancing will take the form of bank or other financial institution loans and will not involve the issuance of additional equity securities or have any dilutive effect on existing stockholders; however, we cannot be sure what the ultimate amount or terms of the refinancing will be.

Pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, upon termination of the IPS Merger Agreement in specified circumstances, SurgiCare is required to reimburse Brantley IV for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and/or pay Brantley IV a non-refundable fee of \$3 million. See The Transactions The IPS Merger The IPS Merger Agreement Fees and Expenses for details regarding the circumstances under which such expenses and fee are required to be paid. SurgiCare is also required to pay such expenses and fee if it breaches its obligation to issue the shares of Class B common stock pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement.

The Stock Subscription Agreement also contains representations, warranties and covenants as summarized below.

*SurgiCare's Representations and Warranties to Brantley IV.* SurgiCare made representations and warranties to Brantley IV in the Stock Subscription Agreement regarding the following:

organization, existence and good standing of SurgiCare;

corporate action taken by SurgiCare to execute the Stock Subscription Agreement, the issuance of the shares of Class B common stock pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement and the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of such shares;

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authorization and valid issuance of the shares of Class B common stock pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, and reservation of shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the conversion of such shares;

correctness of the representations and warranties made by SurgiCare in the IPS Merger Agreement and the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement;

validity and enforceability of the IPS Merger Agreement, the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement, the Debt Exchange Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement and the Stock Subscription Agreement;

capital structure of SurgiCare after consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Stock Subscription Agreement; and

absence of a requirement to register the shares issued pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement for offer or sale.

*Brantley IV's Representations and Warranties to SurgiCare.* Brantley IV made representations and warranties to SurgiCare in the Stock Subscription Agreement regarding the following:

Brantley IV's legal capacity, power and authority to execute and deliver the Stock Subscription Agreement and perform its obligations; and

the investment qualifications of the Brantley IV and the information provided to Brantley IV.

*SurgiCare's Covenants to Brantley IV.* SurgiCare covenanted in the Stock Subscription Agreement to:

furnish to each registered holder of shares of Class B common stock issued pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, and shares of Class A common stock which have been received upon conversion of such shares, other than shares which have been sold in a registered public offering or to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act (each, a Holder), annual and quarterly financial reports, and any documents filed by SurgiCare with the SEC;

keep, and cause each Holder to have access to, appropriate books, records and accounts;

provide to each Holder, upon request, information regarding the business of SurgiCare and SurgiCare's subsidiaries;

to invite Brantley IV to send one representative to attend meetings of SurgiCare's board of directors in a nonvoting observer capacity, and give the representative copies of all notices, consents and other material provided to the SurgiCare directors (unless exclusion from such meetings or from access to such materials is reasonably necessary to preserve SurgiCare's attorney-client privilege) if, and for so long as, Brantley IV does not have a representative on SurgiCare's board of directors and is a Holder; and

reserve and keep available out of SurgiCare's authorized but unissued shares of Class A common stock a number of shares sufficient to effect the conversion of all the outstanding shares of Class B common stock, or take corporate action to increase SurgiCare's authorized but unissued shares of Class A common stock.

The Stock Subscription Agreement also imposes the following indemnification obligations on SurgiCare and Brantley IV:

SurgiCare will indemnify Brantley IV (and its affiliates) against any losses relating to (i) any breach of any representation, warranty or agreement by SurgiCare or any misrepresentation by SurgiCare in the Stock Subscription Agreement or Debt Exchange Agreement or (ii) any breach of any representation, warranty or agreement of SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS or MBS or any misrepresentation by SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS, MBS or any of their respective affiliates under the IPS Merger Agreement, the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement or any other agreement entered into in connection with these agreements or the transactions contemplated by these agreements.

Brantley IV will indemnify SurgiCare against losses resulting from any breach of any representation, warranty or agreement of Brantley IV in the Stock Subscription Agreement or any misrepresentation of

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Brantley IV in the Stock Subscription Agreement. Brantley IV and its affiliates will not be liable to SurgiCare or its affiliates for any act or omission by Brantley IV that does not constitute either a breach of the Stock Subscription Agreement or gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Stock Subscription Agreement contains notice requirements related to indemnification, and also permits the indemnifying party to participate in the defense and disposition of the claim against the indemnified party.

**Registration Rights Agreement**

Brantley IV will also receive the right to register Registrable Shares (as defined below) pursuant to a registration rights agreement to be executed between Orion and Brantley IV. Registrable Shares means the Class A common stock currently issued, or issued in the future, to Brantley IV and its permitted transferees (including shares of Class A common stock into which shares of Class B common stock or other securities of Orion are convertible) other than shares which have been sold pursuant to an effective registration statement or pursuant to a transaction under Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, Brantley IV and/or its permitted transferees, holding at least 50 percent of the Registrable Shares will have the right to request that Orion effect the registration on Form S-1 of shares of Class A common stock having an anticipated net aggregate offering price of at least \$5,000,000. Orion will not be required to effect any such registration within six months after the effective date of any such registration statement. Additionally, at any time Orion is eligible to file a registration statement on Form S-3, Brantley IV, and/or its permitted transferees, may request that Orion effect the registration on Form S-3 of Registrable Shares having an anticipated net aggregate offering price of at least \$500,000.

At any time Orion otherwise proposes to register any of its equity securities under the Securities Act, Brantley IV and/or its permitted transferees may request the registration of Registrable Shares. However, Orion will not be obligated to effect any registration of shares incidental to the registration of Orion securities in connection with a Form S-8 or a Form S-4 relating to the acquisition or merger, by Orion or Orion's subsidiaries, of or with any other business.

For one year after the date of the registration rights agreement, the IPS stockholders and certain IPS debtholders and the DCPS/ MBS equityholders may request to have the following shares included in registrations pursuant to which Brantley IV and its permitted transferees are registering shares: (i) the shares of Class A common stock issued to the IPS stockholders pursuant to the IPS Merger Agreement or to the IPS debtholders pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement; and, (ii) the shares of Class A common stock issued to the DCPS/ MBS equityholders pursuant to the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement (including shares issuable upon conversion of Class C common stock).

Brantley IV will have registration rights for all of the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of its shares of Class B common stock. Initially, this will be approximately 14,606,983 shares (as converted on a fully-diluted basis), but, assuming everything else remains the same, the number of shares of Class A common stock as to which Brantley IV has registration rights will continually increase, since the conversion factor for the Class B common stock is designed to yield additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount from time to time outstanding, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion. Brantley IV and its permitted transferees will also have registration rights for any additional shares of Class A common stock (including Class A common stock into which other securities of Orion are convertible) issued to them. The third-party beneficiaries will have registration rights for one year with respect to an aggregate of up to approximately 6,355,156 shares of Class A common stock. If the registration rights are exercised and the underlying shares are offered or sold, our stock price could decline.

Orion will use its best efforts to effect the registration under the Securities Act of the Registrable Shares which Orion has been requested to register and cause the registration statement to become effective within



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60 days after filing. Orion will file a shelf registration statement if Orion is eligible for the use thereof and Orion is asked to file a shelf registration statement. Orion will prepare and file amendments and supplements necessary to keep the registration statement effective until the stockholders requesting the registration statement have sold their Registrable Shares.

Orion will use its best efforts to obtain all legal opinions, auditors' consents and comfort letters and experts' cooperation as may be required in an underwritten offering. Orion will pay registration expenses, unless requested to withdraw the registration statement when the requestor has not learned of information that is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Orion. Orion will indemnify the selling stockholders from any liability arising out of or relating to any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact in any registration statement filed by Orion pursuant to the registration rights agreement, subject to certain exceptions.

Orion is generally required to refrain from disposing of common equity, or securities convertible into common equity, for a period commencing 15 days before, and ending 90 days after, the effectiveness of an underwritten offering requested pursuant to the registration rights agreement. The registration rights agreement also contains customary rights permitting Orion to suspend or delay registration of securities under the agreement in certain circumstances. Without the prior written consent of holders of a majority of the Registrable Shares, Orion is not permitted to grant any other registration rights, other than registration rights subordinated to those granted pursuant to the registration rights agreement.

The form of registration rights agreement is attached hereto as Annex G.

**Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Equity Financing**

The following discussion briefly summarizes material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the equity financing that may be relevant to holders of SurgiCare common stock. It assumes that the other Transactions described herein occur in the manner described. SurgiCare obtained a legal opinion from its counsel, Strasburger & Price, LLP, regarding the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to SurgiCare and the holders of SurgiCare common stock resulting from the equity financing and the other Transactions described herein. This discussion is based upon advice we have received from Strasburger & Price, LLP regarding the currently existing provisions of the Code, existing and proposed Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, IRS rulings and pronouncements, and judicial decisions, all in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change (possibly retroactively) at any time. This summary does not address all tax considerations that may be relevant. In particular, it does not address any tax considerations under state, local or foreign laws, or any tax considerations that may be relevant to certain stockholders in light of their particular circumstances. Also, it does not address the tax consequences to holders that are subject to special tax rules, such as banks, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, personal holding companies, foreign entities, nonresident alien individuals, broker-dealers and tax-exempt entities. This summary also does not address any tax considerations that may be relevant to IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders, the owners of DCPS, Brantley IV or any of its affiliated entities, any stockholder who acquired SurgiCare common stock upon the exercise of an option or otherwise as compensation, or any optionholders, debtholders or warrant holders of any company. Finally, this summary does not address any tax consequences of the equity financing or of any related transactions other than as specifically set forth below.

*Issuance of SurgiCare Stock for Cash.* Neither SurgiCare nor the holders of SurgiCare common stock will recognize any taxable gain or loss as a result of the issuance of SurgiCare common stock in exchange for cash in the equity financing.

Except as set forth in the discussion above, SurgiCare expresses no opinion as to the federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences to any party, other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders, of the IPS Merger, the MBS Merger, the DCPS Acquisition, the Debt Exchange, the Equity Financing or the Reverse Stock Split. In addition, SurgiCare expresses no opinion (i) as to whether or not the Transactions when analyzed on a combined basis, qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies or (ii) regarding any adverse tax consequences applicable to SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such that may result from a determination that the Transactions, when analyzed on a combined basis, do not qualify as an exchange to

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which Code Section 351 applies. If the Transactions do not qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies, the IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders and holders of DCPS interests may recognize taxable gain or loss in connection with the Transactions. Such holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of participating in the Transactions.

Furthermore, this summary does not apply to any tax considerations that may be relevant to any party to the Transactions other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such. The opinion issued by SurgiCare's counsel is being furnished only to SurgiCare in connection with the IPS Merger, the DCPS/MBS Merger, the Debt Exchange, the Equity Financing and the Reverse Stock Split and is solely for SurgiCare's benefit in connection therewith. It may not be used or relied upon for any other purposes, and except for purposes of this proxy statement, may not be circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose without the express written consent of SurgiCare's counsel.

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**THE NEW CLASSES OF COMMON STOCK**

The amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes the new classes of common stock. The following summary of the proposed terms of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock, while complete in material respects, is nonetheless a summary. It is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the form of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation attached as Annex L to this proxy statement.

Except as set forth below, the Class B common stock and Class C common stock will have the same rights and preferences as our Class A Common Stock.

**Voting Rights**

The Class A common stock, Class B common stock and the Class C common stock will vote together as a single class on all matters, except as otherwise required by the DGCL. Each holder of Class A common stock, Class B common stock or Class C common stock is entitled to one vote with respect to each share of Class A common stock, Class B common stock or Class C common stock held by such holder.

Subject to the provisions of Section 242(b)(2) of the DGCL, any term or provision of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may be amended, and the number of authorized shares of our capital stock may be increased or decreased, by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the votes attributable to the then outstanding shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock.

**Distributions**

Subject to the terms of any preferred stock or any other class of stock having any preference or priority over the Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock that we may issue in the future, all distributions shall be made to the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock in the following order of priority:

First, the holders of the shares of Class B common stock (other than shares concurrently being converted into Class A common stock), as a single and separate class, shall be entitled to receive all distributions until there has been paid with respect to each such share from amounts then and previously distributed an amount equal to the original purchase price, less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued.

Second, the holders of the shares of Class C common stock (other than shares concurrently being converted into Class A common stock), as a single and separate class, shall be entitled to receive all distributions until there has been paid with respect to each such share from amounts then and previously distributed an amount equal to \$3.30. After the full required distributions have been made to the holders of shares of Class C common stock (other than shares concurrently being converted into Class A common stock) as described in the previous sentence, each share of Class C common stock then outstanding shall be retired and shall not be reissued, and the holder thereof shall surrender the certificates evidencing the shares to Orion.

Third, after the full distributions have been made to the holders of the shares of Class B common stock and Class C common stock as described above, all holders of the shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, as a single class, shall thereafter be entitled to receive all remaining distributions pro rata based on the number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock or Class B common stock held by each holder, provided that for purposes of such remaining distributions, each share of Class B common stock shall be deemed to have been converted into the number of shares of Class A common stock yielded by multiplying the shares of Class B common stock by the conversion constant, which shall initially be one (1), but is subject to adjustment to account for stock splits, stock dividends, combinations or other similar events affecting Class A common stock.

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All such distributions shall be made ratably among the holders of the class of common stock in question, based on the number of shares of such class held or deemed to be held by such holders.

Certain events, however, are not considered a distribution for purposes of the distributions described above. Such events include: (a) any redemption or repurchase by us of any shares of Class A common stock or Class B common stock pursuant to the provisions of any other agreement with any of our or our subsidiaries' directors, officers or employees, (b) any subdivision or increase in the number of (by stock split, stock dividend or otherwise), or any combination in any manner of, the outstanding shares of Class A common stock or Class B common stock in accordance with the certificate of incorporation, (c) a merger, share exchange or consolidation after the consummation of which our stockholders immediately prior to such merger, share exchange or consolidation effectively have the power to elect a majority of the board of directors of the surviving corporation or its parent corporation and (d) any other distribution, redemption, repurchase or other action at any time when there is any share of Class B common stock outstanding if the holders of a majority of the shares of Class B common stock then outstanding determine that such distribution, redemption, repurchase or other action shall not constitute a distribution for purposes of the above.

If a sale or liquidation of Orion occurs, or if Orion enters into a merger or business combination, the liquidation and distribution preferences of the Class B and Class C common stock would result in the holders of Class B and Class C common stock receiving a greater portion of the proceeds of such a transaction than such holders would be entitled to if the proceeds were allocated to holders of common stock pro rata based on their portion of the total equity of Orion. That is, in a sale, liquidation, merger or business combination, the payment of the preferences described above means that holders of Class B and Class C common stock receive a share of the proceeds first, and then any remaining proceeds are divided among all of the shareholders of all classes of common stock. For example, if the company were sold for a price at or near the amount of the preferences owed to holders of Class B and Class C common stock, there could be little or nothing left for distribution to holders of Class A common stock after such preferences are paid.

## **Conversion**

Holders of shares of Class B common stock have the option to convert their shares of Class B common stock into shares of Class A common stock at any time based on a conversion factor in effect at the time of the conversion. The conversion factor is designed to yield one share of Class A common stock per share of Class B common stock converted, plus such additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion. The conversion factor is calculated based on a number equal to one plus the quotient of the purchase price of the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus 9% per annum (not compounded), divided by the fair market value (which is determined by reference to the prices at which Class A common stock trades immediately prior to the conversion). Therefore, so long as the Class B common stock has not yet received a full return of its purchase price less the Base Bridge Interest Amount and a 9% rate of return, if the market value of a share of Class A common stock increases, a share of Class B common stock will convert into fewer shares of Class A common stock, and if the market value of Class A common stock shares decreases, a share of Class B common stock will convert into more shares of Class A common stock. The initial conversion factor is approximately 1.28 (one share of Class B common stock converts into approximately 1.28 shares of Class A common stock), and is subject to adjustment to account for stock splits, stock dividends, combinations or other similar events affecting Class A common stock.

Holders of shares of Class C common stock have the option to convert their shares of Class C common stock into shares of Class A common stock at any time based on a conversion factor in effect at the time of the conversion. The conversion factor is designed initially to yield one share of Class A common stock per share of Class C common stock converted, with the number of shares of Class A common stock reducing to the extent that distributions are paid on the Class C common stock. The conversion factor is calculated as (x) the amount by which \$3.30 exceeds the aggregate distributions made with respect to a share of Class C common stock

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divided by (y) \$3.30. The initial conversion factor is one (one share of Class C common stock converts into one share of Class A common stock), and is subject to adjustment to account for stock splits, stock dividends, combinations or other similar events affecting Class A common stock.

If the fair market value used in determining the conversion factor for the Class B common stock in connection with any conversion of Class B common stock is less than \$3.30 (subject to adjustment to account for stock splits, stock dividends, combinations or other similar events affecting Class A common stock), holders of shares of Class C common stock have the option to convert their shares of Class C common stock (within 10 days of receipt of notice of the conversion of the Class B common stock) into a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to (x) the amount by which \$3.30 exceeds the aggregate distributions made with respect to a share of Class C common stock divided by (y) the fair market value used in determining the conversion factor for the Class B common stock. The aggregate number of shares of Class C common stock so converted by any holder shall not exceed a number equal to (a) the number of shares of Class C common stock held by such holder immediately prior to such conversion plus the number of shares of Class C common stock previously converted in Class A common stock by such holder multiplied by (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Class B common stock converted at the lower price and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of shares of Class B common stock issued at the closing of the equity financing.

**Control**

The Class B common stock issued to Brantley IV will initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 57.0% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. Assuming everything else remains the same, the percentage interest of Brantley IV upon conversion will continually increase, since the conversion factor for the Class B common stock is designed to yield additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock less the Base Bridge Interest Amount, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion. The Class A common stock to be issued to Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital, as stockholders and debtholders of IPS, further increases the ownership interest of Brantley IV affiliates in Orion. Because Brantley IV and its affiliates will hold common stock which initially represents, on an unconverted basis, approximately 71.4% of the voting power of Orion, they will be able to control all decisions to be made by the Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock voting together as a single class. As a result of their stock ownership, Brantley IV and its affiliates will control Orion's business, policies and affairs and will be able to elect Orion's entire board of directors, determine, without the approval of Orion's other stockholders, the outcome of any corporate transaction or other matter submitted to the vote of the stockholders voting as a single class for approval, including mergers, consolidations and sales of substantially all of our assets. They will also be able to prevent or cause a change in control of Orion and an amendment to its certificate of incorporation and by-laws (subject to certain supermajority provisions contained therein). We cannot assure you that the interests of Brantley IV and its affiliates will be consistent with your interests as a stockholder.

In connection with the Transactions, Brantley IV entered into an agreement on March 4, 2004 with certain of its limited partners, pursuant to which such limited partners have agreed to acquire, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, \$1 million worth of the Class B common stock which Brantley IV has agreed to purchase pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement and Brantley IV has agreed to assign to such limited partners its right to acquire such shares. To the extent such limited partners acquire such shares, Brantley IV's ownership will be decreased by the number of shares valued at \$1 million, or, as of September 2, 2004, approximately 1,133,020 shares of Class B common stock, which initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 4.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares.

**Table of Contents****COMPARATIVE HISTORICAL AND PRO FORMA PER SHARE DATA****FOR  
SURGICARE, INC.**

	<b>Historical</b>		<b>Pro Forma</b>	
	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>
Weighted average shares outstanding (post-split)	2,837,348	2,475,405	21,467,809	21,105,866
Book value per share (defined in Note 1, below)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.40	N/A
Cash dividends declared per share	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$ (1.84)	\$ (1.94)	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.44)

Note 1 For the purposes of presenting historical and pro forma book value per share, book value is defined as follows:

	<b>Historical</b>		<b>Pro Forma</b>	
	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>
Total assets	\$ 15,865,563	\$ 17,456,142	\$ 45,575,470	N/A
Less: Liabilities	(15,908,004)	(12,767,148)	(15,456,610)	N/A
Less: Preferred stock	(900)	(2,038)		N/A
Book value	\$ (43,341)	\$ 4,686,956	\$ 30,118,860	N/A

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INTEGRATED PHYSICIAN SOLUTIONS, INC.**

	<b>Historical</b>		<b>Pro Forma Equivalent</b>	
	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>
Pro forma exchange ratio (as defined in Note 2, below)			0.9517	0.9517
Weighted average shares outstanding	2,821,500	2,903,424		
Book value per share (as defined in Note 3, below)	\$ (5.85)	\$ (4.98)	\$ (5.57)	\$ (4.74)
Cash dividends declared per share	\$			
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$ (0.72)	\$ (2.09)	\$ (0.69)	\$ (1.99)

Note 2 For the purposes of presenting pro forma equivalent per share information, the pro forma exchange ratio is calculated using the most recent periods exchange ratio as of June 30, 2004, as follows:

Weighted average shares outstanding	2,821,500
divided by	
Common shares issued to IPS stockholders (post-split)	2,964,662
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Pro forma exchange ratio	0.9517
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Note 3 For the purposes of presenting historical and pro forma book value per share, book value is defined as follows:

	<b>Historical</b>	
	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>
Total assets	\$ 10,636,707	\$ 10,878,273
Less: Liabilities	(14,516,766)	(13,051,485)
Less: Preferred stock	(12,622,113)	(12,291,513)
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Book value	\$ (16,502,172)	\$ (14,464,725)
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MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES, INC.**

	<b>Historical</b>		<b>Pro Forma Equivalent</b>	
	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>
Pro forma exchange ratio (as defined in Note 4, below)			0.0013	0.0013
Weighted average shares outstanding	1,000	1,000		
Book value per share (as defined in Note 5, below)	\$ 825.86	\$ 503.96	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.64
Cash dividends declared per share				
Income loss per share from continuing operations	\$ 207.35	\$ 101.58	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.13

Note 4 For the purposes of presenting pro forma equivalent per share information, the pro forma exchange ratio is calculated using the most recent periods exchange ratio as of June 30, 2004, as follows:

Weighted average shares outstanding	1,000
divided by	
Common shares issued to MBS stockholders (post-split)	787,880
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Pro forma exchange ratio	0.0013
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Note 5 For the purposes of presenting historical and pro forma book value per share, book value is defined as follows:

	<b>Historical</b>	
	<b>6/30/04</b>	<b>12/31/03</b>
Total assets	\$ 1,429,628	\$ 989,202
Less: Liabilities	(603,771)	(485,241)
Less: Preferred stock		
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Book value	\$ 825,857	\$ 503,961
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No per share information has been included for Dennis Cain Physicians Solutions, LLP because that entity is a partnership and there are no shares issued in a partnership.



**Table of Contents****UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following unaudited pro forma condensed financial statements are presented to illustrate the effect on the historical financial position and operating results as a result of the proposed IPS Merger, with IPS being treated as the acquirer for accounting purposes, and the proposed DCPS/ MBS Merger. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements also give effect to the Brantley IV equity financing transaction, the debt exchange agreement between SurgiCare and certain affiliates of Brantley IV, the restructuring of IPS and SurgiCare debt with DVI as well as the conversion of SurgiCare's Series AA Preferred Stock and the contribution of land for debt. The following two unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of earnings are presented using SurgiCare's, IPS's, and DCPS's results for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the six months ended June 30, 2004 and MBS's results for the year ended September 30, 2003 and the six months ended March 31, 2004. There have been no unusual events or transactions related to MBS during the quarter ended June 30, 2004 which would require disclosure in the pro forma condensed combined statement of earnings. The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet is presented using SurgiCare's, IPS's, MBS's and DCPS's condition as of June 30, 2004. The DCPS/ MBS pro forma adjustments are combined for purposes of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements because the mergers of these two entities into the subsidiary of SurgiCare are contingent on each other. DCPS and MBS are related entities that use a shared information system, respond to request for proposals jointly, have common clients and shared business arrangements and collectively share the responsibility for sales and marketing efforts, though they do not have common ownership or accounting relationships. We have determined that showing the pro forma adjustments combined instead of separately would be consistent with the proposed merger transactions with DCPS and MBS.

SurgiCare expects to account for the IPS Merger as a reverse acquisition in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, with IPS being designated as the accounting acquirer. The IPS merger is the result of consideration of various alternatives by IPS to obtain additional funding to finance the operations of its physician practice management company and IntegriMED, its application service provider. Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital, current investors in IPS, did not have the ability, based on investment limitations defined in their by-laws, to provide additional equity capital to IPS. SurgiCare had approached Brantley's general partners about funding for their operations during the same time that IPS was looking at funding alternatives. Brantley's general partners, through Brantley IV, viewed the IPS merger as an attractive alternative to help fund the operations of IPS while expanding into two other desirable businesses, surgery centers and physician billing companies. In accordance with FAS 141, all else being equal, the acquiring entity is the combining entity whose owners as a group retained or received the larger portion of the voting rights in the combined entity. Although there is no majority shareholder of IPS, the Brantley affiliates, on an as-converted basis, hold the largest share of IPS stock at 30.6%. After completion of the merger, the Brantley affiliates, who are current owners of IPS, (other than Brantley IV) will receive 82.5% of the total shares of SurgiCare Class A Common Stock issued to IPS stockholders. Immediately after the Transactions, on a fully-diluted, as-converted basis, IPS stockholders and Brantley affiliates will own 71.4% of the Class A Common Stock of the SurgiCare entity post-transaction (Orion). Brantley IV and its affiliates had no ownership of SurgiCare stock prior to the signing of the IPS merger agreement. Another criteria used to determine the acquiring entity according to FAS 141 is the composition of the governing body of the combined entity. Post-transaction, Brantley affiliates and IPS stockholders will own 74.4% of the voting rights of Orion, and will therefore have the ability to elect a voting majority of the governing body of Orion. The final criteria considered by management in determining the acquiring entity in accordance with FAS 141 is the composition of senior management of the combined entity. After completion of the merger, it is anticipated that the non-executive Chairman of the Board will be Paul Cascio, a Brantley general partner, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Orion will be the current CEO of IPS, the President of Orion will be the current CEO of SurgiCare, and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Orion will be the current CFO of IPS.

The DCPS/ MBS Merger will be accounted for as a purchase in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The pro forma adjustments were applied to the respective historical financial statements to reflect and account for each merger using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the total purchase costs will be allocated to the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed of SurgiCare, DCPS

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and MBS based on their respective fair values. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet is presented as if the Mergers and other transactions contemplated thereby had occurred on June 30, 2004. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of earnings assumes that the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated thereby had occurred on January 1, 2003. The pro forma adjustments are based on the information and assumptions available and considered reasonable at the time of the printing of this proxy statement.

A final determination of the required purchase accounting adjustments will be made after completion of the Transactions. In management's opinion, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information reflected herein is not expected to differ materially from the final amounts. The actual financial position and results of operations may differ, perhaps significantly, from the pro forma amounts reflected herein because of additional information, changes in value that are not currently identified and operating results between the dates of the pro forma information and the date on which the acquisitions actually take place.

Because the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is based upon the financial condition and operating results of SurgiCare, IPS, MBS and DCPS during periods when the businesses were under separate management and control, the information presented may not be indicative of the results that would have actually occurred had the Mergers been consummated as of the respective periods presented, nor is it indicative of future financial or operating results. SurgiCare may also expect to incur integration related expenses as a result of the Mergers. The unaudited pro forma financial information and related notes should be read along with:

- (i) the annual report on Form 10-KSB/A of SurgiCare for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 included in Annex C to this proxy statement;
- (ii) the quarterly report on Form 10-QSB/A of SurgiCare for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 included in Annex P to this proxy statement;
- (iii) the management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, historical financial statements, and the related notes of IPS, included in Annex I to this proxy statement;
- (iv) the management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, historical financial statements, and the related notes of DCPS, included in Annex J to this proxy statement; and
- (v) the management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, historical financial statements, and the related notes of MBS, included in Annex K to this proxy statement.

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As of June 30, 2004

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
	SurgiCare, Inc.	Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc.	Medical Billing Services, Inc.	Dennis Cain Physicians Solutions, LLC	SurgiCare/ IPS Pro Forma Adjustments	DCPS/ MBS Pro Forma Adjustments	(A)+ (B) +(C) + (D) + (E)+ (F) Pro Forma Combined
	as reported 30-Jun-04	as reported 30-Jun-04	as reported 30-Jun-04	as reported 30-Jun-04			
					10,138,336 (i)		
					(3,993,747)(i)		
					(220,000)(b)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 280,001	\$ 136,079	\$ 644,557	\$ 126,185	\$ 103,932 (a)	\$ (3,700,000)(k)	\$ 3,515,343
Accounts receivable and other	893,446	1,917,249	656,456	359,150			3,826,301
Inventory	341,957	185,676					527,633
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	194,748	369,793	20,805	15,329			600,675
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,710,152</b>	<b>2,608,797</b>	<b>1,321,818</b>	<b>500,664</b>	<b>6,028,521</b>	<b>(3,700,000)</b>	<b>8,469,952</b>
<b>Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>3,178,702</b>	<b>341,122</b>	<b>75,365</b>	<b>82,099</b>			<b>3,677,288</b>
<b>Other Long Term Assets</b>					15,565,099 (e)		
Intangibles, including goodwill	8,110,235	7,618,111			(8,110,235)(c)	9,231,300 (k)	32,414,510
Real estate	1,953,876				(1,953,876)(a)		
Other assets	912,598	68,677	32,445				1,013,720
<b>Total other long term assets</b>	<b>10,976,709</b>	<b>7,686,788</b>	<b>32,445</b>		<b>5,500,988</b>	<b>9,231,300</b>	<b>33,428,230</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,865,563</b>	<b>\$ 10,636,707</b>	<b>\$ 1,429,628</b>	<b>\$ 582,763</b>	<b>\$ 11,529,509</b>	<b>\$ 5,531,300</b>	<b>\$ 45,575,470</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					(922,574)(h)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5,517,599	\$ 3,987,210	\$ 164,777	\$ 112,767	\$ (1,329,583)(b)	\$ (84,850)(k)	\$ 7,445,346
Income taxes payable			400,144				400,144
Current portion of long-term-debt and capital lease obligation	9,845,348	8,325,817	15,351		(1,179,227)(j)		3,159,597
					(1,904,741)(j)		
					(2,028,505)(j)		
					(3,993,747)(i)		
					(3,849,719)(h)		
					(1,000,000)(b)		
					(1,070,980)(a)		
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>15,362,947</b>	<b>12,313,027</b>	<b>580,272</b>	<b>112,767</b>	<b>(17,279,076)</b>	<b>(84,850)</b>	<b>11,005,087</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>							
Long term debt and capital lease obligations	545,057	2,203,739	23,500		1,179,227 (j)	500,000 (k)	4,451,523
<b>Total long term liabilities</b>	<b>545,057</b>	<b>2,203,739</b>	<b>23,500</b>		<b>1,179,227</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>4,451,523</b>
Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock		12,622,113			(12,622,113)(d)		
<b>Stockholders Equity</b>							
Preferred Stock	900				(900)(a)		
					11,442 (i)		

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					1,469 (h)		
					(340,281)(f)		
					148,233 (d)		
					(2,821)(d)		
					10,500 (b)	1,652 (k)	
Common stock, Class A, B and C	144,743	2,821	1,000		43,750 (a)	(1,000)(k)	21,508
					1,904,741 (j)		
					10,126,894 (i)		
					4,770,824 (h)		
					(16,300,247)(g)		
					340,281 (f)		
					15,565,099 (e)		
					145,412(d)		
					(625,000)(d)		
					12,622,113 (d)		
					(8,110,235)(c)		
					653,100 (b)		
Additional paid-in-capital	17,604,714	9,392,506	114,000		(821,814)(a)	6,296,350 (k)	53,387,914
					2,028,505 (j)		
					16,300,247 (g)		
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	(17,746,230)	(25,272,499)	740,856	469,996	1,445,983 (b)	(1,210,852)(k)	(23,243,994)
Treasury stock	(38,318)	(625,000)	(30,000)		625,000 (d)	30,000 (k)	(38,318)
Shareholders receivable	(8,250)						(8,250)
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Total stockholders equity	(42,441)	(16,502,172)	825,856	469,996	40,251,471	5,116,150	30,118,860
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Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 15,865,563	\$ 10,636,707	\$ 1,429,628	\$ 582,763	\$ 11,529,509	\$ 5,531,300	\$ 45,575,470
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See Accompanying Introduction and Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet

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(a) To reflect the conversion of the Preferred Stock Series AA to Common Stock Class A as required by the Merger Agreement and an agreement between SurgiCare, Inc. and American International Industries, Inc. ( AIII ) dated June 23, 2004 and to reflect the transfer of real estate and assumption of debt in the amount of \$1,070,980 as part of that agreement (the debt assumed was a loan obtained by SurgiCare using the land as collateral) as part of that agreement

1,200,000 of preferred stock Series AA with a par value of \$0.001 was originally issued to purchase real estate for \$6,000,000. Additionally, the preferred stock Series AA was convertible to common stock at a pre-set price of \$0.41 per common share. In 2002, 300,000 shares of the preferred stock Series AA was converted to common stock, leaving 900,000 shares outstanding. The agreement with AIII stipulated that the 900,000 shares of preferred Series AA (originally convertible into 4,500,000 shares of common stock at \$0.41 per share, or 10,975,610 shares) would be exchanged for 8,750,000 shares of common stock with a then market price of \$0.35 per share, or \$3,062,500 in common stock value. The difference in the conversion preference of the preferred stock Series AA and the common stock value would be an adjustment to equity, taking into account the differences in par value of the preferred stock Series AA and the common stock par value of \$0.005.

Additionally, as partial compensation for the difference in the conversion preference in the preferred Series AA and the common stock value, AIII received the real estate with a book value as of June 30, 2004 of \$1,953,876, assumed the debt of \$1,070,980 and paid SurgiCare cash of \$250,000 less closing costs of \$146,068.

The loss on impairment of real estate was recorded in the quarter ended June 30, 2004, and was calculated as follows:

Real estate received by AIII	\$ 4,000,000
Less:	
Debt assumed	(1,070,980)
Difference in preferred stock conversion preference shares of 10,975,610 and common stock shares of 8,750,000 at \$0.35	(778,964)
Cash payment less closing costs (\$250,000 - \$146,068)	(103,932)
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Loss on impairment of real estate	\$ 2,046,124
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The adjustments to record the various components of the AIII transaction are as follows:

Real estate transferred to AIII (\$4,000,000 - \$2,046,124)	\$ 1,953,876
Debt assumed by AIII	(1,070,980)
Exchange preferred stock Series AA (900,000 shares, par value \$0.001)	(900)
Issue common stock (8,750,000 shares, par value \$0.005)	43,750
Cash payment less closing costs	103,932
Adjust additional paid-in capital for the difference in common stock and preferred stock Series AA:	
Preferred stock Series AA (10,975,610 shares at \$0.35, less \$900 par value)	\$(3,840,564)
Common Stock (\$3,062,500 less \$43,750 par value)	3,018,750
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Net reduction in additional paid-in capital	\$ (821,814)
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**NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED  
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**(b) To reflect the negotiated pay-off of the A.I. International Corporate Holdings, Ltd. and First National Bank S.A.L. of Lebanon note based on a settlement agreement as required by the merger agreement**

The agreement exchanges the total debt and accrued interest for \$220,000 in cash and 2,100,000 shares of Common Stock Class A (pre-reverse split, 210,000 shares post-reverse split) to be paid at closing of the merger transaction.

Loan balance as of June 30, 2004		\$ 1,000,000
Accrued interest as of June 30, 2004		1,329,583
Common Stock Class A:		
Number of Shares (Pre-reverse split)	2,100,000	
Par value of \$0.005		10,500
Additional paid in capital for common stock issued		653,100
Retained earnings-gain on debt restructuring (\$220,000 cash and \$663,600 Common Stock Class A in exchange for \$2,329,583 in debt and accrued interest)		\$ 1,445,983

**(c) To eliminate the historical balance of goodwill for SurgiCare, Inc.**

**(d) To record the recapitalization of IPS to reflect the conversion of IPS redeemable preferred stock into IPS common then its exchange for SurgiCare common in accordance with the formula described in The IPS Merger Agreement-Conversion of Securities.**

IPS redeemable convertible preferred stock as of June 30, 2004	\$ 12,622,113
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To eliminate the treasury stock balance of IPS

IPS treasury stock balance as of June 30, 2004	\$ 625,000
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(The elimination of IPS treasury stock is made through an adjustment to additional paid-in capital)

To record the recapitalization of IPS for the number of SurgiCare, Inc. shares received in the merger transaction.

29,646,620 shares @ \$0.005 per share	\$ 148,233
Less: IPS historical balance	2,821
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Adjustment to additional paid-in capital	\$ 145,412
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BALANCE SHEET (Continued)**

(e) To record the tentative allocation of the purchase price at estimated fair values and the elimination of historical additional paid-in capital balance of SurgiCare, Inc.

To record the merger transactions related to SurgiCare, Inc.'s balance sheet as of June 30, 2004:

	<b>SurgiCare, Inc.</b>		
	<b>As Reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>As Adjusted</b>
Current assets		\$ 103,932 (a)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 280,001	(220,000)(b)	\$ 163,933
Accounts receivable and other	893,446		893,446
Inventory	341,957		341,957
Prepaid expenses and other assets	194,748		194,748
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Total current assets	1,710,152	(116,068)	1,594,084
Property, Plant and Equipment	3,178,702		3,178,702
Other Long-Term Assets			
Intangibles, including goodwill	8,110,235	(8,110,235)(c)	
Real estate	1,953,876	(1,953,876)(a)	
Other assets	912,598		912,598
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Total other long-term assets	10,976,709	(10,064,111)	912,598
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Total assets	<u>\$ 15,865,563</u>	<u>\$ (10,180,179)</u>	<u>\$ 5,685,384</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5,517,599	\$ (1,329,583)(b)	\$ 4,188,016
Income taxes payable		(1,070,980)(a)	
		(1,000,000)(b)	
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	9,845,348	(1,904,741)(j)	5,869,627
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Total current liabilities	15,362,947	(5,305,304)	10,057,643
Long-Term Liabilities			
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations	545,057		545,057
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Total long-term liabilities	545,057		545,057
Redeemable convertible preferred stock			
Stockholders' Equity			
Preferred stock	900	(900)(a)	
		43,750 (a)	
Common stock, Class A, B & C	144,743	10,500 (b)	198,993
		1,904,741 (j)	
		(821,814)(a)	
		653,100 (b)	
Additional paid-in capital	17,604,714	(8,110,235)(c)	11,230,506
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(17,746,230)	1,445,983 (b)	(16,300,247)





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BALANCE SHEET (Continued)**

	<b>SurgiCare, Inc.</b>		
	<b>As Reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>As Adjusted</b>
Treasury stock	(38,318)		(38,318)
Shareholders' receivable	(8,250)		(8,250)
Total stockholders' equity	(42,441)	(4,874,875)	(4,917,316)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 15,865,563	\$(10,180,179)	\$ 5,685,384
			<b>Purchase Price</b>
Purchase price includes:			
Market capitalization of SurgiCare, Inc. at effective date of Merger:			
SurgiCare, Inc. outstanding shares of Class A common stock		28,948,685	
Market price per share (assuming measurement date of September 2, 2004)		\$ 0.316	\$ 9,147,784
Direct merger transaction costs			1,500,000
Total purchase price			\$ 10,647,784
			<b>Fair Value</b>
Allocated as follows:			
Cash			\$ 163,933
Receivables			893,446
Inventory			341,957
Other current assets			194,748
Property and equipment			3,178,702
Investments/other			912,598
Merger Goodwill and Identifiable intangible assets			15,565,099
Debt			(6,414,684)
Accounts payable-trade and accruals			(4,188,016)
Net assets acquired			\$ 10,647,784

The outstanding Common Stock Class A used in the purchase price allocation is based on the shares outstanding as of June 30, 2004. The market price per share used was calculated in accordance with paragraph 22 of SFAS 141, using the average of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the common stock for the five trading days ended on September 2, 2004.

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As of June 30, 2004, identifiable intangible assets and goodwill related to SurgiCare are estimated to be as follows:

Joint venture interest	Surgery Centers	\$ 6,458,784
Management contracts	Surgery Centers	2,008,765
Joint venture interest	MRI	1,698,767
Management contracts	MRI	210,857
Non-compete agreements		182,949
Trained workforce (to be classified with goodwill for financial statement purposes)		590,580
Public shareholder list (to be classified with goodwill for financial statement purposes)		500,000
Goodwill		3,914,397
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Total goodwill and identifiable intangibles		\$ 15,565,099
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Reconciliation of total purchase price to net adjustment to additional paid-in-capital:

Total purchase price		\$ 10,647,784
Net assets to be acquired based on historical balances	42,441	
Adjustments:		
Cash related to real estate transfer in note (a) above	(103,932)	
Cash related to the debt retirement in note (b) above	220,000	
Real estate related to transfer in note (a) above	1,953,876	
Historical goodwill balance related to note (c) above	8,110,235	
Accrued interest related to the debt retirement in note (b) above	(1,329,583)	
Debt related to real estate transfer in note (b) above	(1,070,980)	
Debt related to the debt retirement in note (b) above	(1,000,000)	
Fair value adjustment to debt in note (j) below	(1,904,741)	
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Subtotal	4,874,875	
Net adjustments to net assets acquired		4,917,316
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Total adjustment to additional paid-in capital		\$ 15,565,099
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**(f) To adjust the par value of the SurgiCare, Inc. Common Stock Class A from \$0.005 to \$0.001 and reflect the one for ten reverse stock split as required by the Merger Agreement**

The outstanding shares as of June 30, 2004, prior to the debt exchange, the Brantley IV equity financing and the DCPS/ MBS acquisition were as follows:

	<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Shares</u>
SurgiCare shares outstanding as of June 30, 2004	\$ 144,743	28,948,685
IPS recapitalization	148,233	29,646,620
Shares issued to AIII as part of real estate transaction	43,750	8,750,000
Shares issued to A. I. International Corporate Holdings, LTD. and First National Bank S.A.L. of Lebanon as part of note exchange	10,500	2,100,000

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Total	<u>347,226</u>	<u>69,445,305</u>
Reverse Split and change in par value from \$0.005 to \$0.001	6,945	6,944,531
Adjustment	<u>\$ (340,281)</u>	

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BALANCE SHEET (Continued)**

Outstanding shares at closing (assuming the June 30, 2004 outstanding shares for SurgiCare), on a post-reverse split basis, would be:

	<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Shares</u>
SurgiCare Stockholders (including the shares issued as part of the real estate transaction and the note exchanges as described in notes (a) and (b) above and Treasury stock shares)	\$ 3,980	3,979,869
IPS Stockholders (Class A)	2,965	2,964,662
Brantley IV (Class B)	11,442	11,442,426
Brantley III loan conversion (Class A)	576	575,753
Brantley Capital Corporation loan conversion (Class A)	893	892,946
DCPS/ MBS equityholders (Class A and C)	1,652	1,651,518
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	\$21,508	21,507,174
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The outstanding shares at closing, assuming the measurement date of September 2, 2004 used elsewhere in the proxy, on a post-reverse split basis, prior to conversion of the Class B shares or any earn-out shares issued as part of the DCPS/ MBS acquisition, would be:

	<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Shares</u>
SurgiCare Stockholders (including the shares issued as part of the real estate transaction and the note exchanges as described in notes (a) and (b) above)	\$ 4,452	4,451,518
IPS Stockholders (Class A)	2,965	2,964,662
Brantley IV (Class B)	11,442	11,442,426
Brantley III loan conversion (Class A)	586	586,481
Brantley Capital Corporation loan conversion (Class A)	900	900,374
DCPS/ MBS equityholders (Class A and C)	1,652	1,651,518
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	\$21,997	21,996,979
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The differences noted are related to options and warrants for current SurgiCare stockholders, which are assumed converted for purposes of determining the number of shares issued in the IPS merger, and differences between the IPS debt exchanged for SurgiCare Class A common stock as of June 30, 2004 and September 2, 2004 (see note (h)).

**(g) To eliminate SurgiCare's retained earnings as follows:**

Historical retained earnings as of June 30, 2004	\$(17,746,230)
Adjustment to retained earnings related to the debt retirement in note (b) above	1,445,983
	<u>          </u>
Total adjustment to eliminate SurgiCare retained earnings	\$(16,300,247)
	<u>          </u>

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BALANCE SHEET (Continued)****(h) Conversion of Brantley Venture Partners III, LLP and Brantley Capital Corporation debt to SurgiCare, Inc. Common Stock**

Represents the conversion of outstanding IPS notes (and related interest) payable to Brantley affiliates into an estimate of 1,468,699 (on a post reverse split basis) shares of SurgiCare, Inc. Common Stock Class A and B as follows:

Brantley Venture Partners III, LLP (IPS) as of June 30, 2004	\$ 1,819,381
Brantley Capital Corporation (IPS) as of June 30, 2004	2,952,912
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Total liabilities converted	4,772,293
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Common Stock (1,468,699 shares at \$0.001 par value)	\$ 1,469
Additional paid in capital	4,770,824
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Total	\$ 4,772,293
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The share estimate was calculated using the debt outstanding as of June 30, 2004, with a market price based on the average of the daily of the high and low trading prices of the common stock for the five trading days ended on September 2, 2004. If the share estimate had been calculated using the debt outstanding at the measurement date of September 2, 2004, the debt would have been converted into 1,486,855 shares of SurgiCare, Inc. Common Stock Class A and B.

Of the total debt, \$922,574 represents accrued interest and will reduced accrued expenses on the balance sheet, with the remaining difference of \$3,849,719 reducing current portion of long-term debt. (See note (j) below for the proper classification of debt between current and long-term portions.)

**(i) To record the additional equity investment by Brantley IV**

Represents the investment by Brantley IV of cash in exchange for SurgiCare Common Stock Class B, \$10,138,336, of which \$3,993,747 will be used to retire the Lakepoint Acquisition (an affiliate of Brantley IV) and Brantley debt, including accrued interest of \$138,336. Brantley will receive a number of shares of Common Stock Class B equal to 1.02 times the SurgiCare shares outstanding (giving effect to in-the-money options and warrants) divided by 0.49, plus \$2,720,000 divided by \$1.25 per share (on a post reverse split basis).

On a post-reverse split basis, the total outstanding share for purposes of this calculation as of June 30, 2004 is assumed to be 4,451,518, total post-reverse split on a fully-diluted basis. Therefore, the number of shares of Common Stock Class B to be issued to Brantley IV would be calculated as follows:

Total SurgiCare, Inc. post-reverse split shares outstanding as of June 30, 2004	4,451,518
multiplied by	1.02
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divided by	4,540,548
	0.49
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\$2,720,000 divided by \$1.25	9,266,426
	2,176,000
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Shares of Common Stock Class B to be issued to Brantley IV	11,442,426
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The allocation of the Brantley IV investment between common stock and additional paid-in capital would be as follows:

Common stock (11,442,426 shares at \$0.001 par value)	\$ 11,442
Additional paid-in capital	10,126,894
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Total investment	\$ 10,138,336
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The total outstanding shares of Common Stock Class A,B and C, assuming a market price of \$3.16 (post reverse split) would be as follows (on a fully-diluted basis):

Brantley IV (Class B)	11,442,426
Brantley III loan conversion (Class A)	586,481
Brantley Capital Corporation loan conversion (Class A)	900,374
SurgiCare Stockholders (Class A)	4,451,518
IPS Stockholders (Class A) (includes Brantley affiliates)	2,964,662
DCPS/ MBS equityholders (Class C) (before earn-out shares)	1,651,518
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Total shares outstanding	21,996,979
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**(j) To record the restructuring of IPS and SurgiCare revolving lines of credit and term loans with DVI Business Credit Corporation and DVI Financial Services, Inc. (DVI) and properly classify debt between current and long-term.**

On August 25, 2003 DVI announced that it was seeking protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy laws. Both IPS and SurgiCare have loans outstanding to DVI in the form of term loans and a revolving lines of credit. As part of the merger transaction, both IPS and SurgiCare have negotiated a discount on the term loans and a buy-out of the revolving lines of credit. As part of that agreement, the companies have executed a restated loan agreement with U.S. Bank Portfolio Services (USBPS), as Servicer for payees, for payment of the revolving lines of credit and renegotiation of the term loans. Additionally, as part of that transaction, the companies have signed a term sheet with another lender for a new revolving line of credit, which will be used to pay-off the DVI revolving line of credit. The transaction, which is to occur at closing, is as follows:

<u>Outstanding loans to DVI (U.S. Bank NA as trustee):</u>	<u>Term Loans</u>	<u>Revolver</u>	<u>Total</u>
IPS	\$ 2,710,623	\$ 2,383,545	\$ 5,094,168
SurgiCare	3,413,434	1,369,928	4,783,362
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Total	6,124,057	3,753,473	9,877,530
Negotiated discount on loans (gain on debt restructure)	(2,959,106)	(974,141)	(3,933,246)
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Bank debt outstanding at close	3,164,951	2,779,332	5,944,283
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Payment due at closing		(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
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Balance after closing	\$ 3,164,951	\$ 779,332	\$ 3,944,283
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IPS portion of gain on debt restructure	51.6%		\$ 2,028,505
SurgiCare portion of gain on debt restructure	48.4%		1,904,741

\$ 3,933,246

The gain on the cancellation of debt of \$3,933,246 has been allocated based on the historical note balances of IPS and SurgiCare.



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The gain allocated to SurgiCare reduces the amount of debt assumed in the purchase accounting adjustments in note (e) above.

The gain allocated to IPS is not included in the pro forma statement of earnings because the adjustment will not have a continuing impact on the operations of the new entity.

The \$3,750,144 term loan is an interest free loan. In accordance with FAS 15, if the total future cash payments specified by the new terms of a payable including both payments designated as interest and those designated as face amount, are less than the carrying amount of the payable, the debtor shall reduce the carrying amount to an amount equal to the total future cash payments specified by the new terms and shall recognize a gain on restructuring of payable equal to the amount of the reduction. Thereafter, all cash payments under the terms of the payable shall be accounted for as reductions of the carrying amount of the payable, and no interest expense shall be recognized on the payable for any period between the restructuring and maturity of the payable. Therefore, no interest expense is recognized on the renegotiated loans for IPS. Because SurgiCare is not the accounting acquirer, interest would be imputed on their portion of the loan amount, and the carrying value adjusted to reflect the present value of total payments due. The restructured loans have been allocated between SurgiCare and IPS based on their respective loan balances prior to the restructure. The restructured loan related to the revolvers is a \$750,000 loan bearing interest at 6.5%, payable in two installments, \$500,000 due 12 months from the closing date and \$250,000 due 18 months from the closing date.

Loan balance allocation:	Original Balance	%	New Loan Balance	
			Term Loan	Revolver Loan
IPS	\$5,094,168	51.6%	\$1,934,073	\$386,800
SurgiCare	4,783,362	48.4%	1,816,071	363,200
Total	<u>\$9,877,530</u>		<u>\$3,750,144</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>

For IPS, the interest due on the Revolver portion of the loan would be added to the total carrying value, and for the term loan portion the total amount of payments to be paid would be the carrying value (\$1,934,073). For SurgiCare, the interest due on the Revolver portion of the loan would be expensed over the appropriate periods, and the carrying value would be \$363,200. For the term loan portion for SurgiCare, the carrying value would be the present value of the total payments due of \$1,816,071 as follows:

	Principal to be Paid		Interest to be Paid		Total Payments	
	Term	Revolver	Term	Revolver	Term	Revolver
IPS	\$1,934,073	\$416,132			\$1,934,073	\$416,132
SurgiCare	1,230,878	363,200	\$585,193	\$27,543	1,816,071	390,743
Total	<u>\$3,164,951</u>	<u>\$779,332</u>	<u>\$585,193</u>	<u>\$27,543</u>	<u>\$3,750,144</u>	<u>\$806,875</u>

The allocation of the restructured debt between current and long term is as follows:

	Restructured	New Revolver	Total
Current	\$ 679,035	\$2,000,000	\$2,679,035
Long-term	<u>3,265,248</u>		<u>3,265,248</u>

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Total	\$3,944,283	\$2,000,000	\$5,944,283
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The total debt, after all adjustments related to debt restructuring and the MBS/ DCPS acquisition would be as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Long-term</u>	<u>Total</u>
U.S. Bank	\$ 679,035	\$ 3,265,248	\$ 3,944,283
New Revolver	2,000,000		2,000,000
Capital Leases	480,562	686,275	1,166,837
DCPS acquisition note		500,000	500,000
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	\$3,159,597	\$4,451,523	\$7,611,120
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

(k) To reflect the allocation of purchase consideration for the DCPS/ MBS transaction and the elimination of those entities historical equity accounts.

**Purchase price includes:**

Cash, at closing	\$ 3,500,000
Note Payable (8% interest, due 3 years from the closing date)	500,000
Common Stock Class A and C (1,651,518 shares)	5,780,313
Liabilities assumed	631,689
	<u>                    </u>
Total purchase price	\$10,412,002
	<u>                    </u>

The DCPS/ MBS merger agreement includes contingent future payments (the earnout) to the sellers and contingent return of debt and stock (the clawback) to SurgiCare based on post acquisition earnings targets for 2004 and 2005 of \$1.6 million in EBITDA. The contingent earnout or clawback has not been reflected in the purchase price allocation. The contingent earnout or clawback, if realized, will be accounted for at that time as an addition to (earnout) or reduction in (clawback) the cost of the acquisition and goodwill and other identifiable intangibles will be adjusted accordingly. In accordance with FAS 141, the measurement date for the merger is based on the amended merger agreement dated July 16, 2004, and the closing Market price of SurgiCare's stock as of that date is used to calculate the total purchase price.

Allocated as follows:

	<u>Historical NBV</u>			
	<u>MBS</u>	<u>DCPS</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>As Adjusted</u>
Cash	\$ 644,557	\$ 126,185	\$ (200,000)	\$ 570,742
Accounts receivable-trade and other	656,456	359,150		1,015,606
Other current assets	20,805	15,329		36,134
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total current assets	1,321,818	500,664	(200,000)	1,622,482
Property and equipment	75,365	82,099		157,464
Goodwill and identifiable intangible assets			9,231,300	9,231,300
Other assets	32,445			32,445
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total assets	1,429,628	582,763	9,031,300	11,043,691
Accounts payable and accruals	(564,921)	(112,767)	84,850	(592,838)
LT debt and capital leases	(38,851)			(38,851)

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Net assets acquired	<u>\$ 825,856</u>	<u>\$ 469,996</u>	<u>\$9,116,150</u>	<u>\$ 10,412,002</u>
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The \$200,000 adjustment to cash represents the amount of cash taken out at closing by the sellers, in accordance with the merger agreement.

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The \$84,850 adjustment to accrued expenses represents excess accrued vacation not assumed by SurgiCare as part of the transaction.

As of June 30, 2004, identifiable intangible assets and goodwill related to DCPS/ MBS are estimated to be as follows:

Client relationships	\$6,166,508
Non-compete agreement	1,467,777
Acquired software	489,259
Trained workforce (to be classified with goodwill for financial reporting purposes)	1,107,756
Goodwill	_____
Total	\$9,231,300 _____

The additional paid-in capital adjustment related to the DCPS/ MBS merger agreement was calculated as follows:

Total purchase price	\$ 10,412,002
Less: Cash purchase price	(3,500,000)
Note payable issued as part of purchase	(500,000)
Elimination of MBS historical additional paid-in capital	(114,000)
	_____
Net equity adjustment	6,298,002
Less: Common stock issued at \$0.001 per share, post-reverse split	(1,652)
Adjustment to additional paid-in capital	\$ 6,296,350 _____

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For the six months ended June 30, 2004

	(A) SurgiCare, Inc. as reported 30-Jun-04	(B) Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc. as reported 30-Jun-04	(C) Medical Billing Services, Inc. as reported 31-Mar-04	(D) Dennis Cain Physicians Solutions, LLP as reported 30-Jun-04	(E) SurgiCare/ IPS Pro Forma Adjustments	(F) DCPS/ MBS Pro Forma Adjustments	(G) (A)+(B)+(C)+ (D)+(E)+(F) Pro forma combined
<b>Operating revenues</b>	\$ 3,343,484	\$ 10,093,661	\$ 3,078,378	\$ 2,230,459			\$ 18,745,982
<b>Cost of services</b>	2,161,642	6,247,055					8,408,697
<b>Gross margin</b>	1,181,842	3,846,606	3,078,378	2,230,459			10,337,285
<b>General and administrative expenses:</b>							
Salaries and benefits	751,156	2,277,444	2,029,620	1,056,943		(211,400)(g)	5,903,763
Facility rent and related costs	685,437	675,791	142,543	79,989			1,583,760
Depreciation and amortization	375,348	278,494	25,389	23,727	773,761(e)	504,029(i)	1,980,748
Professional and consulting fees	940,983	303,581	58,750	18,896			1,322,210
Insurance	107,234	298,728	10,122	1,992			418,076
Provision for doubtful accounts	116,488	526,543					643,031
Other	303,530	710,637	476,573	479,564			1,970,304
<b>Total general and administrative</b>	<b>3,280,176</b>	<b>5,071,218</b>	<b>2,742,997</b>	<b>1,661,111</b>	<b>773,761</b>	<b>292,629</b>	<b>13,821,892</b>
<b>Other operating (income) expenses:</b>							
Charge for impairment of intangible assets							
Loss (gain) on sale of assets							
Forgiveness of debt	(58,625)						(58,625)
Impairment on investment in land	2,046,124						2,046,124
<b>Total other operating expenses</b>	<b>1,987,499</b>						<b>1,987,499</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>5,267,675</b>	<b>5,071,218</b>	<b>2,742,997</b>	<b>1,661,111</b>	<b>773,761</b>	<b>292,629</b>	<b>15,809,391</b>
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>(4,085,833)</b>	<b>(1,224,612)</b>	<b>335,381</b>	<b>569,348</b>	<b>(773,761)</b>	<b>(292,629)</b>	<b>(5,472,106)</b>
<b>Other income (expense)</b>							
Interest expense	(1,165,119)	(468,910)	(1,866)		365,000(d) 220,680(c) 213,644(b)	(20,000)(h)	(856,571)
Interest income			599	92			691
Equity in (earnings) losses of limited partnerships	20,586						20,586
Other income	2,549						2,549
Other expense, net		(13,325)					(13,325)
<b>Total other expense, net</b>	<b>(1,141,984)</b>	<b>(482,235)</b>	<b>(1,267)</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>799,324</b>	<b>(20,000)</b>	<b>(846,070)</b>
	<b>(5,227,817)</b>	<b>(1,706,847)</b>	<b>334,114</b>	<b>569,440</b>	<b>25,563</b>	<b>(312,629)</b>	<b>(6,318,176)</b>

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<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>							
<b>Income tax expense (recovery)</b>			126,768				126,768
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	(5,227,817)	(1,706,847)	207,346	569,440	25,563	(312,629)	(6,444,944)
<b>Preferred stock dividends</b>		(330,600)			330,600(a)		
<b>Net Income (loss) attributable to common stockholders</b>	<u>\$ (5,227,817)</u>	<u>\$ (2,037,447)</u>	<u>\$ 207,346</u>	<u>\$ 569,440</u>	<u>\$ 356,163</u>	<u>\$ (312,629)</u>	<u>\$ (6,444,944)</u>

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Historical and Pro Forma primary and fully diluted per share data:

	<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2004</b>	
	<b>Historical</b>	
	<b>SurgiCare, Inc.</b>	<b>Pro Forma</b>
Net Loss	\$(5,227,817)	\$ (6,444,944)
Weighted average shares outstanding (post-split) (as of December 31, 2003)	2,475,405	21,105,866(f)
Dilutive stock options and warrants	(A)	
Conversion of preferred shares	(B)	
Conversion of debt	(C)	
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted net loss per share		
Net Loss per share Primary	\$ (2.11)	\$ (0.31)
Net Loss per share Diluted	\$ (2.11)	\$ (0.31)

The following potentially dilutive securities are not included in the 2003 Historical and Pro Forma calculation of common shares outstanding for diluted net earnings per share, because their effects would be anti-dilutive due to the net loss on a historical basis:

(A) SurgiCare, Inc. had 9,654,297 options and warrants outstanding at December 31, 2003. Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc. had 1,116,611 options and warrants outstanding at December 31, 2003.

(B) 900,000 shares of SurgiCare, Inc. Series AA Preferred stock were convertible into \$4,500,000 of common shares and 1,137,700 shares of SurgiCare, Inc. Series A Preferred stock were convertible into 1,137,700 common shares as of December 31, 2003.

(C) \$1,000,000 of debentures were convertible into common stock at a price equal to \$1.50 per share (pre-reverse split) as of December 31, 2003.



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For the year ended December 31, 2003

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
	SurgiCare, Inc. as reported 31-Dec-03	Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc. as reported 31-Dec-03	Medical Billing Services, Inc. as reported 30-Sep-03	Dennis Cain Physicians Solutions, LLP as reported 31-Dec-03	SurgiCare/ IPS Pro Forma Adjustments	DCPS/ MBS Pro Forma Adjustments	(A)+(B)+(C)+ (D)+(E)+(F) Pro forma combined
<b>Operating revenues</b>	\$ 8,064,523	\$ 23,545,522	\$ 6,060,302	\$ 4,010,797			\$ 41,681,144
<b>Cost of services</b>	4,528,644	14,689,694					19,218,338
<b>Gross margin</b>	3,535,879	8,855,828	6,060,302	4,010,797	\$	\$	22,462,806
<b>General and administrative expenses:</b>							
Salaries and benefits	1,576,831	4,068,408	4,547,114	2,525,068		(676,007)(g)	12,041,414
Facility rent and related costs	1,299,268	1,355,230	253,281	137,058			3,044,837
Depreciation and amortization	858,924	643,371	50,779	47,570	1,547,521(e)	1,008,058(i)	4,156,223
Professional and consulting fees	1,097,264	885,973	75,906	20,597			2,079,740
Insurance	178,161	553,201	20,872	10,508			762,742
Provision for doubtful accounts	289,823	1,758,819					2,048,642
Other	799,921	1,506,954	957,133	514,731			3,778,739
<b>Total general and administrative</b>	<b>6,100,192</b>	<b>10,771,956</b>	<b>5,905,085</b>	<b>3,255,532</b>	<b>1,547,521</b>	<b>332,051</b>	<b>27,912,337</b>
<b>Other operating (income) expenses:</b>							
Charge for impairment of intangible assets		2,598,029					2,598,029
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	144,260						144,260
Impairment on investment in land	579,385						579,385
<b>Total other operating expenses</b>	<b>723,645</b>	<b>2,598,029</b>					<b>3,321,674</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>6,823,837</b>	<b>13,369,985</b>	<b>5,905,085</b>	<b>3,255,532</b>	<b>1,547,521</b>	<b>332,051</b>	<b>31,234,011</b>
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>(3,287,958)</b>	<b>(4,514,157)</b>	<b>155,217</b>	<b>755,265</b>	<b>(1,547,521)</b>	<b>(332,051)</b>	<b>(8,771,205)</b>
<b>Other income (expense)</b>							
Interest expense	(1,922,315)	(784,008)	(4,552)		730,000(d) 931,520(c) 306,180(b)	(40,000)(h)	(783,175)
Interest income			2,595	546			3,141
Equity in (earnings) losses of limited partnerships	194,444						194,444
Other income	32,205		512				32,717
Other expense, net		(23,580)					(23,580)
<b>Total other expense, net</b>	<b>(1,695,666)</b>	<b>(807,588)</b>	<b>(1,445)</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>1,967,700</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>(576,453)</b>
	<b>(4,983,624)</b>	<b>(5,321,745)</b>	<b>153,772</b>	<b>755,811</b>	<b>420,179</b>	<b>(372,051)</b>	<b>(9,347,658)</b>

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<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>							
<b>Income tax expense (recovery)</b>	(173,407)		52,194				(121,213)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	(4,810,217)	(5,321,745)	101,578	755,811	420,179	(372,051)	(9,226,445)
<b>Preferred stock dividends</b>		(738,085)			738,085(a)		
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders</b>	<u>\$ (4,810,217)</u>	<u>\$ (6,059,830)</u>	<u>\$ 101,578</u>	<u>\$ 755,811</u>	<u>\$ 1,158,264</u>	<u>\$ (372,051)</u>	<u>\$ (9,226,445)</u>

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Historical and Pro Forma primary and fully diluted per share data:

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2003</b>	
	<b>Historical</b>	
	<b>SurgiCare, Inc.</b>	<b>Pro Forma</b>
Net loss	\$(4,810,217)	\$ (9,226,445)
Weighted average shares outstanding (post-split)	2,475,405	21,105,866(f)
Dilutive stock options and warrants	(A)	
Conversion of preferred shares	(B)	
Conversion of debt	(C)	
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted net loss per share		
Net loss per share primary	\$ (1.94)	\$ (0.44)
Net loss per share diluted	\$ (1.94)	\$ (0.44)

The following potentially dilutive securities are not included in the 2003 Historical and Pro Forma calculation of common shares outstanding for diluted net earnings per share, because their effects would be anti-dilutive due to the net loss on a historical basis:

(A) SurgiCare, Inc. had 9,654,297 options and warrants outstanding at December 31, 2003. Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc. had 1,116,611 options and warrants outstanding at December 31, 2003.

(B) 900,000 shares of SurgiCare, Inc. Series AA Preferred stock were convertible into \$4,500,000 of common shares and 1,137,700 shares of SurgiCare, Inc. Series A Preferred stock were convertible into 1,137,700 common shares as of December 31, 2003.

(C) \$1,000,000 of debentures were convertible into common stock at a price equal to \$1.50 per share (pre-reverse split) as of December 31, 2003.

**Table of Contents****NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS**

For the year ended December 31, 2003 and the six months ended June 30, 2004

(a) To eliminate historical preferred stock dividends on IPS Series A-2 redeemable preferred stock of 1,653,000 shares

YTD 6/30/04	Y/E 12/31/03
\$ 330,600	\$ 738,085

(b) To eliminate historical interest expense on IPS indebtedness converted to SurgiCare common as part of the merger.

YTD 6/30/04	Y/E 12/31/03
\$ 213,644	\$ 306,180

Reconciliation of interest expense to accrued interest:

1999	\$ 25,630
2000	101,964
2001	103,144
2002	172,011
2003	306,180
Six months ended 6/30/04	213,644
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Total accrued interest	\$922,574

(c) To adjust interest expense for the debt restructuring

	YTD 6/30/04	Y/E 12/31/03
Interest on SurgiCare's allocation of restructured loans (see note(j) to the pro forma balance sheet) \$1,230,878 + \$363,200 at 6.5%	\$ 51,808	\$ 103,615
Interest on re-financed revolving line of credit of \$2,000,000 at prime plus 3% (7.25%)	72,500	145,000
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Total interest on new debt	124,308	248,615
Less: interest on historical debt	(344,988)	(1,180,135)
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Adjustment	\$ (220,680)	\$ (931,520)

The \$3,750,000 term loan is an interest free loan. In accordance with FAS 15, if the total future cash payments specified by the new terms of a payable, including both payments designated as interest and those designated as face amount, are less than the carrying amount of the payable, the debtor shall reduce the carrying amount to an amount equal to the total future cash payments specified by the new terms and shall recognize a gain on restructuring of payable equal to the amount of the reduction. Thereafter, all cash payments under the terms of the payable shall be accounted for as reductions of the carrying amount of the payable, and no interest expense shall be recognized on the payable for any

period between the restructuring and maturity of the payable. Therefore, no interest expense is recognized on the renegotiated loans for IPS. The amount of the loans allocated to SurgiCare, because it is not the accounting acquirer, have been adjusted to impute interest. The loans have been allocated to IPS and SurgiCare based on their respective loan balances prior to the restructuring.

**Table of Contents****Outstanding loans to DVI (U.S. Bank NA as trustee):**

	<u>YTD 6/30/04</u>	<u>Y/E 12/31/03</u>
IPS	\$ 5,094,168	\$ 5,195,367
SurgiCare	4,783,362	5,001,198
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Total	9,877,530	10,196,565
Negotiated discount on loans (gain on debt restructure)	(3,933,246)	(4,252,282)
Bank debt outstanding at close	\$ 5,944,283	\$ 5,944,283
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IPS portion of gain on debt restructure 51.6%	\$ 2,028,505	\$ 2,193,042
SurgiCare portion of gain on debt restructure 48.4%	1,904,741	2,059,240
	\$ 3,933,246	\$ 4,252,282
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The gain on debt restructure has been allocated based on the historical note balances of IPS and SurgiCare.

The gain allocated to SurgiCare reduces the amount of debt assumed in the purchase accounting adjustments in note (e) to the pro forma balance sheet.

The gain allocated to IPS is not included in the pro forma income statements because the adjustment will not have a continuing impact on the operations of the new entity.

**(d) To eliminate interest on the A. I. International Corporated Holdings, Ltd. and First National Bank S.A.L. of Lebanon debt based on an agreement dated July 15, 2004 whereby SurgiCare will exchange a \$1,000,000 note and accrued interest for \$220,000 in cash and 2,100,000 shares of Class A common stock**

	<u>YTD 6/30/04</u>	<u>Y/E 12/31/03</u>
	\$ 365,000	\$ 730,000
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Reconciliation of interest expense to accrued interest:		
2002		\$ 234,583
2003		730,000
YTD 6/30/04		365,000
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Total accrued interest		\$ 1,329,583
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**(e) To record the amortization of SurgiCare identifiable intangible assets as follows:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Joint venture interest   Surgery Centers	\$ 6,458,784	7.5 yrs (average contract life)
Management contracts   Surgery Centers	2,008,765	7.5 yrs (average contract life)
Joint venture interest   MRI	1,698,767	5.0 years
Management contracts   MRI	210,857	5.0 years
Non-compete agreements	182,949	5.0 years (contract life)

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Total identifiable intangible assets	
Goodwill and intangible assets with infinite lives	5,004,977
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	\$ 15,565,099
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The contracts related to the MRI facility are for 25 years, however, due to the technology changes inherent with MRI s, management believes a useful life of 5 years is more appropriate.

	<u>YTD 6/30/04</u>	<u>Y/E 12/31/03</u>
Amortization expense	\$ 773,761	\$ 1,547,521
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**Table of Contents**(f) **The weighted average shares outstanding on a pro forma basis was calculated as follows:**

	YTD 6/30/04	Y/E 12/31/03
Weighted average shares outstanding	28,373,482	24,754,050
1 for 10 reverse stock split	2,837,348	2,475,405
Transaction consideration (Post reverse split):		
Debt Conversion	1,486,855	1,399,876
IPS merger	2,964,662	3,051,642
DCPS/ MBS merger	1,651,518	1,651,518
AIII settlement	875,000	875,000
Bank of Lebanon conversion	210,000	210,000
Equity financing	11,442,426	11,442,426
Weighted average shares outstanding-pro forma	21,467,809	21,105,866

The assumed market price per share for the transaction consideration calculations, on a pre-reverse split basis, was based on the average of the daily high and low trading prices of the common stock for the five trading days ended on September 2, 2004, the assumed measurement date, which was \$0.316 per share. The number of shares used for the DCPS/ MBS merger was based on the fixed shares issued as part of that amended merger agreement dated July 16, 2004.

(g) **To eliminate historical employee compensation in excess of contractual obligations as indicated in the merger agreements. The merger agreement includes provisions for employment agreements with specific annual compensation**

	YTD 6/30/04	Y/E 12/31/03
Total DCPS/ MBS historical compensation subject to adjustment	\$ 386,400	\$ 1,026,007
Less: Total DCPS/ MBS annual compensation per employment contractual agreement to be signed as part of the merger	(175,000)	(350,000)
DCPS/ MBS historical employee compensation adjustment	\$ 211,400	\$ 676,007

(h) **To record the interest expense on the note payable due to DCPS as part of the DCPS acquisition**

	YTD 6/30/04	Y/E 12/31/03
\$500,000 @ 8.0%	\$20,000	\$40,000

(i) **To record amortization of DCPS/ MBS identifiable intangible assets as follows:**

	Amount	Useful Life
Client relationships	\$6,166,508	10 years (average client term)
Non-compete agreements	1,467,777	5 years (contract life)
Acquired software	489,259	5 years
Total identifiable intangible assets		



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Goodwill and intangible assets with infinite lives	1,107,756
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	\$9,231,300
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	<u>YTD 6/30/04</u>	<u>Y/E 12/31/03</u>
Amortization expense	\$ 504,029	\$ 1,008,058
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**INFORMATION ABOUT SURGICARE**

**Description of Business**

SurgiCare, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware on February 24, 1984 as Technical Coatings Incorporated. On September 10, 1984, its name was changed to Technical Coatings, Inc. ( TCI ). Immediately prior to July 1999, TCI was an inactive company. On July 11, 1999, TCI changed its name to SurgiCare, Inc., and at that time changed its business strategy to developing, acquiring and operating freestanding ambulatory surgery centers ( ASC ). On July 21, 1999, SurgiCare acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Bellaire SurgiCare, Inc. a Texas corporation ( Bellaire ), in exchange for the issuance of 9.86 million shares of SurgiCare common stock and 1.35 million shares of SurgiCare Series A Redeemable preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share, to the holders of Bellaire s common stock. For accounting purposes, this reverse acquisition was effective July 1, 1999.

As of September 2, 2004, SurgiCare owned a majority interest in three surgery centers and a minority interest as general partner in one additional center. Three of SurgiCare s centers are located in Texas and one is located in Ohio. In limited circumstances, SurgiCare, or its subsidiaries, may also furnish anesthesia services in support of the activities of the surgery centers. Our ASCs perform various types of procedures including: orthopedic surgery, colonoscopy, ophthalmic laser surgery, pain injections and various pediatric surgeries. The most common procedures performed in our ASCs include knee arthroscopy, lumbar nerve block and sacral injection, colonoscopy, hammertoe correction, sinus endoscopic biopsy, cataract removal, breast biopsy, Mitchell procedures and cystourethroscopy. SurgiCare also owns a 100% interest in an open magnetic resonance ( MRI ) imaging center in Ohio, which opened in July 2004. The MRI center performs diagnostic procedures using MRI technology.

With a view to SurgiCare consolidating the operations of some or all of these surgery and MRI centers, SurgiCare anticipates that it will need to adjust its ownership interest in such centers to establish an ownership interest of approximately 35% in each center in keeping with our strategy of maximizing our investor pool. SurgiCare anticipates that allowing physicians who perform cases at the center to own a majority interest of each center will generate more revenues and be more profitable. SurgiCare believes that physician owned centers are typically more profitable because physicians who own an ambulatory surgical or MRI center are the center s most significant source of patients and benefactors. Generally, it is the physician, not the patient, who chooses the facilities where surgical or diagnostic procedures are to be performed. By allowing physicians to own approximately sixty-five percent of the interest in the centers, there is more opportunity for more physicians to own an interest in the center. When physicians have an ownership interest in centers, they have an incentive to make the centers as profitable as possible. Therefore, despite SurgiCare s lower ownership percentage, it believes net earnings will improve due to the restructuring.

We have begun the process of restructuring the ownership of the surgery center partnership that owns and operates the Bellaire ASC to allow for the sale of investment interests to additional operating physicians practicing in that area of Houston, Texas. The Bellaire partnership prepared a private placement memorandum for the private offering of partnership interests to Texas resident physicians, which it released on April 15, 2004. Sixty-five percent (65%) of the total ownership interest in the Bellaire partnership is being offered for sale. This offering is a purely intrastate transaction and is exempt from federal securities laws. If it is determined that federal securities laws apply, SurgiCare believes the offering is exempt pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506 of Regulation D.

Prior to the proposed amendments to its certificate of incorporation, SurgiCare is authorized to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.005 per share, and 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share.

SurgiCare, Inc. s principal executive offices are located at 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300, Houston Texas 77042, and its telephone number is 713-973-6675.

**Table of Contents*****Bellaire SurgiCare, Inc.***

Bellaire owns and operates an ASC located in Houston, Texas. The ASC has been in operation for 14 years, first as The Institute for Eye Surgery, and since March of 1995, as Bellaire SurgiCare, Inc. ( Bellaire ). This center provides the venue for a wide range of high volume, lower-risk surgical procedures within a multi-specialty environment. Surgeons specializing in podiatry, orthopedics, pain management, gynecology, as well as reconstructive and general surgery utilize this facility. The surgeons performing surgery at Bellaire generally charge their patients for the professional services they provide, while Bellaire only charges the patients for the facility fee. While Bellaire is currently a wholly-owned subsidiary of SurgiCare, we have begun the process of restructuring the ownership of the surgery center owned and operated by Bellaire to allow for the sale of investment interests to operating physicians in such surgery center. In 2003, there were 1,803 patients treated at Bellaire by approximately 30 doctors, 14 of which have an ownership interest in Bellaire.

***SurgiCare Memorial Village, L.P.***

SurgiCare, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Town & Country SurgiCare, Inc., owns a 60% general partnership interest in SurgiCare Memorial Village, L.P. ( Memorial Village ). This center provides the venue for a wide range of high volume, lower-risk surgical procedures within a multi-specialty environment. Surgeons specializing in podiatry, orthopedics, pain management, gynecology, reconstructive, as well as general surgery utilize this facility. The surgeons performing surgery at Memorial Village generally charge their patients for the professional services they provide, while Memorial Village only charges the patients for the facility fee. In 2003, there were 2,226 patients treated at Memorial Village by approximately 60 doctors, 25 of which have an ownership interest in Memorial Village.

***San Jacinto Surgery Center, L.P.***

SurgiCare, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Baytown SurgiCare, Inc., owns a 10% general partnership interest in San Jacinto Surgery Center, L.P. ( San Jacinto ). This center provides the venue for a wide range of high volume, lower-risk surgical procedures within a multi-specialty environment. Surgeons specializing in podiatry, orthopedics, pain management, gynecology and plastics, as well as general, surgery utilize this facility. The surgeons performing surgery at San Jacinto generally charge their patients for the professional services they provide, while San Jacinto only charges the patients for the facility fee. In 2003, there were 4,214 patients treated at San Jacinto by approximately 43 doctors, 19 of which have an ownership interest in San Jacinto.

***Tuscarawas Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC***

SurgiCare owns a 51% interest in Tuscarawas Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC ( Tuscarawas ) located in Dover, Ohio. This center provides the venue for a wide range of high volume, lower-risk surgical procedures within a multi-specialty environment. Surgeons specializing in orthopedics, ear, nose and throat and general surgery utilize this facility. The surgeons performing surgery at the center generally charge their patients for the professional services they provide, while Tuscarawas only charges the patients for the facility fee. In 2003, there were 2,762 patients treated at Tuscarawas by approximately 25 doctors, 12 of which have an ownership interest in Tuscarawas.

Our management agreement with Tuscarawas requires approval of the physician partners in the event of a change of control such as that contemplated in the Transactions. We have reached an oral agreement with those physician partners approving the Transactions without any other changes in our management agreement and expect to reduce the agreement to writing prior to consummation of the Transactions.

***Tuscarawas Open MRI, L.P.***

SurgiCare owns 100% of the partnership in Tuscarawas Open MRI, L.P., located in Dover, Ohio, which SurgiCare opened in July 2004. This center performs diagnostic services using open MRI technology. MRI uses pulses of radio waves to diagnose internal organic tissues and diseases, such as tumors, without the need for biopsies or exploratory surgery. Since the center opened in only July 2004, it does not have historic figures on number of patients treated or physician usage.

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### **Industry Overview**

ASCs are licensed outpatient surgery centers, generally equipped and staffed for a wide variety of surgical procedures. These procedures are generally lower-risk and considered appropriate for the freestanding ambulatory setting. In recent years, government programs, private insurance companies, managed care organizations and self-insured employers have implemented various cost-containment measures to limit the growth of healthcare expenditures. These cost-containment measures, together with technological advances, have resulted in a significant shift in the delivery of healthcare services away from traditional inpatient hospitals to more cost-effective alternative sites, including ASCs. This shift is illustrated by an outpatient market study, performed by Verispan, L.L.C., that shows an 81% increase in surgeries provided outside traditional hospitals, over a 7-year period from 1996 to 2003.

SurgiCare believes that the following factors have contributed to the growth of ASCs:

*Cost-effective Alternative.* ASCs are not usually saddled with the high cost and overhead of the ancillary services such as administration, laboratory, radiology, or dietary, that are generally found in hospital settings. Therefore, surgery at an ASC is generally less expensive than hospital inpatient surgery. SurgiCare believes that surgery performed at an ASC is also less expensive than hospital-based ambulatory surgery for a number of reasons, including:

Lower facility development costs;

More efficient use of staffing and space utilization; and

Specialized operating environment focused on cost containment.

SurgiCare believes that interest in ASCs has grown as managed care organizations have continued to seek a cost-effective alternative to inpatient services.

*Physician and Patient Preference.* Operating physicians, who have determined that their patients are in need of a surgical procedure, generally choose in which facility the surgery will be performed. In most cases, patients will have their surgery performed at the facility that their doctor determines is most appropriate.

Freestanding ASCs subject neither doctors nor their patients to the large institutional environment found at both acute care inpatient hospitals, and outpatient surgery centers located within a hospital.

SurgiCare believes that because of the ease of admission and discharge, many physicians prefer ASCs. SurgiCare believes that such centers enhance physicians' productivity by providing them with greater scheduling flexibility, more consistent nurse staffing and faster turnaround time between cases. This allows the physician to perform more surgeries in a defined period.

In contrast, hospitals generally serve a broader group of physicians, including those involved with emergency procedures, resulting in postponed or delayed surgeries. Additionally, many physicians choose to perform surgery in an ASC because their patients prefer the simplified admissions and discharge procedures and the less institutional atmosphere.

*New Technology.* The increased use of minimally invasive surgery, enhanced endoscopic techniques and fiber optics, have reduced the trauma and recovery time associated with many surgical procedures. Improved anesthesia has shortened recovery time by minimizing postoperative side effects such as nausea and drowsiness, thereby avoiding, in some cases, overnight hospitalization. These new technologies and advances in anesthesia, which have been increasingly accepted by physicians, have significantly expanded the types of surgical procedures that are being performed in ASCs.

### **Business Philosophy**

SurgiCare believes that physician owned and operated ASCs are typically profitable. This profitability results primarily from the fact that physicians who own and operate an ASC are the center's most significant source of patients and benefactors. Generally, it is the operating physician, not the patient, who chooses the



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facilities where surgical procedures are to be done. Because this decision is made at the physician level, it is in fact the physicians bringing patients to the outpatient surgical facility.

SurgiCare believes that ASCs receive their patient referrals almost exclusively from the operating physicians. Therefore, it becomes an extremely important role of a center's management to insure that the operating physicians have everything they need, and that they are pleased with the results that they are able to obtain at the center. If management and the operating physicians are substantially the same, it becomes much easier to insure that physician needs are met, and that their experiences at the centers are pleasant.

Furthermore, SurgiCare believes that physicians become more cost conscious when they own and manage the ASCs in which they practice. This increased cost consciousness can have a significant positive effect on the overall profitability of the center without detrimentally affecting the patients.

SurgiCare believes that the profitability of freestanding ASCs tends to make them attractive to acquirers. Nevertheless, following the acquisition of a physician owned center, evidence suggests that the typical center's profitability will significantly decrease. SurgiCare believes that this typical decline in profitability can be explained, in part, because in many of such acquisitions, the operating physicians lose control of the center. After a typical acquisition of an ASC, the control of the center is typically vested in non-physician management. The factors motivating the physician users to insure the center's profitability are therefore typically removed.

SurgiCare's management structure consists of physicians and healthcare professionals. SurgiCare's management has substantial experience in the operation and management of ASCs. SurgiCare also expects that it will issue its own shares, or other equity interests, to the physicians who own and operate other centers in which SurgiCare may acquire an interest. SurgiCare believes that it will thereby be able to substantially align the interests of SurgiCare's management and stockholders with those of the physician owners of centers in which SurgiCare may acquire an interest. SurgiCare also presently intends to permit each surgery center to be substantially managed by its own board, which is anticipated to consist of a majority of physicians associated with the center and one or more representatives of SurgiCare. Based upon this approach, SurgiCare expects that it will benefit from the substantial unity of goals and motivations of its own management and stockholders with those of physicians who have previously owned and operated a freestanding center acquired, in whole or in part, by SurgiCare.

SurgiCare believes that if the goals and motivations for each center are substantially aligned, then SurgiCare can achieve profitability for every center in which it acquires an interest. However, there are numerous factors that affect the profitability of ASCs, including regulatory and liability matters. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the profitability of any center, or of SurgiCare as a whole, will be achieved maintained.

SurgiCare intends to apply its philosophy in the acquisition, development and operation of physician owned/managed freestanding ASCs.

## **Strategy**

SurgiCare's market strategy is to accelerate penetration of key markets and expand into new markets by:

*Attracting and retaining top quality, highly productive surgeons and other physicians.* Recognizing the importance of physician satisfaction, SurgiCare operates its facilities and has designed its operating model to encourage physicians to choose our facilities. SurgiCare has identified and seeks to accommodate the key factors in a physician's decision making process, which SurgiCare believes includes quality of care, patient comfort, streamlined administrative processes, efficient operation and overall opportunity for increased physician productivity.

*Enhance physician productivity.* SurgiCare intends to enhance physician productivity and promote increased same-center volumes, revenues and profitability by increasing physician involvement, and creating operating efficiencies, including improved scheduling, group purchasing programs and clinical efficiencies.

*Growth through selective domestic acquisitions and development of surgical facilities.* SurgiCare typically targets the acquisition or development of surgery centers that provide high volume, non-

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emergency, lower risk procedures in several medical specialties. Our focus is on under-performing centers where acquisition prices are modest and the leverage returns for operational performance improvements is high. SurgiCare's development staff first identifies existing centers that are potential acquisition candidates. The candidates are then evaluated against SurgiCare's project criteria which may be expected to include several factors such as number of procedures currently being performed by the practice, competition from and the fees being charged by other surgical providers, relative competitive market position of the surgery centers under consideration, ability to contract with payors in the market and state certificate of need (CON) requirements for development of a new center. SurgiCare is in the process of identifying ASCs as potential acquisition targets and has, in some cases, conducted preliminary discussions with representatives of centers, although there are no signed letters of intent or any verbal or other offers to acquire any surgery centers. SurgiCare expects that the acquisition of other surgery centers will take the form of mergers, stock-for-stock exchanges or stock-for-assets exchanges and that in most instances, the target company will wish to structure the business combination to be within the definition of a tax-free reorganization under Section 368 of the Code, as amended. SurgiCare may, however, use other acquisition structuring techniques including purchases of assets or stock for cash or cash and stock, or through formation of one or more limited partnerships or limited liability companies. SurgiCare will typically acquire a minority interest in a particular center.

*Enhance operating efficiencies.* We use systems and protocols to enhance operating efficiencies at both existing and newly acquired or developed facilities. These systems and protocols include: patient scheduling and pre-certification processes, block scheduling by physicians, dedicating multiple operating rooms to each physician to speed turn-around time, and not offering emergency room services which ensures ease in scheduling and availability. We believe that this focus on efficient operations increases our own profitability and encourages physicians to use our facilities by increasing their productivity. In addition, efficient operations are critical to our lower cost model and our competitive advantage in attracting and negotiating with payors.

*Creation of operationally efficient clusters of ASCs.* We seek to build a core management team in each geographical market which will gain increased marketing and operational efficiencies as we add new centers to the market. Spreading the overhead burdens across more operating units not only reduces the total overhead per center but also allows us to attract increasingly more competent operating managers.

*Diversification into complimentary healthcare businesses.* SurgiCare expects to diversify into related healthcare markets and is targeting imaging centers and practice management companies. SurgiCare is looking to develop and/or acquire imaging centers to operate in conjunction with our ASCs. This will strategically position us to service medical outpatient needs and enhance the practices of the healthcare providers who utilize our services. SurgiCare is planning to expand into practice management, which is a core discipline that SurgiCare will need to continue to grow and be profitable. Servicing surgery centers with practice management functions can be a source of potential acquisitions.

**Acquisition and Development of Surgery Centers**

SurgiCare's development staff works to identify existing centers that are potential acquisition candidates and identify physician practices that are potential partners for new center development in the medical specialties that SurgiCare has targeted for development.

The candidates are then evaluated against SurgiCare's project criteria which may be expected to include several factors such as number of procedures currently being performed by the practice, competition from and the fees being charged by other surgical providers, relative competitive market position of the physician practice under consideration, ability to contract with payors in the market and state CON requirements for development of a new center.

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In presenting the advantages to physicians of developing a new freestanding ASC in partnership with SurgiCare, SurgiCare anticipates that its development staff will emphasize the following factors, among others:

1. SurgiCare's model of minority interest, allowing the physicians or limited partners to own a majority of the center.
2. Simplified administrative procedures.
3. The ability to schedule consecutive cases without preemption by inpatient or emergency procedures.
4. Rapid turnaround time between cases.
5. The high technical competency of the center's clinical staff that performs only a limited number of specialized procedures, and state-of-the-art surgical equipment.

SurgiCare expects that it will provide the following developmental services: financial feasibility pro forma analysis; assistance in state CON approval process; site selection; assistance in space analysis and schematic floor plan design; analysis of local, state, and federal building codes; negotiation of equipment financing with lenders; equipment budgeting, specification, bidding, and purchasing; construction financing; architectural oversight; contractor bidding; construction management; assistance with licensing; assistance with Medicare certification; and assistance with third party managed care contracts.

SurgiCare, under previous management, developed Bellaire Surgery Center. SurgiCare, under current management, developed Physicians Endoscopy Center, L.P. ( Physicians Endoscopy ). SurgiCare sold Physicians Endoscopy in June, 2003. SurgiCare acquired Memorial Village, San Jacinto and Tuscarawas as already established and operating surgery centers under its previous management. SurgiCare's current management has experience in developing surgery centers and was responsible for developing five new centers and managing two centers prior to working for SurgiCare.

In addition, in July 2004, SurgiCare opened the Tuscarawas MRI center to expand our operations in Dover, Ohio. Sixty percent (60%) of the funding is being provided by a third party lease finance company called Maxus Leasing Group ( Maxus ). The Maxus financing is a typical equipment lease financed over five years. The remaining portion of the funding was loaned to SurgiCare by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brantley IV. Brantley IV and SurgiCare are negotiating regarding the terms of warrants to be issued by SurgiCare in connection with this loan.

Going forward, SurgiCare anticipates that its ownership interests in most of its ASCs will be approximately 35%. However, from time to time SurgiCare may identify centers where it is advantageous to acquire a majority interest. Regardless of the percentage of each center that SurgiCare acquires, the physicians who had owned and operated a center acquired by SurgiCare, or who have newly developed a center in partnership with SurgiCare, generally will become stockholders in SurgiCare. The local physicians will continue to oversee their operations through an executive committee that interacts with SurgiCare on a regular basis to provide feedback and set policy.

**Surgery and MRI Center Locations**

The following table sets forth information related to SurgiCare's surgical centers in operation as of September 2, 2004:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>SurgiCare Ownership</u>
Bellaire SurgiCare	Houston, Texas	July 1999	100%
SurgiCare Memorial Village	Houston, Texas	Oct. 2000	60%
San Jacinto Surgery Center	Baytown, Texas	Oct. 2000	10%
Tuscarawas Ambulatory Surgery Center	Dover, Ohio	June 2002	51%
Tuscarawas Open MRI	Dover, Ohio	July 2004	100%



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### **AAAHC Accreditation**

Two of SurgiCare's surgery centers are accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. ( AAAHC ). SurgiCare's Bellaire and Memorial Village facilities are not yet accredited. SurgiCare will seek accreditation for the Bellaire facility upon completion of the facility's renovation. In the future, SurgiCare's Memorial Village facility will re-apply for accreditation. Although not required, SurgiCare believes that obtaining an AAAHC accreditation is useful in competing for, and contracting with, certain managed care organizations. SurgiCare, where practical, will strive to obtain AAAHC accreditation.

### **Revenues**

SurgiCare's principal source of revenues is a surgical facility fee charged to patients for surgical procedures performed in its surgery centers. SurgiCare depends upon third-party programs, including governmental and private health insurance programs to pay these fees on behalf of their patients. Patients are responsible for the co-payments and deductibles when applicable. The fees vary depending on the procedure, but usually include all charges for operating room usage, special equipment usage, supplies, recovery room usage, nursing staff and medications. Facility fees do not include the charges of the patient's surgeon, anesthesiologist or other attending physicians, which are billed directly to third-party payors by such physicians. In addition to the facility fee revenues, SurgiCare also earns management fees from its operating facilities and development fees from centers that it develops.

ASCs, such as those in which SurgiCare owns, or intends to acquire, an interest, depend upon third-party reimbursement programs, including governmental and private insurance programs, to pay for services rendered to patients. SurgiCare derived approximately 21% of its gross revenues from governmental healthcare programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, in 2003. The Medicare program currently pays ASCs and physicians in accordance with fee schedules, which are prospectively determined.

The Department of Health and Human Services ( DHHS ) currently bases its reimbursement system to ASCs on a 1986 cost survey. The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 ( MMA ) enacted in December 2003 requires that the current ASC reimbursement methodology based on cost surveys be replaced with a new ASC payment system that will be effective prior to 2008. This new system will be based on recommendations made by the General Accounting Office after studying the relative costs of procedures furnished in ASCs to those furnished in hospital outpatient departments. The new payment methodology could adversely impact surgery center reimbursement and therefore our financial condition, results of operations and business prospects. The MMA also reduces Medicare payments to ASCs by 1% starting April 1, 2004 and thereafter freezes the payment rates through December 31, 2009.

In addition to payment from governmental programs, ASCs derive a significant portion of their net revenues from private healthcare reimbursement plans. These plans include both standard indemnity insurance programs as well as managed care structures such as preferred provider organizations ( PPOs ), health maintenance organizations ( HMOs ) and other similar structures.

The strengthening of managed care systems nationally has resulted in substantial competition among providers of services, including providers of surgery center services. This competition includes companies with greater financial resources and market penetration than SurgiCare. In some cases national managed care systems require that a provider, in order to participate in a specific plan, be able to cover an expanded geographical area.

SurgiCare believes that all payors, both governmental and private, will continue their efforts over the next several years to reduce healthcare costs and that their efforts will generally result in a less stable market for healthcare services. While no assurances can be given concerning the ultimate success of SurgiCare's efforts to contract with healthcare payors, SurgiCare believes that its position as a low-cost alternative for certain surgical procedures should enable its current centers, and additional centers which it may acquire, to compete effectively in the evolving healthcare marketplace.

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### **Competition**

There are several companies, many in niche markets, that acquire existing freestanding ASCs. Many of these competitors have greater resources than SurgiCare. The principal competitive factors that affect the ability of SurgiCare and its competitors to acquire ASCs are price, experience, reputation, and access to capital.

SurgiCare's most significant competitors include: Symbion, Inc., Amsurg Corporation, Surgis, Inc., Foundation Surgery Affiliates, Inc., HealthSouth Corporation, United Surgical Partners International, Inc., Dynacq Healthcare, Inc., NovaMed Eyecare, Inc., TLCVision Corporation, LCA Vision, Inc., Hospital Partners of America, Inc. and National Surgical Care, Inc.

### **Managed Care Contracts**

SurgiCare's participation in managed care contracts, often referred to as HMOs and PPOs, in most cases simply makes it more convenient and cost-effective for a potential patient to allow their doctor to choose a SurgiCare facility. Participation in most managed care contracts is helpful, but not material to SurgiCare's business. SurgiCare believes that its current centers can provide lower-cost, high quality surgery in a more comfortable environment for the patient in comparison to hospitals and to hospital-based surgery centers with which SurgiCare competes for managed care contracts. SurgiCare intends that any additional center which it may acquire will be similarly situated. In competing for managed care contracts, it is important that SurgiCare be able to show insurance companies that it provides quality healthcare at affordable, competitive prices.

### **Government Regulation**

The healthcare industry is subject to extensive regulation by a number of governmental entities at the federal, state and local levels. Regulatory activities affect the business activities of SurgiCare by controlling its growth, requiring licensure and certification for its facilities, regulating the use of SurgiCare's properties, and controlling reimbursement to SurgiCare for the services provided at those facilities.

*Certificates of Need and State Licensing.* CON regulations control the development of ASCs in certain states. CON statutes generally provide that prior to the expansion of existing centers, the construction of new centers, the acquisition of major items of equipment or the introduction of certain new services, approval must be obtained from the designated state health-planning agency based on a determination that a need exists for those facilities or services. SurgiCare expects that its development of ASCs will generally focus on states that do not require CONs. However, acquisitions of existing surgery centers, even in states that require CONs for new centers, generally do not require CON regulatory approval. There are currently 23 states that do not require CONs for ASCs. The large population states that require CON regulatory approval are New York, Michigan and Illinois.

State licensing of ASCs is generally a prerequisite to the operation of each center and to participation in federally funded programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid. Once a center becomes licensed and operational, it must continue to comply with federal, state and local licensing and certification requirements in addition to local building and life safety codes. In addition, each center is also subject to federal, state and local laws dealing with issues such as occupational safety, employment, medical leave, insurance regulations, civil rights and discrimination, and medical waste and other environmental issues.

*Insurance Laws.* Laws in all states regulate the business of insurance and the operation of HMOs. Many states also regulate the establishment and operation of networks of healthcare providers. SurgiCare believes that its operations are in compliance with these laws in the states in which it currently does business. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (the NAIC) recently endorsed a policy proposing the state regulation of risk assumption by healthcare providers. The policy proposes prohibiting providers from entering into capitated payment contracts (which are contracts that compensate the provider based on the number of members in the plan rather than based on the services the provider performs) or other risk sharing contracts, except through HMOs or insurance companies. Several states have adopted regulations implementing the NAIC policy in some form. In states where such regulations have been adopted, healthcare providers will be precluded

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from entering into capitated contracts directly with employers and benefit plans other than HMOs and insurance companies.

SurgiCare and its affiliated groups currently do not and currently do not intend to enter into contracts with managed care organizations, such as HMOs, whereby SurgiCare and its affiliated groups would assume risk in connection with providing healthcare services under capitated payment arrangements, although certain of the subsidiaries of SurgiCare that will exist after the Transactions currently do so, and may continue to do so in the future. If SurgiCare or its affiliated entities are considered to be in the business of insurance as a result of entering into such arrangements, they could become subject to a variety of regulatory and licensing requirements applicable to insurance companies or HMOs, which could have a material adverse effect upon SurgiCare's ability to enter into such contracts. SurgiCare has not made a determination regarding whether it will be deemed to be in the insurance business after the Transactions close.

With respect to managed care contracts that do not involve capitated payments or some other form of financial risk sharing, federal and state antitrust laws restrict the ability of healthcare provider networks such as SurgiCare's specialty physician networks to negotiate payments on a collective basis.

*Reimbursement.* SurgiCare depends upon third-party programs, including governmental and private health insurance programs; to reimburse its ASCs for services rendered to patients in its centers. In order to receive Medicare reimbursement, each ASC must meet the applicable conditions of participation set forth by DHHS relating to the type of facility, its equipment, personnel and standard of medical care, as well as compliance with state and local laws and regulations, all of which are subject to change from time to time. ASCs undergo periodic on-site Medicare certification surveys. SurgiCare's existing centers are certified as Medicare providers. SurgiCare believes that its current centers will participate in Medicare and other government programs. However, SurgiCare's current centers may or may not continue to qualify for participation in Medicare and other government programs. Additionally, the centers that SurgiCare acquires in the future may not qualify for participation in Medicare or other government programs.

*Medicare-Medicaid Illegal Remuneration Provisions.* The anti-kickback statute makes unlawful knowingly and willfully soliciting, receiving, offering or paying any remuneration (including any kickback, bribe, or rebate) directly or indirectly to induce or in return for referring an individual to a person for the furnishing or arranging for the furnishing of any item or service for which payment may be made in whole or in part under Medicare or Medicaid. Violation is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both. The Medicare and Medicaid Patient Program Protection Act of 1987 (the 1987 Act) provides administrative penalties for healthcare practices which encourage over-utilization or illegal remuneration when the costs of services are reimbursed under the Medicare program. Loss of Medicare certification and severe financial penalties are included among the 1987 Act's sanctions. The 1987 Act, which adds to the criminal penalties under preexisting law, also directs the Inspector General of the DHHS to investigate practices which may constitute over-utilization, including investments by healthcare providers in medical diagnostic facilities and to promulgate regulations establishing exemptions or safe harbors for investments by medical service providers in legitimate business ventures that will be deemed not to violate the law even though those providers may also refer patients to such a venture. Regulations identifying safe harbors were published in final form in July 1991 (the Regulations).

If an operating physician has a financial interest in a facility through a partnership interest, or as a stockholder, the operating physician has the potential to benefit from the profitability of the facility. Where a physician is in a position to direct referrals or business to an entity or facility in which such physician has an ownership interest, and, therefore will benefit from the financial profitability of such entity or facility, there is risk under federal and state law, including the Medicare-Medicaid Illegal Remuneration Provisions. If the facility where a surgeon performs surgery is considered an extension of the surgeon's practice, this may reduce the risk of a violation of the anti-kickback statutes of the Medicare-Medicaid Illegal Remuneration Provisions.

The Regulations set forth two specific exemptions or safe harbors related to investment interests: the first concerning investment interests in large publicly traded companies (\$50 million in net tangible assets) and the second for investments in smaller entities. The corporate structure of SurgiCare and its centers meet all of the criteria of either existing investment interests safe harbor as announced in the Regulations.

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While several federal court decisions have aggressively applied the restrictions of the anti-kickback statute, they provide little guidance as to the application of the anti-kickback statute to SurgiCare or its subsidiaries. There is safe harbor protection under the anti-kickback statute for physician-owned ASCs that are structured to meet certain tests set out in the regulations. SurgiCare's surgery centers may not currently satisfy all components of the tests for the ambulatory surgical center safe harbor applicable to ASCs. Nonetheless, SurgiCare believes that it is in compliance with the current requirements of the anti-kickback statute.

Notwithstanding SurgiCare's belief that the relationship of physician partners to SurgiCare's surgery centers should not constitute illegal remuneration under the anti-kickback statute, no assurances can be given that a federal or state agency charged with enforcement of the anti-kickback statute or similar state laws might not assert a contrary position or that new federal or state laws might not be enacted that would cause the physician partners' ownership interest in SurgiCare to become illegal, or result in the imposition of penalties on SurgiCare or certain of its facilities. Even the assertion of a violation could have a material adverse effect upon SurgiCare.

*Prohibition on Physician Ownership of Healthcare Facilities.* The Stark II provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 amend the federal Medicare statute to prohibit a referral by a physician for designated health services to an entity in which the physician has an investment interest or other financial relationship, subject to certain exceptions. A referral under Stark II that does not fall within an exception is strictly prohibited. This prohibition took effect on January 1, 1995. Sanctions for violating Stark II can include civil monetary penalties and exclusion from Medicare and Medicaid.

Ambulatory surgery is not identified as a designated health service and the Stark II regulations state that items and services provided in any ASC and reimbursed under the composite payment rate are not designated health services. Because all items and services provided at SurgiCare's surgery centers are billed to Medicare under a composite payment rate, as discussed below, SurgiCare believes that it is not subject to the physician self-referral restrictions set forth in Stark II. However, in the event that SurgiCare in the future offers services that are not ASC services covered by a composite payment rate and are designated health services under Stark II, SurgiCare would be subject to the Stark II physician self-referral prohibition with respect to those services.

Medicare pays ASCs a composite rate, or fixed facility payment, as payment in full for all items and services furnished to a patient in connection with a surgical procedure. For example, the Medicare ASC facility fee includes payment for all lab work that might be furnished in connection with a surgical procedure. As such, the physician who furnishes a surgical procedure in an ASC in which he or she has an ownership interest has no incentive to unnecessarily order lab services. CMS cited this as the primary basis for expressly protecting ASC services, and items and services that otherwise would constitute designated health services when furnished in the ASC setting.

Most payors pay using a composite payment rate based on the various procedure groups used by ASCs. Some payors will pay separately for supplies and implants. The compensation paid by each payor for the facility fees varies by insurance carrier. Most pay at a percentage of Medicare or a fixed amount per procedure group. If a facility has a mix of patients whose payors pay better rates than average, the margins of that center are typically higher. If a facility has a mix of patients whose payors pay less than the average rates, the margins of that center are typically lower. The margins achieved at each center are primarily a function of volume, payor, mix, and operating efficiency, in that order.

However, unfavorable future Stark II regulations or subsequent adverse court interpretations concerning the Stark II law or regulations or similar provisions found in similar state statutes could prohibit reimbursement for treatment provided by the physicians affiliated with SurgiCare or its current or future centers to their patients. The negative effect of such unfavorable future Stark II regulations or court rulings may be that investor physicians would not admit their patients to SurgiCare ASCs because of the prohibition on reimbursement for services. This would have a significant effect on the revenues and margins of SurgiCare and would threaten its continuing viability. However, due to the cost-effectiveness of ASCs as compared to hospitals, as discussed in *Industry Overview* in this section, SurgiCare believes it is unlikely that such unfavorable regulations or court interpretations would be implemented unless there is a dramatic shift in government policy towards ASCs.

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Neither SurgiCare nor its subsidiaries are engaged in the corporate practice of medicine. SurgiCare does not employ any physicians to practice medicine on its behalf. SurgiCare and its subsidiaries merely provide the venue for its physicians to perform surgical procedures. SurgiCare submits claims and bills to patients, for the facility fee only, and in no way is involved with the billing or submission of claims for any professional medical fees.

*Administrative Simplification and Privacy Requirements.* There are currently numerous legislative and regulatory initiatives at the state and federal levels addressing patient privacy concerns. In particular, on December 28, 2000, DHHS released final health privacy regulations implementing portions of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and in August 2002 published revisions to the final rules. These final health privacy regulations generally required compliance by April 14, 2003 and extensively regulate the use and disclosure of individually identifiable health-related information. In addition, HIPAA requires DHHS to adopt standards to protect the security of health-related information. DHHS released final security regulations on February 20, 2003. The security regulations will generally become mandatory on April 21, 2005. These security regulations will require healthcare providers to implement administrative, physical and technical practices to protect the security of individually identifiable health-related information that is electronically maintained or transmitted. Further, as required by HIPAA, DHHS has adopted final regulations establishing electronic data transmission standards that all healthcare providers must use when submitting or receiving certain healthcare transactions electronically. Compliance with these regulations became mandatory on October 16, 2002. However, entities that filed for an extension before October 16, 2002 had until October 16, 2003 to comply with the regulations. SurgiCare filed extensions for its centers before October 16, 2002, and we believe that we were in compliance with the standards by October 16, 2003. We believe that the cost of compliance with these regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position or results of operations. If we fail to comply with these regulations, we could suffer civil penalties up to \$25,000 per calendar year for each provision violated and criminal penalties with fines of up to \$250,000 per violation. In addition, our facilities will continue to remain subject to any state laws that are more restrictive than the privacy regulations issued under HIPAA. These statutes vary by state and could impose additional penalties.

SurgiCare cannot predict whether other regulatory or statutory provisions will be enacted by federal or state authorities which would prohibit or otherwise regulate relationships which SurgiCare has established or may establish with other healthcare providers or the possibility of material adverse effects on its business or revenues arising from such future actions. SurgiCare believes, however, that it will be able to adjust its operations to be in compliance with any regulatory or statutory provision, as may be applicable.

SurgiCare is subject to state and federal laws that govern the submission of claims for reimbursement. These laws generally prohibit an individual or entity from knowingly and willfully presenting a claim (or causing a claim to be presented) for payment from Medicare, Medicaid or other third party payors that is false or fraudulent. The standard for knowing and willful often includes conduct that amounts to a reckless disregard for whether accurate information is presented by claims processors.

Penalties under these statutes include substantial civil and criminal fines, exclusion from the Medicare program, and imprisonment. One of the most prominent of these laws is the federal False Claims Act, which may be enforced by the federal government directly, or by a qui tam plaintiff (a private person suing on the government's behalf under a statute that assigns a certain part of the penalty award to the government). Under the False Claims Act, both the government and the private plaintiff, if successful, are permitted to recover substantial monetary penalties, as well as an amount equal to three times actual damages. In recent cases, some qui tam plaintiffs have taken the position that violations of the anti-kickback statute and Stark II should also be prosecuted as violations of the federal False Claims Act. Even though SurgiCare believes that it has procedures in place to ensure the accurate completion of claims forms and requests for payment, the laws and regulations defining the proper parameters of proper Medicare or Medicaid billing are frequently unclear and have not been subjected to extensive judicial or agency interpretation. Billing errors can occur despite SurgiCare's best efforts to prevent or correct them, and no assurances can be given that the government will regard such errors as inadvertent and not in violation of the False Claims Act or related statutes.

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SurgiCare does not believe it has materially failed to comply with any of the regulations described above during the past two years.

### **Employees**

As of September 2, 2004, SurgiCare and its subsidiaries employed approximately 105 persons, 66 of whom were full-time employees and 39 of whom were part-time employees. Of the above, nine were employed at SurgiCare's corporate office in Houston, Texas and the remaining employees were employed by SurgiCare's surgery centers. These employees work in the following positions: corporate management (9); business office (15); administrators (3); nurses (58); and technicians (20). SurgiCare believes its relationship with its employees to be good. SurgiCare does not have any employment or labor contracts, except with its Chief Executive Officer and former Chief Financial Officer (see Note 18 to the accompanying financial statements in the Form 10-KSB included in Annex C to this proxy statement). Additionally, SurgiCare does not currently plan on having any such contracts with any operating physician on staff at any of its facilities. At this time, SurgiCare believes that all of its nurses and other employees have at-will employment relationships with SurgiCare.

SurgiCare's former Chief Financial Officer, Phillip C. Scott, terminated his employment with SurgiCare on June 25, 2004. Mr. Scott owns 80,000 shares of common stock (0.3% of our outstanding common stock). The total number of shares beneficially owned by Mr. Scott prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, including shares issuable upon exercise of unexercised warrants on or prior to November 1, 2004, is 2,215,478 shares, or 7.1% of the outstanding shares of common stock and shares issuable upon the exercise of such warrants. Mr. Scott's warrants have an exercise price of \$0.32 with the exception of 40,000 warrants which have an exercise price of \$0.45. These holdings would convert to approximately 221,547 shares of Class A common stock, which together is approximately 0.9% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. Although Mr. Scott has not taken any formal legal action, the letter SurgiCare received from Mr. Scott on June 25, 2004, alleges claims for two years severance pay (which would total \$596,000), unpaid base salary in the amount of \$62,000, full vesting of all 1,149,138 remaining unvested warrants granted pursuant to the employment agreement, certain bonuses, expense reimbursement and warrant repricing.

### **Physician Stockholders**

SurgiCare has never entered into any arrangement, nor does it plan on entering into any arrangement with any physicians that operate at any of its facilities, to assure their continued use of its facilities. However, many of the surgeons operating in SurgiCare facilities own SurgiCare common stock. Depending on SurgiCare's profitability, the potential exists for all stockholders, both physician and non-physician, to benefit financially.

Surgeons specializing in podiatry, orthopedics, pain management, gynecology, ophthalmology and reconstructive, as well as general surgery utilize SurgiCare's facilities. SurgiCare is not dependent on the revenue generated by patients brought by any single operating physician. At certain facilities, SurgiCare derives a large portion of its revenue from procedures performed within specific specialties. Currently, podiatry and pain management are the dominant specialties at Bellaire. Since Bellaire has over twenty podiatrist and three pain management physicians bringing patients to the surgery center, none are considered to be a major customer.

### **Description of Property**

SurgiCare's principal office is located at 10700 Richmond, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77042. The Richmond property is approximately 21,118 square feet, located on the 3rd floor of the building. This property is leased from an unaffiliated third party for an initial term that expires in September, 2011. Annual rental of \$295,652.04 is payable monthly in the amount of \$24,637.67 for months 1 through 38, and annual rental in the amount of \$316,770.00 is payable in the amount of \$26,397.50 for month 39 through 86. Additionally, a rent credit for SurgiCare's prior principal office lease for property at 12727 Kimberley Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77042 in the amount of \$134,373.33 shall be applied to the rent in equal monthly increments of \$4,976.79 for 27 consecutive calendar months commencing upon the first month of the lease. SurgiCare maintains tenant

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commercial general liability insurance, all risk property insurance, and other insurance on its property located in such building in an amount deemed adequate by SurgiCare. SurgiCare has also entered into a sublease agreement with MBS for 12,403 square feet of the Richmond property. The sublease will terminate upon the sooner of: (i) the consummation of the DCPS/MBS merger, or (ii) such time as SurgiCare, for any reason, is no longer the lawful lessee of the premises. MBS is currently paying SurgiCare a monthly rent equal to MBS's pro rata share of the rent for the 21,118 square foot property. The four surgery centers in operation on September 2, 2004 comprise lease space ranging from 10,000 to 14,000 square feet with remaining lease terms ranging from month-to-month to 8 1/2 years. The MRI Center operates in 1,380 square feet of leased space on a month-to-month lease. We are negotiating a long term lease for this space.

In June 2002, SurgiCare acquired five properties from American International Industries, Inc. ( AII ), Texas Real Estate Enterprises, Inc. and MidCity Houston Properties, Inc. in exchange for 1.2 million shares SurgiCare Series AA preferred stock. The land holdings are undeveloped properties. The properties include 735.66 acre tract of vacant land located on the east side of a shell paved road leading to the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, approximately two miles South of FM 1985, in Chambers County, Texas; a 22.38 acre tract of land located on the east side of US 59 at the Old Humble/Atascocita Road exit, and an adjacent 14.25 acre tract of land on the west side of Homestead Road in Houston, Harris County, Texas; a 22,248 square foot tract of land located on the northeast corner of Almeda Road and Riverside Drive, in Houston, Harris County, Texas; four tracts of land totaling 26.856 acres located on the southeast, northwest, and northeast corners of Airport Boulevard and Sims Bayou and east side of 4th Street south of Airport Boulevard in Houston, Harris County, Texas; and a 12.216 net acre tract of land located on the southwest corner of Airport Boulevard and Sims Bayou, Houston, Harris County, Texas (collectively, the Properties ). SurgiCare currently has contracts to sell two of these properties the tract adjacent to the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge and the tract on Almeda Road. Pursuant to a December 11, 2002 agreement, AII guaranteed a resale price on the land of \$4 million, and agreed to make up for any shortfall.

On June 23, 2004, SurgiCare entered into an agreement with AII, which is the sole owner of all outstanding Series AA preferred stock, pursuant to which SurgiCare will issue 8,750,000 shares of its common stock (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) to AII in exchange for the conversion of all 900,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock. The conversion of the Series AA preferred stock to common stock will take place upon the later to occur of the approval for listing of the shares of common stock on the AMEX or the fulfillment by AII of its obligations under the agreement to acquire the Properties and to assume or eliminate SurgiCare's obligations with respect thereto, and to pay SurgiCare \$250,000. On or about July 27, 2004 SurgiCare transferred the Properties to AII, and AII has no further obligations regarding the resale guarantee of the Properties in the December 11, 2002 agreement. If the conversion does not occur by July 30, 2004, SurgiCare is required by the certificate of designations of the Series AA preferred stock filed pursuant to the agreement to either convert or redeem 300,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock on each of July 30, 2004, June 4, 2005, and June 4, 2006. Each share of Series AA preferred stock would be convertible into the number of shares of common stock determined by the following formula: \$5.00 divided by the greater of (a) the average of the closing price of the common stock on the twenty trading days immediately preceding the conversion date or (b) \$0.41. The redemption price of each share of Series AA preferred stock would be \$5.00. The real property purchase agreement relating to the Properties between AII and SurgiCare states that AII will indemnify SurgiCare for expenses involved in the settlement of the termination of the contracts for the sale of the tract adjacent to the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge and the tract on Almeda Road. SurgiCare filed a listing application for the listing of the shares of common stock and received approval of the same from AMEX on September 10, 2004. The shares of common stock will not be issued until after the record date.

**Legal Proceedings**

On February 10, 2003, SurgiCare, Inc. was named as a defendant in a suit entitled S.E. Altman v. SurgiCare, Inc. S.E. Altman sued for breach of contract, alleging that SurgiCare did not pay monies owed under a Finders Fee Contract. Plaintiff asserted damages in the amount of \$217,000, plus interest and attorneys' fees. The case was dismissed in favor of arbitration. In March 2004, the parties executed a Settlement

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Agreement and Release of Claims to resolve the dispute in which SurgiCare agreed to issue Mr. Altman 540,000 shares of common stock in exchange for his services under the Finder's Fee Contract.

In March 2003, SurgiCare Memorial Village, L.P. and Town & Country SurgiCare, Inc. were named as defendants in a suit entitled MarCap Corporation vs. Health First Surgery Center-Memorial, Ltd.; HFMC, L.C.; SurgiCare Memorial Village, L.P.; and Town & Country SurgiCare, Inc. MarCap sued for default under a promissory note and refusing to remit payment on a promissory note in the amount of \$215,329.36. SurgiCare has paid \$53,832.34 of this balance and settlement has been reached whereby SurgiCare will pay MarCap \$150,000 over the next year with an interest rate of 10%, with an underlying settlement of approximately \$200,000 in the event of a breach in the payment plan. A balance of \$36,668.13 remains on this settlement as of September 2, 2004.

In April of 2003, International Diversified Corporation Limited sued SurgiCare, Inc. alleging breach of contract for SurgiCare's alleged failure to release shares of stock allegedly owed to International Diversified Corporation Limited. The parties signed a settlement agreement on or about August 26, 2003 whereby SurgiCare tendered the stock certificate to Plaintiff and released Plaintiff from its obligation to reimburse SurgiCare \$400,000 under the previous agreement. In addition, Plaintiff acquired a promissory note held by SurgiCare in the amount of \$223,177.78. Plaintiff currently claims a breach of this settlement agreement and has filed a Motion to Retain and an amended answer. At issue is whether SurgiCare had an obligation to release restrictions on the shares of stock it issued pursuant to the underlying contract and settlement. Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of approximately \$350,000 for failure to release these restrictions in a timely manner. SurgiCare maintains that it has no such obligation and intends to file a motion for summary judgment to resolve the case.

On April 1, 2003, Jackson Walker brought suit against SurgiCare for breach of contract in relation to unpaid attorneys' fees. Jackson Walker claimed damages of \$52,247.18, plus interest. The parties filed an agreed judgment on or about June 21, 2004 for \$40,000.00.

On April 13, 2004, David Russell as Trustee for McIntosh Charitable Remainder Unitrust and Elizabeth Osher brought a garnishment action against SurgiCare, seeking any property that SurgiCare might owe to Odyssey Capital, L.L.C. and Odyssey Capital Investments, L.P. This garnishment action followed a lawsuit whereby Plaintiffs obtained a judgment against Odyssey Capital, L.L.C. and Odyssey Capital Investments, L.P. On June 7, 2004, SurgiCare filed an answer requesting that the court allow it to place the warrants, which are allegedly owed to Odyssey Capital, L.L.C., in the registry of the court, thus removing SurgiCare from this controversy.

On April 14, 2003, SurgiCare, Inc. was named as a defendant in a suit entitled A.I. International Corporate Holdings, Ltd. v. SurgiCare, Inc. in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Subsequently, SurgiCare filed suit against A.I. International Corporate Holdings, Ltd. and First National Bank, S.A.L. of Lebanon in the 215th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. The New York case involves allegations that SurgiCare defaulted on its loan agreement. The plaintiffs in the New York case are suing SurgiCare for \$834,252 representing the loan amount and interest, plus \$219,000, representing damages for No-filing Charges and Non-Effective Charges under the contract. SurgiCare's lawsuit in Texas asserted that the loan agreement is usurious. The parties have reached an agreement to settle this matter which will close after the consummation of the Transactions. Pursuant to this settlement, SurgiCare will pay Plaintiffs \$220,000 in cash and issue 2,100,000 shares of SurgiCare common stock (210,000 shares on a post-Reverse Stock Split basis) after the closing of the Transactions.

On July 7, 2003, SurgiCare, Inc. was named as a party in the arbitration entitled Brewer & Pritchard, P.C. vs. SurgiCare, Inc. before the American Arbitration Association. Brewer & Pritchard claimed breach of contract and demanded payment of \$131,294.88 in billed and unbilled legal fees plus third party expenses, interest at the highest legal rate, costs, legal fees and damages from breach of contract. This case was settled in November 2003 and SurgiCare issued shares of common stock valued at \$117,500 as compensation for past legal fees.

On November 24, 2003, SurgiCare, Inc. was named as a defendant in a suit entitled Vincent A. Giammalva, Trustee v. SurgiCare, Inc., Keith G. LeBlanc, and Phillip C. Scott; in the 344th Judicial District



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Court of Chambers County, Texas. This case involves allegations that SurgiCare defaulted on a contract to sell a parcel of real estate to plaintiff. Plaintiff also claims that Messrs. LeBlanc and Scott committed fraud. SurgiCare states that it could not sell the parcel of land because of a lien on the property. The plaintiff seeks specific performance, forcing SurgiCare to sell the property, as well as actual damages. AII has agreed to indemnify SurgiCare, Inc., Keith LeBlanc and Philip Scott for all claims asserted in this litigation by agreement dated June 23, 2004.

In addition, we are involved in various other legal proceedings and claims arising in the ordinary course of business. Our management believes that the disposition of these additional matters, individually or in the aggregate, should not have a materially adverse effect on our financial condition. However, depending on the amount and timing of such disposition, an unfavorable resolution of some or all of these matters could materially affect our future results of operations or cash flows in a particular period.

**Stock Price Data**

In April 2000, SurgiCare began trading on the OTC Bulletin Board. In July 2001, SurgiCare qualified for listing on the AMEX and began trading on this exchange at that time under the symbol SRG. The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices relating to SurgiCare's common stock for the last two fiscal years and two most recent fiscal quarters:

**Fiscal 2004**

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Quarter ended March 31, 2004	\$0.67	\$0.35
Quarter ended June 30, 2004	\$0.52	\$0.31

**Fiscal 2003**

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Quarter ended March 31, 2003	\$0.50	\$0.27
Quarter ended June 30, 2003	\$0.45	\$0.23
Quarter ended September 30, 2003	\$0.54	\$0.22
Quarter ended December 31, 2003	\$0.72	\$0.36

**Fiscal 2002**

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Quarter ended March 31, 2002	\$2.50	\$1.90
Quarter ended June 30, 2002	\$3.70	\$1.76
Quarter ended September 30, 2002	\$2.68	\$0.30
Quarter ended December 31, 2002	\$0.93	\$0.22

We are in the process of applying for a new AMEX listing symbol for Orion.

**Holdings**

SurgiCare believes that as of June 30, 2004, there were approximately 412 holders of record of SurgiCare common stock and one holder of SurgiCare Series AA preferred stock.

**Dividends**

SurgiCare has not paid dividends on shares of its common stock within the last two years, and does not expect to declare or pay any cash dividends on shares of its common stock in the foreseeable future.



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**Option Plan Data**

In October 2001, SurgiCare established our 2001 Stock Option Plan, which authorized 1.4 million shares of our common stock to be made available through an incentive program for employees. The 2001 Stock Option Plan was approved by the stockholders. The options were granted at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant. The options had a ten year term. There were 81,955 options granted under the 2001 Stock Option Plan in 2002. There were none granted under the 2001 Stock Option Plan in 2001. As of September 2, 2004, there were 52,091 options outstanding.

The number of warrants outstanding as of the beginning of 2003 to employees was 7,265,899. The number of warrants outstanding as of the end of 2003 to employees or former employees was 6,855,899 and the number of warrants outstanding as of September 2, 2004 to employees or former employees was 5,706,761 with exercise prices ranging from \$0.32 to \$2.00, and with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.425 per share. There were no changes in the exercise price of outstanding warrants through cancellation and re-issuance or otherwise, except price changes resulting from the normal operation of anti-dilution provisions of the warrants.

**Incorporation by Reference**

We incorporate by reference in this proxy statement the following documents which have been previously filed with the SEC and are attached to this proxy statement as Annex C and Annex P:

Our annual report on Form 10-KSB/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, which contains:

Our audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002; and

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations for applicable periods.

Our quarterly report on Form 10-QSB/A for the quarter ended June 30, 2004, which contains:

Our unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2004; and

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations for applicable periods.

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**INFORMATION ABOUT IPS**

**Description of Business**

***Overview***

IPS, a Delaware corporation, is a Roswell, Georgia-based company. IPS's subsidiary, IntegriMED, Inc. (IntegriMED), is a provider of technology solutions for physicians, including a comprehensive suite of integrated business and clinical software applications called IntegriMED. The Pediatric Physician Alliance (PPA) division of IPS manages pediatric medical clinics.

IntegriMED represents a practical approach to providing medical groups with business and clinical software solutions that address day-to-day operational requirements and regulatory compliance. IntegriMED provides software and technology solutions for physicians through an Application Service Provider (ASP) model. Rather than independently developing a stand-alone software application, IPS identified proven and effective physician practice software solutions and developed an architecture that brought these applications together in a single, integrated management system. The IntegriMED system enables IPS to add new applications as required to respond to changing business and regulatory burdens and allows IPS to deliver these applications to its clients over the Internet resulting in a cost-effective means of delivering and accessing the applications.

The sales cycle is the process of converting a physician practice that has indicated interest in purchasing one or more of IntegriMED's applications into a customer for IntegriMED. IntegriMED's sales cycle varies based upon the customer's needs, requirements, size, and scope as well as the competitive dynamics in the local or regional market. Therefore, the sales cycle could be from two weeks to one year in length. The implementation cycle is the process of planning the installation, training the staff and launching the services to a new customer. The implementation cycle can last up to six months.

The IntegriMED system includes practice management, billing, scheduling, collections, human resources, payroll and benefits administration, accounting, communication, procurement and electronic medical records applications. IntegriMED contracts with third-party manufacturers for practice management information systems, electronic medical records systems, human resources management systems, accounting system management and electronic claims processing. Although each of the third-party contracts contain multi-year terms, all are terminable for cause, which includes performance deficiencies. In the event of the termination of any of the third-party contracts, IntegriMED expects that a suitable replacement could be obtained on similar terms and prices. IntegriMED internally developed proprietary applications, including a user interface system, Virtual MBA™ (a proprietary financial reporting and benchmarking program), and software integration systems. IntegriMED offers its customers secure hosting, implementation, training and help desk services. IntegriMED's clients may choose a single product feature or bundle multiple products and services. Additional services can later be integrated into the IntegriMED desktop. The integrated applications are accessed over the internet and hosted at a secure third-party site.

PPA is an experienced and innovative provider of healthcare management services dedicated to the practice of Pediatrics. PPA has been building a tested record of helping medical practices lower costs and improve financial performance since 1996. Currently, PPA manages 13 practice sites, representing eight medical groups in California, Illinois, Ohio, Texas and New Jersey. PPA provides business management and administrative services to the affiliated medical groups. These services include human resources management, accounting, group purchasing, public relations, marketing, information technology, and general day-to-day business operations management services. The affiliated physicians, who are all employed by separate corporations, provide all clinical and patient care related services. There is a standard forty-year contract between PPA and the various affiliated medical groups whereby the physicians are compensated after all practice expenses and a management fee is paid to PPA.

IPS owns all the assets used in the operation of the medical groups and the physicians are equity owners in IPS. IPS manages the day-to-day business operations of each medical group and provides the assets for the physicians to use in their practice, for a fixed fee or percentage of the net operating income of the medical group. All revenues are collected by IPS, the fixed fee or percentage payment to IPS is taken from the net

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operating income of the medical group and the remainder of the net operating income of the medical group is paid to the physicians as a salary and treated as an expense on IPS's accounting records. This accounting method is allowed by Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) 97-2.

### ***Customers***

IntegriMED currently has subscriptions for 230 desktops in 25 locations. IPS generally targets medical practices with less than 25 physicians with a primary emphasis on family medicine, internal medicine and pediatric practices.

### ***Competition***

*IntegriMED.* Several companies, including Amicore, iLIANT, MED3000 and TriZetto offer bundled packages of software and business services delivered in a hosting environment. The physician practice software industry (Practice Management and Electronic Medical Records) is highly fragmented and includes hundreds of independent companies offering software solutions sold on a perpetual license and client/server basis.

*PPA.* PPA competes with many local, regional and national companies in the healthcare business services markets in which they operate.

### ***Government Regulation***

IPS's customers must comply with the governmental regulations, such as those relating to HIPAA, Medicare and Medicaid, that affect healthcare providers. When providing its customers with healthcare business services and information technology solutions, IPS must consider the healthcare regulatory framework in which its customers operate in order to provide them with services and products that will not compromise their compliance with these regulations. IntegriMED's and PPA's products and services are HIPAA compliant and IntegriMED and PPA have HIPAA Business Associate agreements in place with all companies that are third-party business partners and may receive protected patient health information.

### ***Employees***

Currently, IPS has 204 full-time and part-time employees with 32 employees based in Roswell, Georgia. These IPS employees work in the following areas: corporate management (9); administrative functions (97); field management and operations (11); clinical (85); and marketing (2).

## **Description of Property**

IPS is currently based in Roswell, Georgia where it leases a 7,000 square foot office facility. IPS also maintains a sales office in Charlotte, North Carolina and leases space for 13 medical offices ranging in size from 3,000-8,000 square feet. The leases relating to these facilities have terms that expire beginning on November 1, 2004 and continuing to March 9, 2011.

## **Legal Proceedings**

On January 1, 1999, IPS acquired Children's Advanced Medical Institutes, Inc. (CAMI) in a merger transaction. On that same date, IPS began providing management services to the Children's Advanced Medical Institutes, P.A. (the P.A.), an entity owned by the physicians affiliated with CAMI. The parties' rights and obligations were memorialized in a merger agreement, a management services agreement and certain other agreements.

On February 7, 2000, the P.A., certain physicians affiliated with the P.A., and the former shareholders of CAMI filed suit against IPS in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, Civil Action File No. 3-00-CV-0536-L. On May 9, 2001, IPS (which was formerly known as Pediatric Physician Alliance, Inc.) filed suit against the P.A., certain physicians who were members of the P.A., and Patrick Solomon as Escrow Agent of CAMI. The case was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, Civil Action File No. 3-01CV0877-L. Certain settlements were reached in the cases.

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The two cases were referred to arbitration pursuant to the arbitration clauses in the agreements between the parties. The arbitration includes all remaining claims in both lawsuits.

The P.A., the physicians and the former shareholders of CAMI seek recovery of premerger accounts receivable they claim were collected by IPS after the merger, but belong to CAMI under the merger agreement and agreements between CAMI and the affiliated physicians. IPS has asserted a right of set-off for over-payments that it made after the merger to the physicians. IPS also asserts a claim against the physicians for breach of the management services agreement and other agreements. In their complaint, the P.A., the former shareholders of CAMI and the physicians assert a claim against IPS for approximately \$500,000 (which includes interest and attorneys' fees) for which IPS has accrued approximately \$540,000 prior to 2003 for possible losses related to this claim. IPS asserted a claim against the physicians for over \$5,000,000 due to the overpayments and their alleged breach of the agreements. An arbitration hearing was held on the claim filed by the former shareholders of CAMI in January 2004, and the Arbitrator issued an award against IPS in the amount of approximately \$517,000. IPS is seeking reversal/ modification of that award in the District Court. IPS's claims against the physicians are still pending.

## **Stock Price Data**

The capital stock of IPS is not publicly traded and no market information relating to its capital stock is available. IPS has not paid any dividends on its common stock since inception and does not anticipate paying any dividends in the foreseeable future. There were 36 holders of record of common stock as of June 30, 2004. There were 759,111 options outstanding as of June 30, 2004. There were 357,500 warrants outstanding as of June 30, 2004. There were 2,223,403 shares of preferred stock outstanding and convertible into shares of common stock as of June 30, 2004. Of these preferred shares, 175,000 were Series A shares, 71,028 were Series A-1 shares, 1,653,000 were Series A-2 shares and 334,375 were Series B shares.

## **Financial Information**

The financial statements and related notes to the financial statements are provided in Annex I to this proxy statement.

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition highlights the principal factors that have affected IPS's financial condition and results of operations as well as IPS's liquidity and capital resources for the periods described. This discussion should be read in conjunction with IPS's consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 and the years ended 2003 and 2002 and related notes thereto appearing in Annex I to this proxy statement.

### ***Overview of Business Operations***

#### ***General***

IPS was founded in 1996 as a business development company to provide physician practice management services to general and subspecialty pediatric practices. IPS commenced its business activities upon consummation of several medical group business combinations effective January 1, 1999. IPS, through its two business units, PPA and IntegriMED, currently provides comprehensive management, administrative and other business services to medical groups in selected markets throughout the United States. IPS's headquarters are in Roswell, Georgia.

PPA is an experienced and innovative provider of business management services dedicated to the practice of pediatrics. PPA helps medical groups lower costs and improve financial performance. Currently, PPA manages 13 practice sites, representing eight medical groups in California, Illinois, Ohio, Texas and New Jersey.

IntegriMED is an integrator of business software and clinical systems designed to optimize the business performance of a medical office. IntegriMED deploys, hosts, and manages access to applications that are delivered over secure networks to multiple parties from an offsite, professionally managed facility.

**Table of Contents***Certain Recent Developments*

IPS previously acquired New Interlachen Pediatrics, Inc. ( NIP ), a component of IPS in Maitland, Florida, pursuant to a plan of merger effective January 1, 1999. A variety of material disputes arose between New Interlachen Pediatrics, P.A. ( Interlachen ), a Florida professional association, from whom IPS purchased NIP and the employer of the physicians practicing medicine at NIP, and IPS, some or most of which were the subject of an action filed by Interlachen against IPS in Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County, Florida (the Action ) and the parties desired to settle all disputes between them and in connection with the Action.

Effective March 31, 2002, NIP entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Interlachen for the sale of substantially all of the assets used exclusively by NIP in connection with its practice of pediatric medicine. The purchase price for the assets was \$1,904,502 in cash, plus 250,992 shares of the common stock of IPS owned by certain individual physicians of NIP and was consummated on April 30, 2002. The details of the transaction are as follows:

Sales price	\$ 2,092,746
Assets, other than intangible assets	(530,551)
Intangible assets	(1,451,167)
Liabilities	134,410
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Net gain on sale	\$ 245,438
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In addition, as of the closing date, the parties agreed to terminate the Management Service Agreement ( MSA ) and waive and release all claims between the parties. The consolidated financial statements included in Annex I to this proxy statement include this business unit as a discontinued operation for the periods prior to March 31, 2002.

On September 19, 2003, IPS entered into a Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement (the Settlement Agreement ) with Dr. Jane Kao and PediApex Heart Center for Children, P.A. (the Heart Center ) to settle disputes as to the existence and enforceability of certain contractual obligations. As part of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Kao, the Heart Center and IPS agreed that until December 31, 2004, each party would conduct their operations under the terms established by the MSA. Additionally, among other provisions, after December 31, 2004, Dr. Kao and the Heart Center will be released from any further obligation to IPS arising from any previous agreement, and Dr. Kao will purchase the accounts receivable related to the Heart Center and IPS will terminate its ownership and management agreement with the Heart Center.

*Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*

This management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations of IPS is based upon IPS's consolidated financial statements, which include the accounts of IPS, IntegriMED, and its affiliated medical groups. All significant intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

The preparation of IPS's financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and footnotes. IPS management bases these estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Changes in the facts or circumstances underlying these estimates could result in material changes and actual results could differ from these estimates. IPS believes the following critical accounting policies affect the most significant areas involving management's judgments and estimates. In addition, please refer to the Organization and Summary of Accounting Policies section of IPS's Audited Financial Statements included in Annex I to this proxy statement for further discussion of IPS's accounting policies.

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*Consolidation of Physician Practice Management Companies.* In March 1998, the Emerging Issues Task Force of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued its Consensus on Issue 97-2 ( EITF 97-2 ). EITF 97-2 addresses the ability of physician practice management ( PPM ) companies to consolidate the results of medical groups with which it has an existing contractual relationship. Specifically, EITF 97-2 provides guidance for consolidation where PPM companies can establish a controlling financial interest in a physician practice through contractual management arrangements. A controlling financial interest exists, if, for a requisite period of time, the PPM has control over the physician practice and has a financial interest that meets six specific requirements. The six requirements for a controlling financial interest include: (a) the contractual arrangement between the PPM and physician practice (1) has a term that is either the entire remaining legal life of the physician practice or a period of 10 years or more, and (2) is not terminable by the physician practice except in the case of gross negligence, fraud, or other illegal acts by the PPM or bankruptcy of the PPM; (b) the PPM has exclusive authority over all decision making related to (3) ongoing, major, or central operations of the physician practice, except the dispensing of medical services, and (4) total practice compensation of the licensed medical professionals as well as the ability to establish and implement guidelines for the selection, hiring, and firing of them; (c) the PPM must have a significant financial interest in the physician practice that (5) is unilaterally salable or transferable by the PPM and (6) provides the PPM with the right to receive income, both as ongoing fees and as proceeds from the sale of its interest in the physician practice, in an amount that fluctuates based upon the performance of the operations of the physician practice and the change in the fair value thereof. IPS' s MSAs governing the contractual relationship with its affiliated medical groups are for forty year terms; are not terminable by the physician practice other than for bankruptcy or fraud; provide IPS with decision making authority other than related to the practice of medicine; provide for employment and non-compete agreements with the physicians governing compensation; provide IPS the right to assign, transfer or sell its interest in the physician practice and assign the rights of the MSAs; provide IPS with the right to receive a management fee based on results of operations and the right to the proceeds from a sale of the practice to an outside party or, at the end of the MSA term, to the physician group. Based on this analysis, IPS has determined that its contracts meet the criteria of EITF 97-2 for consolidating the results of operations of the affiliated medical groups and has adopted EITF 97-2 in its statement of operations. EITF 97-2 also has addressed the accounting method for future combinations with individual physician practices. IPS believes that, based on the criteria set forth in EITF 97-2, any future acquisitions of individual physician practices will be accounted for under the purchase method of accounting.

On September 19, 2003, IPS entered into a Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement (the Settlement Agreement ) with Dr. Jane Kao and PediApex Heart Center for Children, P.A. (the Heart Center ) to settle disputes as to the existence and enforceability of certain contractual obligations. As part of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Kao, the Heart Center and IPS agreed that, until December 31, 2004, each party would conduct their operations under the terms established by the MSA. Additionally, among other provisions, after December 31, 2004, Dr. Kao and the Heart Center will be released from any further obligation to IPS arising from any previous agreement, and Dr. Kao will purchase the accounts receivable related to the Heart Center and IPS will terminate its ownership and management agreement with the Heart Center. The operating results of the Heart Center are not included in the consolidated statements of operations of IPS after September 19, 2003 because this medical group does not meet the criteria for consolidation after that date in accordance with EITF 97-2.

*Revenue Recognition.* IPS records revenue based on patient services provided by its affiliated medical groups and for services provided by IntegriMED to its customers. Net patient service revenue is impacted by billing rates, changes in Current Procedural Terminology ( CPT ) code reimbursement and collection trends. IPS reviews billing rates at each of its affiliated medical groups on at least an annual basis and adjusts those rates based on each insurer's current reimbursement practices. Amounts collected by IPS for treatment by its affiliated medical groups of patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid and other contractual reimbursement programs, which may be based on cost of services provided or predetermined rates, are generally less than the established billing rates of IPS's affiliated medical groups. IPS estimates the amount of these contractual allowances and records a reserve against accounts receivable based on historical collection percentages for each of the affiliated medical groups, which include various payer categories. When payments are received, the contractual adjustment is written off against the established reserve for contractual allowances. The historical



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collection percentages are adjusted quarterly based on actual payments received, with any differences charged against net revenue for the quarter. Additionally, IPS tracks cash collection percentages for each medical group on a monthly basis, setting quarterly and annual goals for cash collections, bad debt write-offs and aging of accounts receivable. IPS is not aware of any material claims, disputes or unsettled matters with third-party payers and there have been no material settlements with third party payers for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

IntegriMED generates revenue based on fees charged to its customers for training, implementation, subscription services and administrative fees for management of employee benefit programs. Deferred revenue is recorded at the execution of a contract for the training and implementation fees billed and deposits collected from the customer, representing amounts to be recognized as revenue in future periods. Training and implementation fee revenues are recognized once the applicable software systems are installed and operational and are charged at a quoted daily rate plus expenses. Subscription fee revenues, which are billed on a monthly basis, are recognized based on contractual fee schedules in the period the services are provided. Employee benefit administrative fee revenues are recognized in the period the services are provided.

*Capitated Contractual Arrangements.* For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, approximately 4.7% and 4.9%, respectively, of net patient service revenues were derived from capitated contractual arrangements. Revenue is recognized over the applicable coverage period on a per member basis for covered members. Deferred revenue is recorded when premium payments are received in advance of the applicable coverage period. IPS establishes accruals for costs incurred in connection with capitated contracts it negotiates on behalf of the physicians who practice in its affiliated medical groups based on historical trends. Any contracts that would have a realized loss would be immediately accrued for and the loss would be charged to operations.

*Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.* IPS's affiliated medical groups grant credit without collateral to its patients, most of who are insured under third-party payor arrangements. The provision for bad debts that relates to patient service revenues is based on an evaluation of potentially uncollectible accounts. The provision for bad debts includes a reserve for 100% of the accounts receivable older than 180 days. Establishing an allowance for bad debt is subjective in nature. IPS uses historical collection percentages to determine the estimated allowance for bad debts, and adjusts the percentage on a quarterly basis. If IPS's policy had been to reserve 100% of the accounts receivable older than 120 days, the reserve would have resulted in an additional charge to operations of \$341,093 and \$317,387 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.* In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations, and SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 141 eliminates pooling-of-interest accounting and requires that all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001, be accounted for using the purchase method. SFAS No. 142 eliminates the amortization of goodwill and certain other intangible assets and requires IPS to evaluate goodwill for impairment on an annual basis by applying a fair value test. SFAS No. 142 also requires that an identifiable intangible asset that is determined to have an indefinite useful economic life not be amortized, but separately tested for impairment using a fair value-based approach at least annually.

IPS adopted SFAS No. 142 effective January 1, 2002. As a result, IPS determined that its long-term MSAs, executed as part of the medical group business combinations consummated in 1999, are an identifiable intangible asset in accordance with paragraph 39 of SFAS No. 141. Effective January 1, 2002, previously recorded goodwill was allocated to the identifiable intangible assets the MSAs which arise as a result of the contractual rights of IPS with respect to those agreements. IPS has determined that the appropriate estimate of the useful economic life of the MSAs and the resulting amortization period is 25 years. This determination is based on the following facts and circumstances: (1) the MSAs are 40 year contracts, with 35 years remaining as of December 31, 2003. Most of the medical groups owned by PPA have been in existence for many years, some for as long as 60 years. Given that the MSA contracts are with the physician groups from whom PPA originally purchased the clinics in 1999, the composition of the individual physicians within the physician group has little impact on the term or enforceability of the MSAs. As individual physicians terminate their relationship with the physician groups, they are required by the MSA to find a replacement, unless that particular contract provision is waived by IPS; (2) each individual physician who practices as part of the

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physician groups has a non-compete agreement which restricts the physician's ability to see patients within a defined geographic area, depending on the specific nature of the type of medical group. For example, a very specialized practice, such as pediatric cardiology or neonatology has a broader non-compete geographic area than a general pediatric practice. General pediatric practices typically draw patients within a very small geographic region, and these pediatricians spend years developing a patient base and reputation. Moving a medical practice outside of the non-compete area for any of these practices would require a significant amount of time and effort to re-build a patient base and establish a satisfactory reputation; (3) the clinics owned by IPS consist of a pediatric cardiology practice, a hospital-based neonatology practice, an allergy specialist practice and five general pediatric practices. All of these types of practices have very stable operations, either because of the type of specialty, or the length of time the practice has been in operation in a specific area; (4) although two of the medical groups will have terminated their relationship with IPS by the end of 2004 (NIP was sold in 2002 and the remaining individual pediatric cardiologist relationship with IPS will end on December 31, 2004), there are very unusual circumstances involved in both situations and these terminations are not an indication of a probable economic life of the MSAs. The physician group from whom IPS originally purchased NIP offered to purchase the clinic from IPS at a time when the physician group was attempting to challenge the enforceability of the MSA. IPS concluded that the selling price of approximately \$2 million and the resulting gain on sale of approximately \$245,000 outweighed the cost of trying to enforce the MSA. The Heart Center was originally part of a clinic purchased by IPS where all of the other physicians abandoned the clinic and disregarded the MSA in 2001. IPS is seeking restitution through arbitration from these physicians and certain other hospitals, but maintain that the MSA is enforceable. IPS tested its intangible assets for impairment under the new standard in the fourth quarter of 2002, determining that no impairment had occurred for the year ended December 31, 2002. In the third quarter of 2003, IPS tested the intangible assets for impairment using several different methodologies, including comparisons of the medical groups' earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ), sales multiples of EBITDA, terminal value to intangible assets and present value of future cash flows. As a result, IPS recorded a \$2,598,029 charge for impairment of intangible assets, primarily related to the agreement signed on September 19, 2003, which releases the Heart Center from the MSA on December 31, 2004. IPS has also determined that, in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, this component does not qualify for discontinued operations treatment until it is disposed of at the end of 2004. However, the operations and assets and liabilities of this component are not included in the consolidated statements of operations and balance sheets after September 19, 2003 because this medical group does not meet the criteria for consolidation after that date in accordance with EITF 97-2.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity. SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures in its statement of financial position certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances) because that financial instrument embodies an obligation of the issuer. Many such instruments were previously classified as equity. SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2004 for nonpublic entities. SFAS No. 150 is to be implemented by reporting the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle for financial instruments created before the issuance of the date of SFAS No. 150 and still existing at the beginning of the interim period of adoption. Restatement is not permitted. IPS management believes that the adoption of SFAS No. 150 will not have a significant impact on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of IPS.

In November 2002, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation ( FIN ) No. 45, Guarantors Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others, which clarifies disclosure and recognition/measurement requirements related to certain guarantees. The disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements issued after December 15, 2002 and the recognition/measurement requirements are effective on a prospective basis for guarantees issued or modified after

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December 31, 2002. The application of the requirements of FIN 45 did not have any impact on IPS's financial position or results of operations.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. FIN No. 46 (as revised in December 2003) clarifies the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, Consolidated Financial Statements, to certain entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. For nonpublic companies, FIN No. 46 is applicable immediately for variable interest entities created after December 31, 2003. For all variable interest entities, the provisions of FIN No. 46 are applicable the first annual period that begins after December 15, 2004. IPS has not identified any variable interest entities and does not expect FIN No. 46 to have any effect on its consolidated financial statements.

**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth selected statements of operations data expressed as a percentage of IPS's total revenue for the respective periods. IPS's historical results and period-to-period comparisons are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2002
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Net patient service revenue	98.6%	99.2%	98.2%	99.2%
IntegriMED and other	1.4%	0.8%	1.8%	0.8%
<b>Total revenues</b>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Physician compensation	39.1%	42.8%	42.0%	43.3%
Direct clinical expenses	22.8%	19.7%	20.4%	19.1%
Operating expenses	22.5%	17.0%	17.3%	17.3%
General and administrative expenses	16.7%	14.4%	14.5%	13.8%
Provision for bad debts	5.2%	8.1%	7.5%	7.4%
Professional and consulting fees	3.0%	3.6%	3.8%	4.1%
Depreciation and amortization	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	3.3%
Charge for impairment of intangible assets	0.0%	0.0%	11.0%	0.0%
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	112.1%	108.4%	119.2%	108.3%
<b>Loss from continuing operations before other income (expenses) and income taxes</b>	(12.1)%	(8.4)%	(19.2)%	(8.3)%
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>				
Interest expense	(4.7)%	(2.8)%	(3.3)%	(2.7)%
Other expenses	(0.1)%	(0.2)%	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
<b>Total other income (expenses)</b>	(4.8)%	(3.0)%	(3.4)%	(2.8)%
<b>Loss from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	(16.9)%	(11.4)%	(22.6)%	(11.1)%
Income taxes	0.0%	(0.0)%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Loss from continuing operations</b>	(16.9)%	(11.4)%	(22.6)%	(11.1)%
<b>Discontinued operations</b>				
Income from operations of discontinued components, including gain on disposal of \$245,438 in 2002	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%



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	Six Months Ended June 30,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2002
<b>Net loss</b>	(16.9)%	(11.4)%	(22.6)%	(9.0)%
Preferred stock dividends	(3.3)%	(3.3)%	(3.1)%	(3.6)%
<b>Net loss attributable to common stockholders</b>	(20.2)%	(14.7)%	(25.7)%	(12.6)%

*Year Ended December 31, 2003 as Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2002*

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the consolidated statements of operations of IPS.

	2003	2002	Variance
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Net patient service revenue	\$23,123,671	\$22,149,751	\$ 973,920
IntegriMED and other	421,851	174,918	246,933
<b>Total revenues</b>	23,545,522	22,324,669	1,220,853
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Physician compensation	9,890,143	9,668,073	222,070
Direct clinical expenses	4,799,551	4,267,596	531,955
Operating expenses	4,068,408	3,860,027	208,381
General and administrative expenses	3,415,386	3,076,857	338,529
Provision for bad debts	1,758,819	1,660,516	98,303
Professional and consulting fees	885,973	912,795	(26,822)
Depreciation and amortization	643,371	730,660	(87,289)
Charge for impairment of intangible assets	2,598,029		2,598,029
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	28,059,679	24,176,524	3,883,155
<b>Loss from continuing operations before other income (expenses) and income taxes</b>	(4,514,158)	(1,851,855)	(2,662,302)
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>			
Interest expense	(784,008)	(599,392)	(184,616)
Other expense	(23,580)	(31,077)	7,498
<b>Total other income (expenses)</b>	(807,588)	(630,469)	(177,119)
<b>Loss from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	(5,321,745)	(2,482,324)	(2,839,421)
Income taxes			
<b>Loss from continuing operations</b>	(5,321,745)	(2,482,324)	(2,839,421)
<b>Discontinued operations</b>			
Income from operations of discontinued components, including gain on disposal of \$245,438 in 2002		463,330	(463,330)

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<b>Net loss</b>	(5,321,745)	(2,018,994)	(3,302,751)
Preferred stock dividends	(738,085)	(793,000)	54,915
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<b>Net loss attributable to common stockholders</b>	\$ (6,059,830)	\$ (2,811,994)	\$ (3,247,836)
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

Net patient service revenue increased \$973,920, or 4.4%, to \$23,123,671 for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared with \$22,149,751 for the same period in 2002. Under EITF 97-2, which governs the ability of a PPM to consolidate the operations of a medical group with which it has a contractual relationship, effective September 19, 2003, the Heart Center is no longer being consolidated into IPS financial statements. This

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change in consolidation resulted in a \$788,396 reduction in net patient service revenue in 2003. Heart Center operations were fully consolidated in 2002. Including the Heart Center, net patient service revenue for the year ended December 31, 2003 increased \$1,762,316 over the same period in 2002. This increase in net patient service revenue was primarily the result of: (i) price increases implemented by several medical groups during the year; (ii) increased patient volume as a result of two medical groups extending their clinic hours to evenings and weekends; (iii) five additional providers added in 2003; and (iv) improved managed care contract negotiations.

IntegriMED and other revenues were \$174,918 in 2002, increasing 141.2%, or \$246,933, to \$421,851 for the year ended December 31, 2003. Management fee revenue related to the Heart Center, which was fully consolidated in 2002 and eliminated in consolidation, was ineligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 after September 19, 2003. Management fee revenue totaling \$50,766 was recorded for the remainder of September and the fourth quarter of 2003. Of the total remaining increase, \$62,671 relates to additional net revenue related to the operations of IntegriMED, as ten new customer practices were added to the employee benefits programs and practice management, electronic medical records and electronic data interchange applications offered by IntegriMED. Revenue from the IPS Vaccine Alliance, a group purchasing alliance for vaccines and medical supplies increased \$133,496 over 2002 to \$213,797.

Pursuant to the terms of the MSAs governing each of IPS's affiliated medical groups, the physicians of each medical group are compensated after the payment of all clinic facility expenses as well as a management fee to IPS. The management fee revenue and expense, which is eliminated in the consolidation of the financial statements, is either a fixed fee, or is calculated based on a percentage of net operating income and represented approximately 14.3% of physician medical group net operating income in 2003 compared to 14.6% in 2002. Physician compensation increased \$222,070, or 2.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2003 to \$9,890,143, as compared with \$9,668,073 for the year ended December 31, 2002. The change in consolidation status of the Heart Center effective September 19, 2003 resulted in a \$287,684 reduction in physician compensation in 2003. Including the Heart Center, physician compensation for the year ended December 31, 2003 increased \$509,754 over the same period in 2002. As a percentage of net patient service revenue, physician compensation decreased 1.3% to 42.0% in 2003, because of increasing medical group expenses. The increase in compensation in 2003 was directly related to an increase in net patient service revenue, which was primarily the result of: (i) price increases implemented by several medical groups during 2003; (ii) increased patient volume as a result of lengthened clinic hours; and (iii) additional providers added in 2003.

Direct clinical expenses are directly related to the practice of medicine by the physicians who practice at the affiliated medical groups managed by IPS. For the year ended December 31, 2003, direct clinical expenses increased \$531,955, or 12.5%, from the same period in 2002 to \$4,799,551. The change in consolidation status of the Heart Center effective September 19, 2003 resulted in a \$62,802 reduction in direct clinical expenses in 2003. Heart Center operations were fully consolidated in 2002. Including the Heart Center, 2003 direct clinical expenses increased \$594,757 over the year ended December 31, 2002. As a percentage of total revenue, direct clinical expenses increased slightly, from 19.1% in 2002 to 20.4% in 2003. Vaccine and medical supplies expense for IPS's affiliated medical groups accounted for \$348,365 of the increase, which is directly related to the increase in patient volume during the year. Additionally, the price of several key vaccines used by the affiliated medical groups increased in 2003 when compared to 2002. The remainder of the increase was primarily the result of approximately \$230,000 in additional salary and employee benefits expense related to the hiring of new nurse practitioners and nurses in 2003 to support the added patient volume associated with extended clinic hours and the addition of new physician providers at several affiliated medical groups.

Operating expenses represent the employee-related costs of all non-clinical practice personnel and the IPS corporate staff in Roswell, Georgia. Operating expenses increased \$208,381, or 5.4%, from \$3,860,027, for the year ended December 31, 2002 to \$4,068,408 for the same period in 2003. The change in consolidation status of the Heart Center effective September 19, 2003 resulted in a \$32,602 reduction in operating expenses in 2003. Heart Center operations were fully consolidated in 2002. Including the Heart Center, operating expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 increased \$240,983 over the year ended December 31, 2002. This increase can be attributed primarily to: (i) eight new employees hired in response to growth in the IntegriMED business; and (ii) the growing costs associated with medical benefits offered to IPS employees, as well as cost of

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living adjustments to employee compensation. As a percentage of total revenue these expenses were consistent with the prior year at 17.3%.

General and administrative expenses were \$3,415,386 for the year ended December 31, 2003, which represents an increase of 11.0% over the same period in 2002. The change in consolidation status of the Heart Center effective September 19, 2003 resulted in a \$83,136 reduction in general and administrative expenses in 2003. Heart Center operations were fully consolidated in 2002.

Including the effect of the Heart Center, general and administrative expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 increased \$421,665 over the year ended December 31, 2002. The increase was primarily due to: (i) a 31.4%, or \$107,639, increase in professional liability insurance for affiliated physicians; (ii) rent increases totaling \$37,546 related to medical group facilities, IPS's corporate office in Roswell, Georgia and a new IntegriMED satellite sales office in Charlotte, North Carolina; (iii) a \$58,014 increase in equipment leasing and data communications expenses related to IntegriMED; and (iv) a \$177,168 increase in bank charges in 2003 as a result of revolving credit facility over-advances beginning in August 2002.

The provision for bad debts increased \$98,303 for the year ended December 31, 2003. The change in consolidation status of the Heart Center effective September 19, 2003 resulted in a \$227,745 reduction in bad debt expense in 2003. Heart Center operations were fully consolidated in 2002. Including the Heart Center, bad debt expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 increased \$326,048 over the year ended December 31, 2002. As a percentage of total revenue, bad debt expense was consistent with the prior year. The total collection rate after contractual allowances, for IPS's affiliated medical groups was 61.4% in 2003, which was comparable to a 61.2% rate in 2002.

Professional and consulting fees, which totaled \$885,973 for the year ended December 31, 2003, decreased \$26,822 from the same period in the prior year. The change in consolidation status of the Heart Center effective September 19, 2003 resulted in a \$43,205 reduction in professional and consulting fees in 2003. Heart Center operations were fully consolidated in 2002. Including the Heart Center, professional and consulting fees for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 increased \$16,383 over the year ended December 31, 2002.

In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations, and SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 141 eliminates pooling-of-interest accounting and requires that all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001, be accounted for using the purchase method. SFAS No. 142 eliminates the amortization of goodwill and certain other intangible assets and requires IPS to evaluate goodwill for impairment on an annual basis by applying a fair value test. SFAS No. 142 also requires that an identifiable intangible asset that is determined to have an indefinite useful economic life not be amortized, but separately tested for impairment using a fair value-based approach at least annually.

IPS adopted SFAS No. 142 effective January 1, 2002. As a result, IPS determined that its long-term MSAs, executed as part of the medical group business combinations consummated in 1999, are an identifiable intangible asset in accordance with paragraph 39 of SFAS No. 141. Effective January 1, 2002, previously recorded goodwill was allocated to the intangible assets—the MSAs, which arise as a result of the contractual rights of IPS with respect to those agreements. The MSAs are 40-year contracts; however, IPS is amortizing the intangible assets over 25 years. IPS tested its intangible assets for impairment under the new standard in the fourth quarter of 2002, determining that no impairment had occurred for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$643,371 in 2003, a decrease of \$87,289 from the year ended December 31, 2002. Amortization expense related to the MSAs totaled \$485,870 and \$522,993 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Amortization expense for intangible assets decreased \$37,123 for the year ended December 31, 2003, which represents the amortization related to the intangible assets associated with the Heart Center, which were written off effective September 19, 2003. The decrease in depreciation expense relates solely to retirements of fixed assets at the affiliated medical groups and corporate office during 2003.

In the third quarter of 2003, IPS tested the intangible assets for impairment using several different methodologies, including comparisons of the medical groups' earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), sales multiples of EBITDA, terminal value to intangible assets and present value of



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future cash flows. As a result, IPS recorded a \$2,598,029 charge for impairment of intangible assets, primarily related to the agreement signed on September 19, 2003, which releases the Heart Center from the MSA on December 31, 2004. IPS has also determined that, in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, this component does not qualify for discontinued operations treatment until it is disposed of at the end of 2004.

Interest expense increased \$184,616 or 30.8%, to \$784,008 for the year ended December 31, 2003. The increase over 2002 can be explained generally by the following events:

On March 26, 2003, IPS refinanced with DVI Financial Services ( DVI FS ) its \$2,075,000 five-year term loan, with an effective interest rate of 10.75%, with a new \$3 million five-year term loan. The new loan bears interest at the 31-month Treasury note rate, which is currently equal to 9.0%. The decrease in interest rate, net of the increase in note principal, will reduce interest expense approximately \$20,000 per year over the term of the new loan.

On July 31, 2003, Brantley Capital exchanged 329,500 shares of the IPS Series A-2 redeemable convertible preferred stock in exchange for a convertible debenture in the amount of \$1,318,000, bearing interest at 10% per annum.

Additionally, IPS borrowed \$1,640,000 from Brantley Capital and its affiliate, Lakepoint Acquisition, Inc., for ongoing working capital needs.

Other expenses, which totaled \$23,580 for the year ended December 31, 2003 and represent franchise taxes at IPS's affiliated medical groups, were comparable to 2002. The change in consolidation status of the Heart Center effective September 19, 2003 resulted in a \$455 reduction in other expenses in 2003. Heart Center operations were fully consolidated in 2002.

IPS's Series A-2 preferred stockholders are entitled to receive, when, as, and if declared by the board of directors, cumulative dividends payable at the annual rate of \$0.40 for each share. Dividends accrue, even if not declared, and may be declared and paid in cash in equal installments on the first day of January, April, July, and October immediately following the original issue date, or continue to accrue until such time as payment is demanded by the preferred stockholders. Preferred stock dividends in the amount of \$738,085 and \$793,000 were accrued for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. No cash payments of dividends were made in 2003 or 2002.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2002
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Net patient service revenue	98.6%	99.2%	0.0%	99.2%
IntegriMED and other	1.4%	0.8%	1.8%	0.8%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Physician compensation	39.1%	42.8%	42.0%	43.3%
Direct clinical expenses	22.8%	19.7%	20.4%	19.1%
Operating expenses	22.6%	17.0%	17.3%	17.3%
General and administrative expenses	16.7%	14.4%	14.5%	13.8%
Provision for bad debts	5.2%	8.1%	7.5%	7.4%
Professional and consulting fees	3.0%	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%
Depreciation and amortization	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	3.3%
Charge for impairment of intangible assets	0.0%	0.0%	11.0%	0.0%
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>112.0%</b>	<b>108.4%</b>	<b>119.2%</b>	<b>108.3%</b>

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	Six Months Ended June 30,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2002
<b>Loss from continuing operations before other income (expenses) and income taxes</b>	(12.0)%	(8.4)%	(19.2)%	(8.3)%
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>				
Interest expense	(4.6)%	(2.8)%	(3.3)%	(2.7)%
Other expenses	(0.1)%	(0.1)%	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
<b>Total other income (expenses)</b>	(4.8)%	(2.9)%	(3.4)%	(2.8)%
<b>Loss from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	(16.8)%	(11.4)%	(22.6)%	(11.1)%
Income taxes	0.0%	(0.0)%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Loss from continuing operations</b>	(16.8)%	(11.3)%	(22.6)%	(11.1)%
<b>Discontinued operations</b>				
Income from operations of discontinued components, including gain on disposal of \$245,438 in 2002	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%
<b>Net loss</b>	(16.8)%	(11.3)%	(22.6)%	(9.0)%
Preferred stock dividends	(3.3)%	(3.3)%	(3.1)%	(3.6)%
<b>Net loss attributable to common stockholders</b>	(20.1)%	(14.6)%	(25.7)%	(12.6)%

*Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 as Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2003*

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the consolidated statements of operations of IPS.

	6/30/2004	6/30/2003	Variance
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Net patient service revenue	\$ 9,953,874	\$ 11,973,607	\$(2,019,733)
IntegriMED and other	139,787	99,529	40,258
<b>Total revenues</b>	10,093,661	12,073,136	(1,979,476)
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Physician compensation	3,943,436	5,163,039	(1,219,603)
Direct clinical expenses	2,303,619	2,378,618	(74,999)
Operating expenses	2,277,444	2,054,552	222,892
General and administrative expenses	1,685,156	1,738,525	(53,369)
Provision for bad debts	526,543	976,124	(449,581)
Professional and consulting fees	303,581	444,670	(141,090)
Depreciation and amortization	278,494	335,875	(57,381)
Charge for impairment of intangible assets			
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	11,318,273	13,091,403	(1,773,131)

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<b>Loss from continuing operations before other income (expenses) and income taxes</b>	(1,224,612)	(1,018,267)	(206,345)
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>			
Interest expense	(468,910)	(341,858)	(127,052)
Other expenses	(13,325)	(13,915)	590
	<u>(482,235)</u>	<u>(355,773)</u>	<u>(126,462)</u>

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	<u>6/30/2004</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Loss from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b> (1,706,847)	<b>(Unaudited)</b> (1,374,040)	(337,807)
Income taxes			
<b>Loss from continuing operations</b>	(1,706,847)	(1,374,040)	(337,807)
<b>Discontinued operations</b>			
Income from operations of discontinued components			
<b>Net loss</b>	(1,706,847)	(1,374,040)	(337,807)
Preferred stock dividends	(330,600)	(396,502)	65,902
<b>Net loss attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ (2,037,447)</b>	<b>\$ (1,770,542)</b>	<b>\$ (266,905)</b>

Net patient service revenue decreased \$2,019,733, or 16.9%, to \$9,953,874 for the six months ended June 30, 2004, as compared with \$11,973,607 for the same period in 2003. Net revenue generated by the Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, accounted for \$1,505,083, or 74.5%, of the decrease. Net patient service revenue at IPS office-based general pediatric medical groups decreased \$738,873 in the first six months of 2004, when compared to the same period in 2003, primarily as a result of productivity decreases related to a slower than expected flu and cold season. New and established office visits, which totaled 89,328 for the first six months of 2003, decreased 15.7% to 75,272 for the same period in 2004. Additionally, there were 4,274, or 10.2%, fewer immunizations administered during the first six months of 2004 when compared to the same period in 2003. Net patient service revenue at two of IPS specialty practices increased \$224,223, collectively, which partially offset the revenue decline at IPS primary care medical groups. The pediatric allergy & respiratory disease group performed 125,774 procedures in the first six months of 2004, an increase of 9.3% over the first two quarters of 2003, and posted a net revenue increase of \$201,251 over the same period in 2003. There were 6.5 full time equivalent (FTE) providers at a pediatric neonatology practice for the six months ended June 30, 2004 as compared to 5.0 FTE providers for the same period in 2003, which factored into a net revenue increase of \$22,972 in the first half of 2004.

IntegriMED and other revenues, which totaled \$99,529 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003, increased to \$139,787 for the first six months of 2004. Management fee revenue related to the Heart Center, which was consolidated in the first quarter of 2003 and the management fee eliminated in consolidation, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, totaling \$64,800 was recorded in the first half of 2004. Net revenue from the operations of IntegriMED decreased \$17,404 in the first six months of 2004 when compared to the same period in 2003. While new customer practices were added to the employee benefits programs and practice management, electronic medical records and electronic data interchange applications offered by IntegriMED in the last three quarters of 2003, which accounted for increases of \$48,987 and \$22,699 in subscription fee revenue and training revenue, respectively, over the first two quarters of 2003, there were several factors which accounted for the decrease in net revenue. First, two of the new practices added to the IntegriMED suite of applications in 2003 were medical groups affiliated with IPS and the resulting revenue, which totaled \$56,111 for the six months ended June 30, 2004, was eliminated in consolidation. Additionally, training costs rose at a rate greater than the revenue generated, largely as a result of the use of third party trainers and the hiring of new training and implementation specialists, which did not have an immediate impact on revenue due to the necessity of internal training and certification on the applications offered by IntegriMED. Net revenue from the IPS Vaccine Alliance, a group purchasing alliance for vaccines and medical supplies, for the six months ended June 30, 2004 increased \$17,243 over the same period in 2003.

Pursuant to the terms of the MSAs governing each of IPS affiliated medical groups, the physicians of each medical group are compensated after the payment of all clinic facility expenses as well as a management fee to IPS. The management fee revenue and expense, which is eliminated in the consolidation of the financial statements, is either a fixed fee, or is calculated based on a percentage of net operating income and represented approximately 14.0% of physician medical group net operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared to 14.4% for the same period in 2003. Physician compensation decreased \$1,219,603, or 23.6%, for the

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six-month period ended June 30, 2004 to \$3,943,436, as compared with \$5,163,039 for the six months ended June 30, 2003. Physician compensation for the Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, was \$593,247 for the six months ended June 30, 2003. As a percentage of net patient service revenue, physician compensation decreased 3.7% to 39.1% for the first two quarters of 2004. The decrease in compensation in the first six months of 2004 was directly related to a decrease in net patient service revenue, which was primarily the result of productivity decreases at IPS office-based general pediatric medical groups related to a slower than expected flu and cold season.

Direct clinical expenses are directly related to the practice of medicine by the physicians who practice at the affiliated medical groups managed by IPS. For the six months ended June 30, 2004, direct clinical expenses decreased \$74,999 from the same period in 2003 to \$2,303,619. Direct clinical expenses for the Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, were \$132,943 for the six months ended June 30, 2003. The year over year increase in direct clinical expenses, excluding the effect of the Heart Center, was the result of the following: (i) a \$42,290 increase in nursing and other clinical salaries as the result of merit increases and cost of living adjustments; (ii) a 44.6% increase in health insurance benefits costs; and (iii) an \$8,247 increase in the continuing medical education costs incurred by affiliated physicians in the first six months of 2004.

Operating expenses represent the employee-related costs of all non-clinical practice personnel and IPS corporate staff in Roswell, Georgia. Operating expenses increased \$222,892 from \$2,054,552 for the six months ended June 30, 2003 to \$2,277,444 for the six months ended June 30, 2004. The operating expenses associated with the Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, totaled \$45,966 for the first two quarters of 2003. The year over year increase in operating expenses, excluding the effect of the Heart Center, is primarily the result of hiring 13.5 FTE employees at the corporate and IntegriMED levels in the second half of 2003 and the first half of 2004. As a percentage of total revenue, operating expenses increased from 17.0% for the six months ended June 30, 2003 to 22.5% for the same period in 2004. Although four additional help desk technicians and two additional training and implementation specialists were hired between the second quarter of 2003 and the second quarter of 2004 in response to growth in the IntegriMED business, these employees did not have an immediate impact on IntegriMED revenue due to the necessity of internal training and certification on the applications offered by IntegriMED.

General and administrative expenses were \$1,685,156 for the six months ended June 30, 2004, which represents a \$53,369, or 3.1%, decrease from the same period in 2003. General and administrative expenses for the Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, were \$147,683 for the six months ended June 30, 2003. The year over year increase in administrative expenses, excluding the effect of the Heart Center, was the result of the following: (i) an 18.7%, or \$54,778, increase in professional liability insurance for affiliated physicians; (ii) a \$25,152 increase in equipment leasing and data communications expenses related to IntegriMED; and (iii) a \$29,874 increase in direct mail marketing communications for IntegriMED.

The provision for bad debts decreased \$449,581 for the six months ended June 30, 2004. The Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, recorded bad debt expense totaling \$415,413 for the six months ended June 30, 2003. As a percentage of total revenue, bad debt expense, excluding the Heart Center, increased from 4.6% for the first two quarters of 2003 to 5.2% for the same period in 2004.

Professional and consulting fees, which totaled \$444,670 for the six months ended June 30, 2003, decreased \$141,090 to \$303,581 for the same period in 2004. The Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, had professional and consulting fees totaling \$66,098 in the first two quarters of 2003. Year over year, excluding the effect of the Heart Center, the decrease in professional and consulting fees was the result of the following: (i) the role of IPS in-house counsel, who was paid on a contract basis, was restructured in 2003, resulting in a savings of \$17,168 in the first half of 2004; (ii) purchased services related to direct mail and marketing efforts decreased \$45,212; and (iii) an

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\$18,618 credit related to sales taxes which were incorrectly charged by a third party billing services organization used by an affiliated medical group.

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$278,494 for the six months ended June 30, 2004, a decrease of \$57,381 from the six months ended June 30, 2003. Amortization expense for intangible assets decreased \$66,166 in the first two quarters of 2004, which represents the amortization related to the intangible assets associated with the Heart Center, which were written off in the third quarter of 2003.

Interest expense increased \$127,052, or 37.2%, to \$468,910 for the six months ended June 30, 2004. The increase over the same period in 2003 can be explained generally by the following events:

On March 26, 2003, IPS refinanced with DVI Financial Services ( DVI FS ) its \$2,075,000 five-year term loan, with an effective interest rate of 10.75%, with a new \$3 million five-year term loan. The new loan bears interest at the 31-month Treasury note rate, which is currently equal to 9.0%. The decrease in interest rate, net of the increase in note principal, will reduce interest expense approximately \$20,000 per year over the term of the new loan.

On July 31, 2003, Brantley Capital exchanged 329,500 shares of the IPS Series A-2 convertible preferred stock in exchange for a convertible debenture in the amount of \$1,318,000, bearing interest at 10% per annum.

Additionally, IPS borrowed \$1,050,000 from Lakepoint Acquisition, Inc., an affiliate of Brantley Capital, for ongoing working capital needs in the first six months of 2004.

Other expenses, which totaled \$13,325 for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and represent franchise taxes at IPS affiliated medical groups, were comparable to the six months ended June 30, 2003. Other expenses related to the Heart Center, which was consolidated for the first six months of 2003, but is not eligible for consolidation under EITF 97-2 in 2004, totaled \$956 for the first six months of 2003.

IPS Series A-2 preferred stockholders are entitled to receive, when, as, and if declared by the board of directors, cumulative dividends payable at the annual rate of \$0.40 for each share. Dividends accrue, even if not declared, and may be declared and paid in cash in equal installments on the first day of January, April, July, and October immediately following the original issue date, or continue to accrue until such time as payment is demanded by the preferred stockholders. Preferred stock dividends in the amount of \$330,600 and \$396,502 were accrued for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. No cash payments of dividends were made in 2004 or 2003.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

For the year ended December 31, 2003, net cash used in operating activities was \$2,324,808 compared to \$2,070,854 in net cash used by operating activities for the same period in 2002. The increase in net cash used in operations was primarily the result of: (i) a \$58,014 increase in equipment leasing and data communications expenses related to IntegriMED; (ii) a \$177,168 increase in bank charges in 2003 as a result of revolving credit facility over-advances beginning in August 2002; and (iii) the loss of cash available from the operating activities of a medical group sold in 2002.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2004, net cash used in operating activities was \$770,896 compared to \$1,110,396 in net cash used by operating activities for the same period in 2003.

Net cash used by investing activities was \$16,428 for the year ended December 31, 2003 compared to \$1,859,736 in net cash provided by investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2002. The sole investing activity in 2003 consisted of purchases and retirements of property and equipment. Purchases of property and equipment at the IPS corporate and affiliated medical group locations were offset in 2002 by the cash proceeds from the same of NIP in March 2002 with cash proceeds totaling \$1,904,502. IPS has made essentially no capital expenditures in each of the most recent two years and no material expenditures are planned in the next fiscal year.

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Net cash used by investing activities was \$151,630 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$132,150 for the six months ended June 30, 2003. The sole investing activity in both periods consisted of purchases of property and equipment. IPS has made essentially no capital expenditures in each of the most recent two years and no material expenditures are planned in the next fiscal year.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$2,382,634 for the year ended December 31, 2003 compared to \$109,697 in net cash provided by financing activities for the same period in 2002. Payments totaling \$267,337 on IPS capital lease obligations and line of credit were made in the ordinary course of business operations during 2003. In March 2003, IPS five-year \$2,075,000 term loan with DVI FS was refinanced with a new \$3 million five-year term loan. Additionally, during the third and fourth quarters of 2003, IPS borrowed \$1,640,000 from Brantley Capital and its affiliate, Lakepoint Acquisition, Inc., for ongoing working capital needs.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$1,009,073 for the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$1,241,261 in net cash provided by financing activities for the same period in 2003. Net payments totaling \$23,315 on IPS capital lease obligations and line of credit were made in the ordinary course of business operations during the first half of 2004. Additionally, during the first six months of 2004, IPS borrowed \$1,050,000 from Lakepoint Acquisition, Inc., an affiliate of Brantley Capital, for ongoing working capital needs.

As of December 31, 2003, IPS had \$49,532 of cash and cash equivalents on hand as compared to \$8,134 at December 31, 2002. Additionally, IPS had negative working capital of \$8,104,728 at December 31, 2003 compared to the \$5,678,301 working capital deficit at December 31, 2002.

As of June 30, 2004, IPS had \$136,079 of cash and cash equivalents on hand as compared to \$6,849 at June 30, 2003. Additionally, IPS had negative working capital of \$9,704,230 at June 30, 2004 compared to the \$5,520,316 working capital deficit at June 30, 2003.

Effective June 22, 2001, IPS entered into a five-year, \$2,075,000 term loan (the Term Loan ) with DVI FS and a two-year, \$5 million revolving credit facility (the RLOC ) with DVI BC. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, the outstanding borrowings under the Term Loan and RLOC are classified in IPS balance sheet in accordance with the debt repayment schedules. As security for the borrowings under the Term Loan, IPS has granted DVI FS a first priority perfected interest in, and lien on, all of its assets.

On March 26, 2003, IPS refinanced with DVI FS its \$2,075,000 five-year term loan with a new \$3 million five-year term loan. The new loan bears interest at the 31-month Treasury note rate. Repayments are \$62,275 monthly representing principal and interest. Amounts outstanding under the Term Loan totaled approximately \$2,741,000 and \$1,627,000 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Under the terms of the RLOC agreement, revolving credit loans are to be used for general operating and capital needs, as long as requests do not exceed the borrowing base, which is equal to the lesser of (a) maximum revolving credit amount, (b) amount equal to the lesser of (i) 85% of the expected net receivable amount of eligible accounts or (ii) monthly accounts receivable collections over the immediately preceding three-month period. As security for the borrowings under the RLOC, IPS has granted DVI BC a perfected security interest in all present and future accounts receivable. Amounts outstanding under the RLOC bear interest at the prime rate plus 2.35%, and interest is payable monthly. The Term Loan and RLOC contain certain affirmative and negative covenants. Amounts outstanding under the RLOC as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 totaled approximately \$2,454,000 and \$2,600,000, respectively, and are classified as short-term in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

During fiscal year 1999, IPS issued subordinated promissory notes payable to Brantley Venture Partners, III and Brantley Capital Corporation in connection with the acquisition of physician practices. Total amounts issued were \$668,619, plus accrued interest. The notes payable bear interest at 15% per annum which is payable in cash each quarter or at the request of the payee in stock. The notes originally matured on September 30, 2003, but the maturity date was extended to September 30, 2004. During 2001 and 2002, IPS issued additional notes payable to the same stockholder in the amount of \$720,000, plus accrued interest. These notes payable bear interest at 15% per annum which is payable in cash each quarter or at the request of the payee in stock. The notes originally matured on September 30, 2003, but the maturity date was also extended to September 30, 2004.

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On July 31, 2003, Brantley Capital Corporation exchanged 329,500 shares of the Series A-2 redeemable convertible preferred stock for a convertible debenture in the amount of \$1,318,000, bearing interest at 10% per annum. The debenture may be converted into IPS Series A-2 redeemable convertible preferred stock on demand.

During fiscal year 1999, IPS issued a \$240,000 non-interest bearing note payable in connection with treasury shares purchased by IPS. Repayment of the note is \$4,000 monthly, starting January 1, 1999 and ending December 31, 2003. The carrying value of the note payable, which is reflected on a discounted present value basis, was approximately \$45,000 as of December 31, 2002 and was paid in full as of December 31, 2003.

IPS financial statements have been prepared assuming IPS will continue as a going concern. IPS has suffered recurring losses from operations, has negative working capital and has a net capital deficiency, and scheduled maturities of debt aggregate \$7.2 million in 2004. Additionally, on August 25, 2003 DVI, Inc., the parent organization of IPS primary lenders, DVI FS and DVI BC, filed a petition with the United States Bankruptcy Court for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The RLOC with DVI BC expired on January 15, 2004 and is being extended on a month-to-month basis.

IPS plans to merge with SurgiCare include the simultaneous acquisition by SurgiCare of DCPS and MBS. Additionally, Brantley IV will make a cash investment in the newly combined entities. On June 10, 2004, IPS, Surgicare, and U.S. Bank Portfolio Services ( USBPS ), the agent for U.S. Bank National Association, the bankruptcy trustee for the noteholders which purchased notes issued by DVI BC, executed a loan agreement for the existing revolving lines of credit previously held by DVI BC. Under the terms of the restated agreement, Orion will pay, as of the closing date of the restated agreement, the sum of \$2 million in cash to USBPS and issue a promissory note, which will contain deferred payment provisions, to USBPS, as servicer for DVI BC, in the original principal amount of \$750,000 in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various revolving lines of credit previously held by DVI BC. Additionally, on June 10, 2004, IPS, SurgiCare and USBPS executed a restated loan agreement for the existing term loans previously held by DVI FS. Under the terms of the restated agreement, Orion will issue, as of the closing date of the restated agreement, a promissory note, which will contain deferred payment provisions, to USBPS, as servicer for DVI FS, in the original principal amount of \$3,750,144 in full and final satisfaction of the indebtedness incurred by IPS and SurgiCare pursuant to the various term loans previously held by DVI FS. This loan agreement expired on August 15, 2004 and the Companies are in the process of finalizing extensions from the lenders. The additional debt available from the restructured debt, the combined cash flow of the newly combined entities and the cash investment by Brantley will be used to finance the capital resource needs of the newly combined entities, including IntegriMED. There are currently no plans to add additional medical group affiliates; however, cash generated from the operating activities of the medical groups will be used to finance the internal growth of those medical groups.

***Contractual Obligations***

IPS has been authorized to issue 772,900 shares of Series A redeemable convertible preferred stock ( Series A ), 71,028 shares of Series A-1 redeemable convertible preferred stock ( Series A-1 ), 2,200,000 shares of Series A-2 redeemable convertible preferred stock ( Series A-2 ), 474,375 shares of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock ( Series B ), and 190,000 shares of Series C redeemable convertible preferred stock ( Series C ). Holders of Series A and Series A-2 are entitled to vote with the number of votes equal to the number of common shares into which such Series A and Series A-2 may be converted. Series A-1, Series B, and Series C are nonvoting.

During 1996, IPS issued 772,900, 24,600, and 474,378 shares of Series A, Series A-1, and Series B preferred stock, respectively, to certain investors. Series A and Series A-1 were issued at \$4 per share, and Series B was issued at \$1 per share.

On January 26, 1999, in connection with the medical group business combinations, IPS entered into an agreement to exchange the Series A and Series B shares, including accrued dividends, owned by Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P., at book value, which approximates the redemption value. Total shares redeemed by IPS were 686,000 shares of Series A at \$4 per share and 171,500 shares of Series B at \$1 per share. Total



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shares issued in connection with the redemption were 857,500 shares of Series A-2 at \$4 per share. On January 27, 1999, Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. co-invested with Brantley Capital in IPS by buying 793,000 and 1,189,500 shares of Series A-2, respectively, for \$4 per share, which includes the 857,500 shares described above. Additionally, IPS issued warrants to purchase 40,000 and 60,000 shares of the IPS common stock to Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Capital, respectively, at \$3.17 per share. The warrants expire on January 28, 2009. Holders of Series A and Series A-2 are entitled to vote with the number of votes equal to the number of common shares into which such Series A and Series A-2 may be converted. On July 31, 2003, Brantley Capital exchanged 329,500 shares of the Series A-2 redeemable convertible preferred stock for a convertible debenture in the amount of \$1,318,000, bearing interest at 10% per annum. The convertible debenture may be converted into IPS Series A-2 redeemable convertible preferred stock on demand.

At August 10, 2004, IPS has reserved 3,684,408 shares of common stock and 150,000 shares of Series C for the redemption of the convertible preferred stock, exercise of warrants, and other future issuances.

Series A and Series A-1 preferred stockholders are entitled to receive, when, as, and if declared by the board of directors, cumulative dividends payable (i) one-half in Series A or Series A-1 shares at the annual rate of \$0.05 per share for each share and (ii) one-half at the board's discretion of either (a) Series A or Series A-1 shares at the annual rate of \$0.05 per share for each share or (b) cash at the annual rate of \$0.20 for each share. Such dividends shall accrue, even if not declared, until December 31, 2000, unless a public offering or merger occurs, at which time they shall be due and payable, as provided in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated January 27, 1999. Dividends have been accrued through December 31, 2000.

The Series A-2 preferred stockholders are entitled to receive, when, as, and if declared by the board of directors, cumulative dividends payable at the annual rate of \$0.40 for each share. Such dividends shall accrue, even if not declared, and shall be declared and paid in cash in equal installments on the first day of January, April, July, and October immediately following the original issue date. Dividends have been accrued through December 31, 2003.

The Series B preferred stockholders are entitled to receive, when, as, and if declared by the board of directors, cumulative dividends payable (i) one-half in Series B at the annual rate of \$0.05 per share for each share and (ii) one-half, at the board's discretion, of either (a) Series B at the annual rate of \$0.05 per share for each share or (b) cash at the annual rate of \$0.05 for each share, but only if all accrued dividends and distributions on the Series A, Series A-1, and Series A-2 preferred stock have been paid in full prior to the date of any such declaration. Such dividends shall accrue, even if not declared, until December 31, 2000, unless a public offering or merger occurs, at which time they shall be due and payable as provided in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated January 27, 1999. Dividends have been accrued through December 31, 2000.

Each share of Series A, Series A-1, Series A-2, and Series B preferred stock may be converted, at the option of the holder, into one share of common stock. Any preferred shares that remain outstanding on the closing date of a public offering or a merger or consolidation of IPS with another company shall automatically convert on the same basis and at the same conversion price into common stock.

On or after October 6, 2002, each share of Series A, Series A-1, and Series B preferred stock is redeemable at the request of the holders if any of the following have not occurred: (i) a public offering, (ii) a public merger, or (iii) any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of affairs. The redemption price is equal to the greater of the fair market value of the shares or \$4 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, whether declared or not, for Series A and A-1, and \$1 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, whether declared or not, for Series B. Redemption, at the request of the holder, shall occur as follows: (i) one-third of the outstanding shares shall be redeemed on October 6, 2002, (ii) one-third of the outstanding shares shall be redeemed on October 6, 2003, and (iii) one-third of the outstanding shares shall be redeemed on October 6, 2004. As of December 31, 2003, no shares have been redeemed.

On or after January 27, 2005, each share of Series A-2 preferred stock is redeemable at the request of the holders if any of the following have not occurred: (i) a public offering, (ii) a public merger, or (iii) any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of affairs. The redemption price is equal to the greater of the fair market

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value of the shares or \$4 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, whether declared or not. Redemption, at the request of the holder, shall occur as follows: (i) one third of the outstanding shares shall be redeemed on January 27, 2005, (ii) one-third of the outstanding shares shall be redeemed on January 27, 2006 and (iii) one-third of the outstanding shares shall be redeemed on January 27, 2007.

In the event of IPS liquidation, the holders of Series A, Series A-1, and Series A-2 are entitled to receive \$4 per share, and the holders of Series B are entitled to receive \$1 per share, plus an amount equal to all accrued and unpaid dividends thereon.

IPS has entered into several leases for computer software and hardware and to finance the renovation of several offices. These leases are accounted for as capital leases.

IPS leases office space and certain equipment under noncancelable operating lease agreements with expiration dates through 2010. The leases may be renewed under terms to be negotiated by IPS and the lessors.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the consolidated commitments and contractual obligations for IPS as of December 31, 2003.

	<b>Payments due by period</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>1-3 years</b>	<b>3-5 years</b>	<b>More than 5 years</b>
Future aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt	\$ 9,441,983	\$7,231,054	\$ 1,994,884	\$216,045	\$
Future capital lease minimum payments	87,505	58,059	29,446		
Minimum annual rental commitments under noncancelable operating leases with terms in excess of one year	4,111,546	1,099,786	2,379,630	316,348	315,782
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,641,034</b>	<b>\$8,388,899</b>	<b>\$4,403,960</b>	<b>\$532,393</b>	<b>\$315,782</b>

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**INFORMATION ABOUT DCPS AND MBS**

**Description of the DCPS Business**

***Overview***

DCPS is based in Houston, Texas and was organized as a Texas limited liability company on September 16, 1998. DCPS reorganized as a Texas limited partnership on August 31, 2003. DCPS provides physician management services to hospital-based physicians and clinics. These services include:

Billing accounts receivable management;

Management trend analysis;

Custom reporting;

Current Procedural Technology ( CPT ) and Independent Diagnosis Code ( ICD-9 ) coding;

Managed care contract negotiation, review and recommendation;

Managed care contract database reporting and master file creation;

Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross Blue Shield provider number application and follow through;

Fee schedule development;

Retention and storage of records in accordance with federal and state statutes;

HIPAA compliance;

Pre-billing reviews and edits;

Submission of electronic and secondary insurance claims; and

Prompt processing of all insurance and patient correspondence.

***Customers***

DCPS provides services to approximately 25 customers located in the Houston area. These customers range in size from individual doctors to practice groups with up to 50 providers. The following are examples of the types of customers DCPS serves:

Anesthesiologists

Imaging Centers

Pathologists

Comprehensive Breast Centers

Radiologists

Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons

Hospital Labs

***Revenues***

DCPS has grown from an average annual income of \$1 million per year to its current level of approximately \$4 million per year. DCPS's principal source of revenues is a fee charged to customers based on a percentage of collections. The fees vary depending on the specialty, size of the account, and payor mix. In addition to the collection of fee revenue, DCPS also earns consulting fees from the various consulting services that it provides.

***Competition***

There are several companies that compete with DCPS, including Per Se Technologies, Inc., RMI, and Houston Medical Records. Many of these competitors have greater resources than DCPS. The principal competitive factors that affect the ability of DCPS and its competitors to provide such services are price, experience, reputation, and access to capital.

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***Government Regulation***

The healthcare industry is subject to extensive regulation by a number of governmental entities at the federal, state and local levels. Regulatory activities affect the business activities of DCPS by controlling reimbursement to DCPS's clients, which affects DCPS's revenues, as well as regulations regarding patient privacy and submission of fraudulent claims.

*Reimbursement.* DCPS's clients depend upon third-party programs, including governmental and private health insurance programs, to reimburse them for services rendered to patients. In order to receive Medicare reimbursement, each client must meet the applicable conditions of participation set forth by DHHS relating to the type of specialty, as well as comply with state and local laws and regulations, all of which are subject to change from time to time. Reimbursement rates are subject to governmental regulation as well as negotiated contracts with third party payors. Changes in reimbursement to DCPS's clients will have a direct impact on DCPS's revenues because DCPS's revenues are based on a percentage of such reimbursements.

*Administrative Simplification and Privacy Requirements.* There are currently numerous legislative and regulatory initiatives at the state and federal levels addressing patient privacy concerns, and DCPS's clients, as healthcare providers, are regulated by these. In particular, on December 28, 2000, DHHS released final health privacy regulations implementing portions of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of HIPAA, and in August 2002 published revisions to the final rules. These final health privacy regulations generally required compliance by April 14, 2003 and extensively regulate the use and disclosure of individually identifiable health-related information. In addition, HIPAA requires DHHS to adopt standards to protect the security of health-related information. DHHS released final security regulations on February 20, 2003. The security regulations will generally become mandatory on April 21, 2005. These security regulations will require healthcare providers like DCPS's clients to implement administrative, physical and technical practices to protect the security of individually identifiable health-related information that is electronically maintained or transmitted. DHHS has also adopted, as required by HIPAA, final regulations establishing electronic data transmission standards that all healthcare providers must use when submitting or receiving certain healthcare transactions electronically. Compliance with these regulations became mandatory on October 16, 2002. However, entities that filed for an extension before October 16, 2002 had until October 16, 2003 to comply with the regulations. DCPS is affected by all of these regulations because it must consider the healthcare regulatory framework in which its clients operate in order to provide them with services and products that will not compromise their regulatory compliance. In addition, as a business associate of its clients, DCPS is contractually bound to adhere to some or all of these regulations through written agreements with clients who are directly regulated by such regulations. DCPS believes that the cost of compliance with its client's requirements arising from these regulations will not have a material adverse effect on its business, financial position or results of operations. If DCPS's clients fail to comply with these regulations, they could suffer civil penalties up to \$25,000 per calendar year for each provision violated and criminal penalties with fines of up to \$250,000 per violation. In addition, DCPS's clients, and therefore DCPS indirectly, will continue to remain subject to any state laws that are more restrictive than the privacy regulations issued under HIPAA. These statutes vary by state and could impose additional penalties. DCPS may itself be subject to certain federal and state privacy laws.

DCPS cannot predict whether other regulatory or statutory provisions will be enacted by federal or state authorities which would prohibit or otherwise regulate relationships which DCPS has established or may establish with other healthcare providers or the possibility of material adverse effects on its business or revenues arising from such future actions. DCPS believes, however, that it will be able to adjust its operations to be in compliance with any applicable regulatory or statutory provision.

DCPS is subject to state and federal laws that govern the submission of claims for reimbursement because DCPS's customers are regulated by these laws and DCPS must consider the healthcare regulatory framework in which its clients operate in order to provide them with services and products that will not compromise their regulatory compliance. These laws generally prohibit an individual or entity from knowingly and willfully presenting a claim (or causing a claim to be presented) for payment from Medicare, Medicaid or other third party payors that is false or fraudulent. The standard for knowing and willful often includes conduct that amounts to a reckless disregard for whether accurate information is presented by claims processors.

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Penalties under these statutes include substantial civil and criminal fines, exclusion from the Medicare program, and imprisonment. One of the most prominent of these laws is the federal False Claims Act, which may be enforced by the federal government directly, or by a qui tam plaintiff on the government's behalf. Under the False Claims Act, both the government and the private plaintiff, if successful, are permitted to recover substantial monetary penalties, as well as an amount equal to three times actual damages. In recent cases, some qui tam plaintiffs have taken the position that violations of the anti-kickback statute and Stark II should also be prosecuted as violations of the federal False Claims Act. Although DCPS believes that it has procedures in place to ensure the accurate completion of claims forms and requests for payment on behalf of its clients, the laws and regulations defining the parameters of proper Medicare or Medicaid billing are frequently unclear and have not been subjected to extensive judicial or agency interpretation. Billing errors can occur despite DCPS's best efforts to prevent or correct them, and no assurances can be given that the government will regard such errors as inadvertent and not in violation of the False Claims Act or related statutes.

***Employees***

Currently, DCPS employs approximately 50 persons, all of whom are full-time employees. These DCPS employees work in the following areas: corporate management (6), medical coding (3) and billing and collections (41).

**Description of Property**

DCPS's principal office is located at 714 FM 1960 West, Suite 206, Houston, Texas 77090. This property is approximately 10,200 square feet. The property is leased from an unaffiliated third party for an initial term that expires in December, 2004. Annual rental of \$144,846 is payable monthly in the amount of \$12,070.50. DCPS maintains tenant fire and casualty insurance on its property located in such building in an amount deemed adequate by DCPS.

**Legal Proceedings**

DCPS is not a defendant in any material adverse legal proceedings. From time to time, certain legal matters arise in the normal course of its business, such as labor-related claims. Such matters are not anticipated to result in material adverse claims against DCPS.

**Stock Price Data**

The partnership interests of DCPS are not publicly traded and no market information relating to the partnership interests is available. DCPS has not paid any dividends on its partnership interests or made distributions to its partners since January 1, 2002 and DCPS does not anticipate paying any dividends or making such distributions in the foreseeable future. There were three holders of record of partnership interests as of June 30, 2004. There are no warrants or options outstanding as of June 30, 2004.

**Financial Information**

The financial statements and related notes to the financial statements are provided in Annex J to this proxy statement.

**Description of the MBS Business**

***Overview***

MBS is based in Houston, Texas and was incorporated in Texas on October 16, 1985. MBS provides practice management, billing and collection, managed care consulting and coding/reimbursement services to hospital-based physicians and clinics.

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***Services***

*Medical Practice Management Services.* MBS provides a wide range of management services to medical practices. These management services help create a more efficient medical practice and provide assistance with the business aspects associated with operating a medical practice. MBS' s management services include the following:

Accounting and bookkeeping services;

Evaluation of staffing needs;

Provision of temporary staff services;

Quality assurance program development;

Physician credentialing assistance;

Fee schedule review, specific to locality;

Formulation of scheduling systems;

Training and continuing education programs; and

Billing and reimbursement analysis.

*Billing and Collection Services.* MBS provides billing and collection services to its clients. These include coding, reimbursement services, charge entry, claim submission, collection activities, and financial reporting services. The coding and reimbursement services include:

Current Procedural Technology ( CPT ) and Independent Diagnosis Code ( ICD-9 ) utilization reviews;

Charge ticket (superbill) evaluations;

Fee schedule analyses;

Reimbursement audits; and

Training seminars.

*Managed Care Consulting Services.* MBS provides consulting services aimed at assisting clients with navigating and interacting with managed care organizations. The following are some of the managed care consulting services routinely provided by MBS:

Establishing the actual ownership of the managed care organization and determining that the entity is financially sound;

Negotiating the type of reimbursement offered;

Assuring that there are no withholdings beyond the discount agreed upon;

Determining patient responsibility for non-covered services, as well as co-pays and deductibles;

Tracking managed care payments to verify the correctness of the reimbursement rate;

Evaluating the appeals process in case of disputes concerning payment issues, utilization review, and medical necessity; and

Confirming the length of the contract, the renewal process, and the termination options.

***Customers***

MBS provides services to approximately 31 customers throughout Texas. These customers include anesthesia, pathology, radiology and surgery groups.



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### ***Revenues***

MBS's principal source of revenues is fees charged to clients based on a percentage of collections. All clients are invoiced at the end of the month and MBS is usually paid in full within 30 days. The fees vary depending on specialty, size of practice, payor mix, and complexity of the billing. In addition to the collection fee revenue, MBS also earns consulting fees from the various consulting services that MBS provides, including medical practice management services, managed care contracting, coding and reimbursement services.

### ***Competition***

MBS has the same competitors at DCPS which are set forth in this section under the subheading Competition.

### ***Government Regulation***

MBS is subject to the same healthcare regulations as DCPS which are set forth in this section under the subheading Government Regulation.

### ***Employees***

Currently, MBS employed approximately 91 persons, 87 of whom were full-time employees and four of whom were part-time employees. These MBS employees work in the following areas: corporate management (7), medical coding (4), technical support (3), billing and collection (69), and banking liaisons (4).

### **Description of Property**

MBS is currently based in Houston, Texas where it leases an office facility. MBS also leases offices in Arlington, Texas. The leases relating to these facilities have terms that expire beginning in November 2004 and continuing to August 2005.

### **Legal Proceedings**

MBS is not a defendant in any material adverse legal proceedings. From time to time, certain legal matters arise in the normal course of its business, such as labor-related claims. Such matters are not anticipated to result in material adverse claims against MBS.

### **Stock Price Data**

The capital stock of MBS is not publicly traded and no market information relating to its stock is available. MBS has not paid any dividends on its common stock since inception and does not anticipate paying any dividends in the foreseeable future. There were four holders of record of common stock as of December 31, 2003. There were no options outstanding as of December 31, 2003. There were no warrants outstanding as of June 30, 2004. There were no shares of preferred stock outstanding as of June 30, 2004.

### **Financial Information**

The financial statements and related notes to the financial statements are provided in Annex K to this proxy statement.

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for DCPS**

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition highlights the principal factors that have affected our financial condition and results of operations as well as our liquidity and capital resources for the periods described. This discussion should be read in conjunction with DCPS's financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 and the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 and related notes thereto appearing in Annex J to this proxy statement.

**Table of Contents****Overview of Business Operations**

*General.* DCPS was founded in 1998 as a medical billing company to provide billing and collection services to anesthesia, radiology, and pathology practices. DCPS currently provides comprehensive billing and collection, administrative and other business services to its clients in selected markets in and around Houston, Texas. DCPS's headquarters are in Houston, Texas.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates.**

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and footnotes. DCPS bases these estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Changes in the facts or circumstances underlying these estimates could result in material changes and actual results could differ from these estimates. DCPS believes the following critical accounting policies affect the most significant areas involving management's judgments and estimates. In addition, please refer to the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies section of DCPS's December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 Audited Financial Statements included in Annex J to this proxy statement for further discussion of DCPS's accounting policies.

*Revenue Recognition.* DCPS earns revenues based on a percentage of collections of its customers' receivables. DCPS's revenues are recognized during the period in which its customers receive the collections. Consulting fees are based on project fees or hourly rates. Revenue is recognized when the services are provided.

*Accounts Receivable.* DCPS records uncollectible accounts receivable using the direct write-off method of accounting for bad debts. Historically, DCPS has experienced minimal credit losses and has not written-off any material accounts during 2003 or 2002.

*Property and Equipment.* Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. DCPS depreciates property and equipment over the estimated useful lives by the straight-line method.

*Fair Value of Financial Instruments.* DCPS estimates that the carrying amounts of financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and short-term and long-term debt, approximate their fair values due to the relatively short maturity of these instruments.

**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth selected statements of operations data, expressed as a percentage of DCPS's total revenue for the respective periods. DCPS's historical results and period-to-period comparisons are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period.

	<b>Twelve Months Ended December 31</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Operating Expenses	81.2%	100.6%
Income From Operations	18.8%	(0.6)%
Other Income (Expense)		
Interest expense	0.0%	0.0%
Interest income	0.0%	0.1%
Total Other Income (Expense)	0.0%	0.0%

Net Income

18.8%

(0.6)%

**Table of Contents***Year Ended December 31, 2003 as Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2002*

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the statements of operations of DCPS.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31		Variance
	2003	2002	
Revenues	4,010,797	3,767,024	243,773
Operating Expenses	3,255,532	3,790,120	(534,588)
Income From Operations	755,265	(23,096)	778,361
Other Income (Expense)			
Interest expense		(1,727)	1,727
Interest income	546	2,457	(1,911)
Total Other Income (Expense)	546	730	(184)
Net Income	755,811	(22,366)	778,177

Net revenues increased \$243,773, or 6.5%, to \$4,010,797 for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared with \$3,767,024 for the same period in 2002. The increase in net revenues was primarily the result of additional clients added during the year.

Operating expenses, which represent the employee-related costs as well as supplies and general and administrative expense decreased \$534,588, or 14.1%, to \$3,255,532 for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared to \$3,790,120 for the same period in 2002. This decrease was also reduced compensation expense associated primarily with DCPS management.

In 2002, DCPS expensed \$800,000 paid out as bonuses to owners/management. In 2003, DCPS changed its ownership structure to a limited partnership. As a result, amounts that would have been paid out in prior years as bonuses were paid out as distributions to partners.

Interest expense was \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2003, compared to \$1,727 for the previous year. The interest reduction is due to the pay-off of a working capital line of credit.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$755,811 for the year ended December 31, 2003 compared to \$94,749 in net cash provided by operating activities for the same period in 2002. The increase in net cash provided by operations was primarily the result of the increased revenues and decreased operating expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$44,807 for the year ended December 31, 2003 compared to \$104,752 in net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2002. Purchases of property and equipment at the DCPS corporate office decreased in 2003 compared to the purchases in 2002 to handle the increased clients added that year.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$582,882 for the year ended December 31, 2003 compared to \$195,850 in net cash used in financing activities for the same period in 2002. This was due to increased distributions.

As of December 31, 2002, DCPS had \$388,030 of cash and cash equivalents on hand as compared to \$238,211 at December 31, 2002. Additionally, DCPS had positive working capital of \$527,733 at December 31, 2003, an increase of \$175,575 from the working capital of

\$352,158 at December 31, 2002.

**Table of Contents***Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 as Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 Results of Operations*  
**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth selected statements of operations data, expressed as a percentage of DCPS's total revenue for the respective periods. DCPS's historical results and period-to-period comparisons are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period.

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Operating Expenses	74.5%	78.4%
Income From Operations	25.5%	21.6%
Other Income (Expense)		
Interest expense	0.0%	0.0%
Interest income	0.0%	0.0%
Total Other Income (Expense)	0.0%	0.0%
Net Income	25.5%	21.6%

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the statements of operations of DCPS.

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Revenues	\$2,230,459	\$2,033,786	\$196,673
Operating Expenses	1,661,110	1,595,133	65,977
Income From Operations	569,349	438,653	130,696
Other Income:			
Interest income	92	94	(2)
Total Other Income	92	94	(2)
Net Income	\$ 569,441	\$ 438,747	\$130,694

Net revenues increased \$196,673, or 9.7% to \$2,230,459 for the six months ended June 30, 2004 from \$2,033,786 for the same period in 2003. The increase was the result of additional clients added since the prior year.

Operating expenses increased \$65,977, or 4.1%, to \$1,661,110 for the six months ended June 30, 2004 from \$1,595,133 for the same period in 2003. The increase is due to additional employee costs (\$49,851) and other costs (\$16,126) needed in order to support the revenue growth.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

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Net cash provided by operating activities was \$469,881 and \$306,994 for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The increase was primarily the result of increased net income between the two periods.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$6,048 and \$3,189, for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The increase was primarily due to purchases of equipment of \$7,326 to support the revenue growth in the 2004 period compared to purchases of \$2,639 in the 2003 period.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$725,678 and \$380,454 in the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The increase was due to higher distributions in the 2004 period compared to the 2003 period.

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As of June 30, 2004, DCPS had cash and cash equivalents of \$126,185 and working capital of \$387,897 as compared with cash and cash equivalents of \$388,030 and working capital of \$527,733 as of December 31, 2003. The decrease in both cash and working capital is primarily due to the cash provided by operating activities (discussed above) less the distributions made of \$725,678.

**Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for MBS**

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition highlights the principal factors that have affected our financial condition and results of operations as well as our liquidity and capital resources for the periods described. This discussion should be read in conjunction with MBS's consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 and the years ended September 30, 2003 and September 30, 2002 and related notes thereto appearing in Annex K to this proxy statement.

***Overview of Business Operations***

*General.* MBS was founded in 1985 as a medical billing company to provide billing and collection services to anesthesia, radiology, and pathology practices. MBS currently provides comprehensive billing and collection, managed care contracting, administrative and other business services to its clients in selected markets in and around Houston, Texas. MBS's headquarters are in Houston, Texas and MBS has a second office in Arlington, Texas. In September 2003, MBS began providing billing and collecting services for two SurgiCare centers on a full-time basis.

***Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates.***

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and footnotes. MBS bases these estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Changes in the facts or circumstances underlying these estimates could result in material changes and actual results could differ from these estimates. MBS believes the following critical accounting policies affect the most significant areas involving management's judgments and estimates. In addition, please refer to the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies section of MBS's September 30, 2002 and September 30, 2003 Audited Financial Statements included in Annex K to this proxy statement for further discussion of MBS's accounting policies.

*Revenue Recognition.* MBS earns revenues based on the collection of MBS's customers' receivables. Revenues are recognized during the period in which collections were received.

*Accounts Receivable.* MBS records uncollectible accounts receivable using the direct write-off method of accounting for bad debts. Historically, MBS has experienced minimal credit losses and has not written-off any material accounts during 2003 or 2002.

*Property and Equipment.* Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. MBS depreciates property and equipment over the estimated useful lives by the straight-line method.

*Fair Value of Financial Instruments.* MBS estimates that the carrying amounts of financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and short-term and long-term debt, approximate their fair values due to the relatively short maturity of these instruments.



**Table of Contents****Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth selected statements of operations data, expressed as a percentage of MBS's total revenue for the respective periods. MBS's historical results and period-to-period comparisons are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period.

	<b>Twelve Months Ended September 30</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Operating Expenses	97.4%	97.3%
Income From Operations	2.6%	2.7%
Other Income (Expense) Interest expense	(0.1)%	0.0%
Interest income	0.0%	0.1%
Gain on sale of asset	0.0%	0.0%
Total Other Income (Expense)	0.0%	0.1%
Income Before Federal Income Taxes	2.5%	2.8%
Federal Income Tax Expense	(0.9)%	(1.0)%
Net Income	1.7%	1.8%

*Year Ended September 30, 2003 as Compared to Year Ended September 30, 2002*

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the statements of operations of MBS.

	<b>Twelve Months Ended September 30</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Revenues	\$6,060,302	\$4,827,806	\$1,232,496
Operating Expenses	5,905,085	4,698,546	1,206,539
Income From Operations	155,217	129,260	25,957
Other Income (Expense)			
Interest expense	(4,552)		(4,552)
Interest income	2,595	4,515	(1,920)
Gain on sale of asset	512		512
Total Other Income (Expense)	(1,445)	4,515	(5,960)
Income Before Federal Income Taxes	153,772	133,775	19,997
Federal Income Tax Expense	(52,194)	(47,578)	(4,616)

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Net Income	\$ 101,578	\$ 86,197	\$ 15,381
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Net revenues increased \$1,232,496, or 25.5%, to \$6,060,302 for the year ended September 30, 2003, as compared with \$4,827,806 for the same period in 2002. The increase in net revenues was primarily the result of additional clients added during the year and additional business from existing clients.

Operating expenses, which represent the employee-related costs as well as supplies and general and administrative expense increased \$1,206,539, or 25.7%, to \$5,905,085 for the year ended September 30, 2003, as compared to \$4,698,546 for the same period in 2002. This increase is based directly on the increased revenue and the costs associated with generating that revenue. Due to the increased business, MBS hired 18 new employees to support the growth. The cost of these new employees compounded the growing costs associated with medical benefits offered to MBS employees and cost of living adjustments to employee compensation. As a

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percentage of net revenue, however, these expenses, when compared on a continuing operations basis, were consistent with the prior year, increasing slightly 0.1% to 97.4% in 2003.

Interest expense was \$4,552 for the year ended September 30, 2003, compared to none for the previous year. This was a result of a capital lease for computer equipment.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$60,763 for the year ended September 30, 2003 compared to \$28,832 in net cash provided by operating activities for the same period in 2002. The increase in net cash provided by operations was primarily the result of the increased revenues and increased income from operations.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$37,585 for the year ended September 30, 2003 compared to \$48,822 in net cash used in investing activities for the year ended September 30, 2002. Purchases of property and equipment at the MBS corporate office decreased in 2003 and some assets were sold.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$13,351 for the year ended September 30, 2003 compared to \$14,516 in net cash used in financing activities for the same period in 2002. In both periods, the cash was used to pay down debt.

As of September 30, 2003, MBS had \$60,914 of cash and cash equivalents on hand as compared to \$51,087 at September 30, 2002. Additionally, MBS had positive working capital of \$408,091 at September 30, 2003, an improvement of \$99,799 from the working capital of \$308,292 at September 30, 2002. The improvement was primarily due to the increased business activity in the year ended September 30, 2003.

**Three Months Ended June 30, 2004 as Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2003****Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth selected statements of operations data, expressed as a percentage of MBS's total revenue for the respective periods. MBS's historical results and period-to-period comparisons are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period.

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Operating Expenses	87.6%	105.7%
<b>Income (Loss) From Operations</b>	12.4%	(5.7)%
Other Income (Expense)		
Interest expense		
Interest income		
Total Other Income (Expense)		
Income (Loss) Before Federal Income Taxes	12.4%	(5.7)%
Federal Income Tax Benefit (Expense)	(4.7)%	2.2%
Net Income (Loss)	7.7%	(3.5)%



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The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the statements of operations of MBS.

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Revenues	\$ 1,491,178	\$ 1,652,994	\$ (161,816)
Operating Expenses	1,306,085	1,747,036	(440,951)
Income (Loss) From Operations	185,093	(94,042)	279,135
Other Income (Expense)			
Interest expense	(826)	(1,106)	280
Interest income	492	892	(400)
Total Other Income (Expense)	(334)	(214)	(120)
Income (Loss) Before Federal Income Taxes	184,759	(94,256)	279,015
Federal Income Tax Benefit (Expense)	(70,208)	35,817	(106,025)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 114,551	\$ (58,439)	\$ 172,990

Net revenues decreased \$161,816, or 9.8%, to \$1,491,178 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 from \$1,652,994 for the same period in 2003. The decrease in net revenues was due to a decrease in business from existing clients.

Operating expenses decreased \$440,951 or 25.2%, to \$1,306,085 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 from \$1,747,036 for the same period in 2003. The decrease is due primarily to management bonuses of \$517,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2003, which was somewhat offset by a decrease in operating expenses related to the decrease in revenues.

Interest expense of \$826 and \$1,106 in the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively resulted from a capital lease for computer equipment.

Federal income tax expense increased \$106,025 to expense of \$70,208 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 from a benefit of \$35,817 the same period in 2003, resulting from the increase in pre-tax income of \$279,015 between the two three month periods. As a percentage of pre-tax income, both three months periods were approximately 38%.

***Nine Months Ended June 30, 2004 as Compared to Nine Months Ended June 30, 2003  
Results of Operations***

The following table sets forth selected statements of operations data, expressed as a percentage of MBS's total revenue for the respective periods. MBS's historical results and period-to-period comparisons are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period.

<b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b>	
<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>

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Revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Operating Expenses	88.6%	87.7%
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<b>Income From Operations</b>	11.4%	12.3%
Other Income (Expense)		
Interest expense	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
Interest income		
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total Other Income (Expense)	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
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Income Before Federal Income Taxes	11.3%	12.2%
Federal Income Tax Expense	(4.3)%	(4.6)%
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Net Income	7.0%	7.6%
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The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the statements of operations of MBS.

	Nine Months Ended June 30,		
	2004	2003	Variance
Revenues	\$4,569,556	\$4,610,102	\$(40,546)
Operating Expenses	4,049,083	4,044,178	(4,905)
Income From Operations	520,473	565,924	(45,451)
Other Income (Expense):			
Interest expense	(2,692)	(3,515)	823
Interest income	1,091	1,898	(807)
Total Other Income (Expense)	(1,601)	(1,617)	16
Income Before Federal Income Taxes	518,872	564,307	(45,435)
Federal Income Tax Expense	(196,976)	(214,437)	17,461
Net Income	\$ 321,896	\$ 349,870	\$(27,974)

Net revenues decreased marginally by \$40,546, or 0.9%, to \$4,569,556 for the nine months ended June 30, 2004 from \$4,610,102 for the same period in 2003. The decrease in net revenues was due to slight decline in business from existing clients.

Operating expenses increased \$4,905, or 0.1%, to \$4,049,083 for the nine months ended June 30, 2004 from \$4,044,178 for the same period in 2003. Legal costs increased \$19,234 due to costs of selling the company and rent increase by \$21,751 due to additional space added during the nine months ended June 30, 2004. These increases were offset by a decrease in operating costs of approximately \$36,400 related to the decrease in revenues discussed above.

Interest expense of \$2,692 and \$3,515 in the nine months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively resulted from a capital lease for computer equipment.

Federal income tax expense decreased \$17,461 or 8.1% to \$196,976 for the nine months ended June 30, 2004 from \$214,437 for the same period in 2003, resulting from the decrease in pre-tax income between the two nine month periods. As a percentage of pre-tax income, both three months periods were approximately 38%.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$608,765 and \$525,885 for the nine months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The increase in cash provided was primarily the result of the decrease in accounts receivable of \$114,304 in the nine months ended June 30, 2004 as compared to the prior year period, related to a large customer catching up on overdue receivables.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$14,386 and \$31,859 for the nine months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, consisting of purchases of equipment to support the business in those periods.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$10,736 and \$9,913 in the nine months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, consisting of principal payments on a capital lease in those periods.

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As of June 30, 2004, MBS had cash and cash equivalents of \$644,557 and working capital of \$741,546 as compared with cash and cash equivalents of \$60,914 and working capital of \$408,091 as of September 30, 2003. The increase in cash of \$583,643 is primarily due to net income of \$321,896 the reduction of accounts receivable of \$114,304 and the increase in deferred income tax payable of \$196,976. The increase in working capital of \$333,455 is primarily due to net income of \$321,896.



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**2004 INCENTIVE PLAN**

The following is a summary of the material features of the 2004 Incentive Plan. It may not contain all of the information important to you. We urge you to read the entire 2004 Incentive Plan, a copy of which appears as Annex O to this Proxy Statement. The 2004 Incentive Plan provides for issuance of up to 2.2 million shares of Class A common stock. This amount is approximately 6.8% of the fully-diluted shares of Orion (assuming exercise of all outstanding options and warrants, conversion of all convertible debentures, issuance of all shares issuable pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan, issuance of 2,100,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) to A.I. International, and issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) in exchange for the Series AA preferred stock). Approximately 5,758,852 shares (575,885 after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) remained issuable in connection with outstanding awards under prior SurgiCare plans as of September 2, 2004. The total number of shares issuable under prior SurgiCare plans added together with shares issuable under the proposed 2004 Incentive Plan represent approximately 8.5% of the fully-diluted shares of Orion (assuming exercise of all outstanding options and warrants, conversion of all convertible debentures, issuance of all shares issuable pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan, issuance of 2,100,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) to A.I. International, and issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) in exchange for the Series AA preferred stock).

Currently, there are no specific grants proposed to be made under the 2004 Incentive Plan. None of the proposed employment agreements with Keith G. LeBlanc, Terrence L. Bauer, Dennis Cain, Tom M. Smith, and Stephen H. Murdock are contingent upon those individuals receiving grants under the 2004 Incentive Plan.

The purpose of the 2004 Incentive Plan is to advance the interests of SurgiCare and its affiliated corporations by providing for the grant to participants of stock-based and other incentive awards, all as more fully described below.

The 2004 Incentive Plan will become effective on the date of its approval by the stockholders and will terminate when there are no remaining shares available for awards. No Incentive Stock Options ( ISOs ) may be granted under the 2004 Incentive Plan after the date that is ten years after the plan is adopted, although ISOs granted before such date may extend beyond that date. A maximum of 2.2 million shares of Class A common stock may be delivered in satisfaction of awards made under the 2004 Incentive Plan. For purposes of the preceding sentence, shares that have been forfeited in accordance with the terms of the applicable award and shares held back in satisfaction of the exercise price or tax withholding requirements from shares that would otherwise have been delivered pursuant to an award shall not be considered to have been delivered under the 2004 Incentive Plan. Also, the number of shares delivered under an award shall be determined net of any previously acquired shares tendered by the participant in payment of the exercise price or of withholding taxes.

The maximum number of shares of Class A common stock for which stock options may be granted to any person in any calendar year and the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock subject to stock appreciation rights, or SARs , granted to any person in any calendar year will each be 1,000,000. The maximum benefit that will be paid to any person under other awards in any calendar year will be, to the extent paid in shares, 1,000,000 shares, and, to the extent paid in cash, \$1 million. However, stock options and SARs that are granted with an exercise price that is less than the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of the grant will be subject to both of the limits imposed by the two preceding sentences. These limitations will be construed in a manner consistent with Section 162(m) of the Code.

In the event of a stock dividend, stock split or other change in our capital structure, the Administrator (as defined below) will make appropriate adjustments to the limits described above and will also make appropriate adjustments to the number and kind of shares of stock or securities subject to awards, any exercise prices relating to awards and any other provisions of awards affected by the change. The Administrator may also make similar adjustments to take into account other distributions to stockholders or any other event, if the Administrator determines that adjustments are appropriate to avoid distortion in the operation of the 2004 Incentive Plan and to preserve the value of awards.

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### **Administration**

The board of directors or a committee appointed by the board will administer the 2004 Incentive Plan. In the case of awards granted to persons who are or are reasonably expected to become officers of Orion, such committee shall be comprised solely of two or more directors, all of whom are outside directors within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and non-employee directors within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The term Administrator is used in this proxy statement to refer to the person (the board or committee, and their delegates) charged with administering the 2004 Incentive Plan. The Administrator has full authority to determine who will receive awards and to determine the types of awards to be granted as well as the amounts, terms, and conditions of any awards. Awards may be in the form of options, SARs, restricted or unrestricted stock, Deferred Stock (hereafter defined) or performance awards. The Administrator has the right to determine any questions that may arise regarding the interpretation and application of the provisions of the 2004 Incentive Plan and to make, administer, and interpret such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable. Determinations of the Administrator made under the 2004 Incentive Plan are conclusive and bind all parties.

### **Eligibility**

Participation is limited to those key employees and directors, as well as consultants and advisors, who in the Administrator's opinion are in a position to make a significant contribution to the success of Orion and its affiliated entities and who are selected by the Administrator to receive an award. The group of persons from which the Administrator will select participants consists of approximately 100 individuals.

### **Stock Options**

The Administrator may from time to time award options to any participant subject to the limitations described above. Stock options give the holder the right to purchase shares of Class A common stock of Orion within a specified period of time at a specified price. Two types of stock options may be granted under the 2004 Incentive Plan: ISOs, which are subject to special tax treatment as described below, and nonstatutory options (NSOs). Eligibility for ISOs is limited to employees of SurgiCare and its subsidiaries.

The exercise price of an ISO cannot be less than the fair market value of the Class A common stock at the time of grant. In addition, the expiration date of an ISO cannot be more than ten years after the date of the original grant. In the case of NSOs, the exercise price and the expiration date are determined in the discretion of the Administrator. The Administrator also determines all other terms and conditions related to the exercise of an option, including the consideration to be paid, if any, for the grant of the option, the time at which options may be exercised and conditions related to the exercise of options. Unless the Administrator determines otherwise, and in all events in the case of any stock option intended to qualify as an ISO and any stock option or SAR (other than a Performance Award subject to Section 6(a)(7) of the 2004 Incentive Plan) intended to qualify as performance-based for purposes of Section 162(m), the exercise price of an award requiring exercise will not be less than the fair market value of the stock subject to the award determined as of the date of grant.

The closing price of SurgiCare common stock as reported on AMEX on September 2, 2004 was \$0.30 per share, which corresponds to an implied price of \$3.00 per share, after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split.

### **Stock Appreciation Rights**

The Administrator may grant SARs under the 2004 Incentive Plan. An SAR entitles the holder upon exercise to receive an amount in cash or Class A common stock or a combination thereof (as determined by the Administrator) computed by reference to appreciation in the value of a share of Class A common stock.

### **Stock Awards; Deferred Stock**

The 2004 Incentive Plan provides for awards of nontransferable shares of restricted Class A common stock, as well as unrestricted shares of Class A common stock. Awards of restricted stock and unrestricted stock may be made in exchange for past services or other lawful consideration. Generally, awards of restricted stock are

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subject to the requirement that the shares be forfeited or resold to Orion unless specified conditions are met. Subject to these restrictions, conditions and forfeiture provisions, any recipient of an award of restricted stock will have all the rights of a stockholder of Orion, including the right to vote the shares and to receive dividends. Other awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan may also be settled with restricted stock. The 2004 Incentive Plan also provides for deferred grants ( Deferred Stock ) entitling the recipient to receive shares of Class A common stock in the future on such conditions as the Administrator may specify.

### **Performance Awards**

The Administrator may also make awards subject to the satisfaction of specified performance criteria. Performance Awards may consist of Class A common stock or cash or a combination of the two. The performance criteria used in connection with a particular Performance Award will be determined by the Administrator. In the case of Performance Awards intended to qualify for exemption under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator will use objectively determinable measures of performance in accordance with Section 162(m) that are based on any or any combination of the following (determined either on a consolidated basis or, as the context permits, on a divisional, subsidiary, line of business, project or geographical basis or in combinations thereof): sales; revenues; assets; expenses; earnings before or after deduction for all or any portion of interest, taxes, depreciation, or amortization, whether or not on a continuing operations or an aggregate or per share basis; return on equity, investment, capital or assets; one or more operating ratios; borrowing levels, leverage ratios or credit rating; market share; capital expenditures; cash flow; stock price; stockholder return; sales of particular products or services; customer acquisition or retention; acquisitions and divestitures (in whole or in part); joint ventures and strategic alliances; spin-offs, split-ups and the like; reorganizations; or recapitalizations, restructurings, financings (issuance of debt or equity) or refinancings. The Administrator will determine whether the performance targets or goals that have been chosen for a particular Performance Award have been met.

### **General Provisions Applicable to All Awards**

Neither ISOs nor, except as the Administrator otherwise expressly provides, other awards may be transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. During a recipient's lifetime an ISO and, except as the Administrator may provide, other non-transferable awards requiring exercise may be exercised only by the recipient. Shares delivered under the 2004 Incentive Plan may consist of either authorized but unissued or treasury shares. The number of shares delivered upon exercise of a stock option is determined net of any shares transferred by the optionee to Orion (including through the holding back of shares that would otherwise have been deliverable upon exercise) in payment of the exercise price or tax withholding.

### **Mergers and Similar Transactions**

In the event of a consolidation or merger in which Orion is not the surviving corporation or which results in the acquisition of substantially all of Orion's stock by a person or entity or by a group of persons or entities acting together, or in the event of a sale of substantially all of Orion's assets or a dissolution or liquidation of Orion, the following rules will apply except as otherwise provided in an Award:

If there is no assumption or substitution of stock options, existing stock options will become fully exercisable prior to the completion of the transaction on a basis that gives the holder of the stock option a reasonable opportunity to exercise the stock option and participate in the transaction as a stockholder.

Existing stock options, unless assumed, will terminate upon completion of the transaction.

Awards of Deferred Stock will be accelerated by the Administrator so that the stock is delivered prior to the completion of the transaction on a basis that gives the holder of the award a reasonable opportunity following issuance of the stock to participate as a stockholder in the transaction.

If there is a surviving or acquiring entity, the Administrator may arrange to have that entity (or an affiliate) assume outstanding awards or grant substitute awards. In the case of shares of restricted stock, the Administrator may require that any amounts delivered, exchanged or otherwise paid in respect of those shares in

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connection with the transaction be placed in escrow or otherwise made subject to restrictions determined by the Administrator.

**Amendment**

The Administrator may at any time or times amend the 2004 Incentive Plan or any outstanding Award for any purpose which may at the time be permitted by law, and may at any time terminate the 2004 Incentive Plan as to any future grants of awards. The Administrator may not, however, alter the terms of an Award so as to affect adversely the participant's rights under the Award without the participant's consent, unless the Administrator expressly reserved the right to do so at the time of the Award.

**New 2004 Incentive Plan Benefits**

The future benefits or amounts that would be received under the 2004 Incentive Plan by executive officers, non-executive directors and non-executive officer employees are discretionary and are therefore not determinable at this time. In addition, the benefits or amounts which would have been received by or allocated to such persons for the last completed fiscal year if the plan had been in effect cannot be determined.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table gives information about SurgiCare common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of SurgiCare's existing equity compensation plans as of September 2, 2004. This table does not reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

Plan category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	52,091	2.05	1,347,910
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	5,706,761	.425	0
Total	5,758,852	.444	1,347,910

**Federal Tax Effects**

The following discussion summarizes certain federal income tax consequences of the issuance and receipt of options under the 2004 Incentive Plan under the law as in effect on the date of this proxy statement. The summary does not purport to cover federal employment tax or other federal tax consequences that may be associated with the 2004 Incentive Plan, nor does it cover state, local or non-U.S. taxes.

**ISOs**

In general, an optionee realizes no taxable income upon the grant or exercise of an ISO. However, the exercise of an ISO may result in an alternative minimum tax liability to the optionee. With certain exceptions, a disposition of shares purchased under an ISO within two years from the date of grant or within one year after exercise produces ordinary income to the optionee (and a deduction to Orion) equal to the value of the shares at the time of exercise less the exercise price. Any additional gain recognized in the disposition is treated as a capital gain for which Orion is not entitled to a deduction. If the optionee does not dispose of the shares until after the expiration of these one-and two-year holding periods, any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale is treated as a long-term capital gain or loss for which Orion is not entitled to a deduction.



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*NSOs*

In general, in the case of a NSO, the optionee has no taxable income at the time of grant but realizes income in connection with exercise of the option in an amount equal to the excess (at the time of exercise) of the fair market value of the shares acquired upon exercise over the exercise price; a corresponding deduction is available to Orion; and upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the shares, any recognized gain or loss after the date of exercise is treated as capital gain or loss for which Orion is not entitled to a deduction.

In general, an ISO that is exercised by the optionee more than three months after termination of employment is treated as an NSO. ISOs are also treated as NSOs to the extent they first become exercisable by an individual in any calendar year for shares having a fair market value (determined as of the date of grant) in excess of \$100,000.

The Administrator may award stock options that are exercisable for restricted stock. Under Section 83 of the Code, an optionee who exercises an NSO for restricted stock will generally have income only when the stock vests. The income will equal the fair market value of the stock at that time less the exercise price. However, the optionee may make a so-called 83(b) election in connection with the exercise to recognize taxable income at that time. Assuming no other applicable limitations, the amount and timing of the deduction available to Orion will correspond to the income recognized by the optionee. The application of Section 83 to ISOs exercisable for restricted stock is less clear.

Under the so-called golden parachute provisions of the Code, the accelerated vesting of awards in connection with a change in control of Orion may be required to be valued and taken into account in determining whether participants have received compensatory payments, contingent on the change in control, in excess of certain limits. If these limits are exceeded, a substantial portion of amounts payable to the participant, including income recognized by reason of the grant, vesting or exercise of awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan, may be subject to an additional 20% federal tax and may be nondeductible to Orion.

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**PROPOSAL ONE REVERSE STOCK SPLIT**

Our board of directors has approved and is recommending to our stockholders for approval at the special meeting a proposal to effect a Reverse Stock Split of all of the outstanding shares of our common stock at a ratio of one share for every ten shares outstanding. If the Reverse Stock Split is approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to effect the Reverse Stock Split, subject to approval of the other proposals required to consummate the Transactions. A copy of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation is attached as Annex L to this proxy statement. A vote for this proposal constitutes approval of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation as to the Reverse Stock Split. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to effect a Reverse Stock Split is approved at the special meeting. This proposal is described in detail below.

The Reverse Stock Split as reflected in the amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not alter or change the powers, preferences, or special rights of the holders of shares of SurgiCare common stock. The IPS Merger Agreement requires that, unless otherwise agreed by IPS, all outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock will be redeemed or converted into SurgiCare common stock as a condition to closing. We have no current intention of issuing additional shares of preferred stock to any person after the Transactions are completed, but the amended and restated certificate of incorporation does give the board of directors authority to issue preferred stock and to establish the terms thereof.

**The Reverse Stock Split**

The amended and restated certificate of incorporation will effect a Reverse Stock Split of all of our outstanding shares of SurgiCare common stock by reducing the number of outstanding shares of SurgiCare common stock by a one-for-ten ratio (the Split Ratio). The par value of SurgiCare common stock will be changed from \$0.005 per share to \$0.001 per share in connection with the Reverse Stock Split.

**Reasons for the Reverse Stock Split**

The purpose of the Reverse Stock Split is to increase the market price of our common stock, which is currently listed on the AMEX. The board of directors has determined that the continued listing of our common stock on the AMEX is in the best interests of SurgiCare and its stockholders. In considering whether a security warrants continued trading and/or listing, the AMEX, pursuant to Section 1001 of the AMEX's Company Guide, looks at the value of the securities and whether the securities have suitable characteristics for auction market trading.

SurgiCare's board believes that the Reverse Stock Split should raise the market price of our common stock to a level that will prevent the AMEX from considering suspending or delisting our common stock. If our common stock were delisted, the board believes that the liquidity in the trading market for our common stock would be significantly decreased, which could reduce the trading price and increase the transaction costs of trading shares of our common stock.

There can be no assurance, however, that the market price of our common stock will rise in proportion to the reduction in the number of outstanding shares resulting from the Reverse Stock Split, that a sufficiently high per share trading price of our common stock can be maintained or that our common stock will not be delisted for other reasons.

**Potential Effects of the Reverse Stock Split**

Pursuant to the Reverse Stock Split, each holder of SurgiCare common stock immediately prior to the effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split will become the holder of fewer shares of Class A common stock after consummation of the Reverse Stock Split.

Although the Reverse Stock Split will not, by itself, affect our assets or prospects, the Reverse Stock Split could result in a decrease in the aggregate market value of our common stock and adversely affect share liquidity by reducing the number of shares outstanding after the reverse stock split. The Board believes that this

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risk is outweighed by the benefits of the continued listing of our common stock on the AMEX. If approved, the Reverse Stock Split will result in some stockholders owning odd-lots of less than 100 shares of SurgiCare common stock. Brokerage commissions and other costs of transactions in odd-lots are generally higher than the costs of transactions in round-lots of even multiples of 100 shares. Based on approximately 39,707,285 shares of SurgiCare common stock outstanding as of September 2, 2004 (which assumes issuance of 8,750,000 million shares to the holder of our 900,000 outstanding shares of Series AA preferred stock and the issuance of 2,100,000 shares to A.I. International and does not include treasury stock), the following table reflects the approximate percentage reduction in the outstanding shares of SurgiCare common stock and the approximate number of shares of SurgiCare common stock that would be outstanding as a result of the Reverse Stock Split:

<u>Stock Split Ratio</u>	<u>Percentage Reduction</u>	<u>Shares to be Outstanding</u>
1-for-10	90%	3,970,729

The table shows the share amounts immediately after the Reverse Stock Split, but prior to the other proposed amendments to the certificate of incorporation. All outstanding options and warrants to acquire shares of SurgiCare common stock will be appropriately adjusted, as required by their terms, for the Reverse Stock Split automatically on the Effective Date (as defined below). The Reverse Stock Split will not affect any stockholder's proportionate equity interest in SurgiCare except to the extent that the Reverse Stock Split results in any of our stockholders owning fractional shares. Stockholders who otherwise would be entitled to receive fractional shares because they hold a number of shares of SurgiCare common stock not evenly divisible by the Split Ratio will be entitled to receive a cash payment in lieu of fractional shares. Following the Reverse Stock Split, each share of Class A common stock will entitle the holder thereof to one vote per share and will otherwise be identical to SurgiCare common stock in all material respects.

**Shares of Common Stock Issued and Outstanding**

Based on the outstanding shares (not including treasury stock) as of September 2, 2004 and assuming issuance of 8,750,000 million shares of common stock to the holder of our 900,000 outstanding shares of Series AA preferred stock and 2,100,000 shares of common stock to A.I. International, prior to the Reverse Stock Split, the number of shares of common stock authorized, issued and outstanding and reserved for issuance are 50,000,000, 39,707,285, and 9,529,413 respectively. As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, the number of outstanding shares of SurgiCare common stock will decrease by the Split Ratio with fractional shares of SurgiCare common stock paid in cash. After the Reverse Stock Split, but prior to other proposed amendments to our certificate of incorporation, the approximate number of shares of common stock authorized, issued and outstanding, and reserved for issuance will be 5,000,000, 3,970,729 and 952,941 respectively, based on the same assumptions as above. It is not anticipated that our financial condition, the percentage ownership of management, the number of our stockholders, or any aspect of our business would materially change as a result of the Reverse Stock Split. We are subject to the periodic reporting and other requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). The proposed Reverse Stock Split will not affect the registration of SurgiCare common stock under the Exchange Act.

**Effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split**

If this proposal and the other proposals necessary to consummate the Transactions are approved, the Reverse Stock Split will become effective upon the filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation (the Effective Date). It is expected that such filing will take place immediately prior to the completion of the Transactions.

Commencing on the Effective Date, each SurgiCare common stock certificate will be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence ownership of the reduced number of shares of Class A common stock (assuming the reclassification of currently outstanding common stock as Class A common stock pursuant to Proposal Three is also approved) resulting from the Reverse Stock Split. As soon as practicable after the Effective Date, transmittal forms will be mailed to each holder of record of SurgiCare common stock, to be used in forwarding such holder's stock certificates for surrender and exchange for certificates evidencing the number of shares of Class A common stock such holder is entitled to receive as a consequence of the Reverse Stock Split. The transmittal forms will be accompanied by instructions specifying other details of the exchange. Upon receipt of



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such transmittal form, each stockholder who has a certificate should surrender any certificate evidencing shares of SurgiCare common stock that the stockholder owned prior to the Reverse Stock Split in accordance with the applicable instructions. Stockholders will not be required to pay any transfer fee or other fee in connection with the exchange of certificates. No new certificates will be issued to a holder of SurgiCare common stock until such stockholder has surrendered such stockholder's outstanding certificate, together with the properly completed and executed letter of transmittal, to the exchange agent. Any SurgiCare common stock submitted for transfer, whether pursuant to a sale, other disposition or otherwise, will automatically be exchanged for Class A common stock appropriately adjusted for the Reverse Stock Split. Stockholders who do not have stock certificates for surrender and exchange will have their accounts automatically adjusted in order to reflect the number of shares they are entitled to receive as a consequence of the Reverse Stock Split.

We intend to use Registrar and Transfer Company as our exchange agent in effecting the Reverse Stock Split. We estimate that our aggregate expenses relating to the Reverse Stock Split will not be material.

### **Fractional Shares**

No fractional certificates will be issued in connection with the Reverse Stock Split. Stockholders who otherwise would be entitled to receive fractional shares because they hold a number of shares of SurgiCare common stock not evenly divisible by the Split Ratio will be entitled to a cash payment in lieu of such fractional shares upon surrender of a certificate representing such shares. The exchange agent will then pay to such holders upon surrender of their certificates to effectuate the Reverse Stock Split, in addition to the number of whole shares to which such holders are entitled, a cash payment in U.S. dollars equal to the product of the fractional share times the average of the high and low trading prices for SurgiCare common stock over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing. The ownership of a fractional interest will not give the holder thereof any voting or other rights except the right to receive the cash payment described above.

Stockholders should be aware that, under the escheat laws of the various jurisdictions where stockholders reside, where we are domiciled and where the funds will be deposited, sums due for fractional interests that are not timely claimed after the effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split may be required to be paid to the designated agent for each such jurisdiction. Thereafter, stockholders otherwise entitled to receive such funds may have to seek to obtain them directly from the state to which they were paid.

### **Accounting Consequences**

The par value of SurgiCare common stock will be changed from \$0.005 per share to \$0.001 per share in connection with the Reverse Stock Split and reclassification. The common stock account will be reduced with the difference credited to additional paid in capital. Total stockholders' equity will remain unchanged.

### **Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Reverse Stock Split**

The following is a summary of the material United States federal income tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split on the current holders of SurgiCare common stock and does not purport to be a complete discussion of all of the possible United States federal income tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split. Further, it does not address any state, local or foreign income or other tax consequences. Also, it does not address the tax consequences to holders that are subject to special tax rules, such as banks, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, personal holding companies, foreign entities, nonresident alien individuals, broker-dealers and tax-exempt entities. We have not obtained, and do not intend to obtain, an IRS ruling regarding the tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split. SurgiCare obtained a legal opinion from its counsel, Strasburger & Price, LLP, regarding the material U.S. federal income taxes applicable to SurgiCare and the holders of SurgiCare common stock resulting from the Reverse Stock Split. This discussion is based upon advice we have received from Strasburger & Price, LLP regarding the provisions of the United States federal income tax law as of the date hereof, which is subject to change retroactively as well as prospectively. This summary assumes that the other Transactions described herein occur in the manner described and also assumes that the SurgiCare common stock was, and the Class A common stock will be, held as a capital asset, as defined in the Code (i.e., generally, property held for investment).

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The tax treatment of a holder of SurgiCare common stock may vary depending upon the particular facts and circumstances of such stockholder. Each holder of SurgiCare common stock is urged to consult with such stockholder's own tax advisor with respect to the tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split.

Other than with respect to cash payments received for fractional shares, no gain or loss should be recognized by a stockholder upon such stockholder's exchange of SurgiCare common stock for Class A common stock pursuant to the Reverse Stock Split. The aggregate tax basis of the Class A common stock received in the Reverse Stock Split (including any fraction of a share of Class A common stock, deemed to have been received prior to redemption as described below) will be the same as the stockholder's aggregate tax basis in the SurgiCare common stock exchanged in the Reverse Stock Split.

In general, stockholders who receive cash in respect of their fractional share interests in the Class A common stock as a result of the Reverse Stock Split will recognize gain or loss determined by reference to their adjusted basis in their fractional share interests.

The stockholder's holding period for the Class A common stock will include the period during which the stockholder held the SurgiCare common stock surrendered in the Reverse Stock Split.

Except as set forth in the discussion above, SurgiCare expresses no opinion as to the federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences to any party, other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders, of the IPS Merger, the MBS Merger, the DCPS Acquisition, the Debt Exchange, the Equity Financing or the Reverse Stock Split. In addition, SurgiCare expresses no opinion (i) as to whether or not the Transactions when analyzed on a combined basis, qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies or (ii) regarding any adverse tax consequences applicable to SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such that may result from a determination that the Transactions, when analyzed on a combined basis, do not qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies. If the Transactions do not qualify as an exchange to which Code Section 351 applies, the IPS stockholders, MBS stockholders and holders of DCPS interests may recognize taxable gain or loss in connection with the Transactions. Such holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of participating in the Transactions.

Furthermore, this summary does not apply to any tax considerations that may be relevant to any party to the Transactions other than SurgiCare and its current stockholders in their capacity as such. The opinion issued by SurgiCare's counsel is being furnished only to SurgiCare in connection with the IPS Merger, the DCPS/MBS Merger, the Debt Exchange, the Equity Financing and the Reverse Stock Split and is solely for SurgiCare's benefit in connection therewith. It may not be used or relied upon for any other purposes, and except for purposes of this proxy statement, may not be circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose without the express written consent of SurgiCare's counsel.

## **No Dissenter's Rights**

Under the DGCL, our stockholders are not entitled to dissenter's rights with respect to the Reverse Stock Split, and we will not independently provide stockholders with any such right.

## **Stockholder Approval of the Reverse Stock Split**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock entitled to vote on this proposal, each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class, is required to approve the Reverse Stock Split and the proposed amendment and restatement of our certificate of incorporation to effect the Reverse Stock Split. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. If our stockholders approve the Reverse Stock Split, it will become effective upon filing of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware, which is expected to take place immediately prior to the completion of the Transactions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE REVERSE STOCK SPLIT.**

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**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

**Table of Contents****PROPOSAL TWO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF AUTHORIZED COMMON STOCK**

Our board of directors has approved and is recommending to our stockholders for approval at the special meeting a proposal to increase the number of shares of authorized common stock from 5 million shares to 90 million shares, after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, and to leave the number of authorized shares of preferred stock at 20 million. If the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock is approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to effect the increase, subject to approval of the other proposals required to consummate the Transactions. A copy of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation is attached as Annex L to this proxy statement. A vote for this proposal constitutes approval of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation as to the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to effect the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock is approved at the special meeting.

The increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock as reflected in the amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not alter or change the powers, preferences, or special rights of the holders of shares of SurgiCare common stock.

**Increase in the Number of Shares of Authorized Common Stock**

The amended and restated certificate of incorporation will increase the number of shares of authorized SurgiCare common stock from 5 million shares to 90 million shares, of which 63 million shares will be designated Class A common stock (see Proposal Three), 25 million shares will be designated as Class B common stock (see Proposal Four) and 2 million shares will be designated as Class C common stock (see Proposal Five), after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split.

The board of directors recommends increasing the number of authorized shares of our common stock in order to have a sufficient number of shares of our common stock available to pay the consideration due under the IPS Merger Agreement and the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement and in connection with the equity financing. Assuming the Transactions are approved, we will be obligated to issue up to 4,527,276 shares of our Class A common stock (in addition to the shares outstanding immediately after the Reverse Stock Split), 11,442,426 shares of our Class B common stock and up to 1,827,880 shares of our Class C common stock. We would be unable to issue all of these shares based on the current number of authorized and unissued shares of our common stock available to us, after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split. In addition, we must also have shares available for issuance in connection with previously granted stock options and other stock based awards as well as any future grants under our 2004 Incentive Plan and our other option plans.

The following table provides details regarding the approximate number of shares of our common stock authorized, issued and outstanding and reserved as of the periods indicated. Treasury stock is not included in these figures.

Period	September 2, 2004(1)	Post-Reverse Split(3)	Post-Transactions(5)		
			Class A common stock	Class B common stock	Class C common stock
Authorized	50,000,000	5,000,000	63,000,000	25,000,000	2,000,000
Issued and outstanding	28,857,285	3,970,729	8,498,005	11,442,426	1,827,880
Reserved	20,379,413(2)	952,941(4)	22,552,804(6)	0	0

- (1) Shares numbers are prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, and do not include the 8,750,000 shares of common stock to be issued in exchange for the Series AA preferred stock pursuant to the agreement with the holder of the Series AA preferred stock described below or the 2,100,000 shares of common stock to be issued to A.I. International.
- (2) Shares are reserved for exercise of outstanding options and warrants, conversion of convertible debentures and for issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock to the Series AA preferred stockholder and 2,100,000 shares of common stock to A.I. International.

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- (3) Share numbers are after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, but prior to any other amendments of our Certificate of Incorporation, and prior to the effectiveness of the Transactions. Share numbers assume issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock to the holder of our Series AA preferred stock and issuance of the 2,100,000 shares of common stock to A.I. International prior to the Reverse Stock Split.
- (4) Shares are reserved for exercise of outstanding options and warrants and conversion of convertible debentures.
- (5) Share numbers are based on the assumptions contained in this proxy, but assume the maximum initial issuance of shares in the DCPS/MBS Merger.
- (6) Shares are reserved for issuance upon conversion of the Class B common stock and Class C common stock and pursuant to the DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement, the Stock Subscription Agreement, the 2004 Incentive Plan, exercise of existing SurgiCare warrants, exercise of vested stock options under SurgiCare's already existing employee stock option plan, conversion of existing convertible debentures and the exercise of 100,000 warrants that we propose to issue to our current directors.

SurgiCare has recently entered into a Settlement Agreement with Sig Altman to resolve a lawsuit surrounding a Finders Fee Agreement between SurgiCare and Mr. Altman. SurgiCare issued Mr. Altman 540,000 shares of stock registered on Form S-8 as payment in full for his services provided under the Finders Fee Agreement.

In November, 2003, SurgiCare issued a \$470,000 convertible debenture. The holders of the debenture can convert to common stock at \$0.25 per share or a total of 1,000,000 shares if fully converted.

On June 23, 2004, SurgiCare entered into an agreement with AII, which is the sole owner of all outstanding Series AA preferred stock, pursuant to which SurgiCare will issue 8,750,000 shares of its common stock (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) to AII in exchange for the conversion of all 900,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock. The conversion of the Series AA preferred stock to common stock will take place upon the later to occur of the approval for listing of the shares of common stock on the AMEX or the fulfillment by AII of its obligations under the agreement to acquire certain parcels of land owned by SurgiCare and to assume or eliminate SurgiCare's obligations with respect thereto, and to pay SurgiCare \$250,000. If the conversion does not occur by July 30, 2004, SurgiCare is required by the certificate of designations of the Series AA preferred stock filed pursuant to the agreement to either convert or redeem 300,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock on each of July 30, 2004, June 4, 2005, and June 4, 2006. Each share of Series AA preferred stock would be convertible into the number of shares of common stock determined by the following formula: \$5.00 divided by the greater of (a) the average of the closing price of the common stock on the twenty trading days immediately preceding the conversion date or (b) \$0.41. The redemption price of each share of Series AA preferred stock would be \$5.00. SurgiCare filed a listing application for the listing of the shares of common stock and received approval of the same from AMEX on September 10, 2004. The shares of common stock will not be issued until after the record date.

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In addition, SurgiCare has outstanding options and warrants that could be exercised for common stock. The following table summarizes the outstanding options and warrants.

Type	Expiration Date	Issued To	Number	Exercisable (as of 9/2/04)	Exercise Price
Options	10/05/11	Employees	52,091	34,727	2.05
Warrants	10/05/11	Former Employees	191,667	191,667	1.90
Warrants	04/02/07	Former Employee	175,000	175,000	2.00
Warrants	11/12/12	Officer	3,244,616	2,230,670	0.32
Warrants	11/12/12	Former Employee	2,095,478	2,095,478	0.32
Warrants	04/01/07	DVI	200,000	200,000	3.00
Warrants	06/01/07	TASC Shareholders	35,000	35,000	0.01
Warrants	03/01/07	Consultant	50,000	50,000	1.00
Warrants	12/02/07	Aspen Shareholders	336,786	336,786	0.32
Warrants	11/12/07	Odyssey Capital	526,531	526,531	0.35
Warrants	01/31/08	Odyssey Capital	526,531	526,531	0.35
Warrants	01/31/08	Officers	40,000	40,000	0.45
Warrants	01/31/08	Former employee	40,000	40,000	0.45
Warrants	11/05/03	Convertible Debt	335,713	335,713	0.35
Warrants	07/15/05	Convertible Debt	235,849	235,849	2.12

SurgiCare has negotiated a settlement regarding its \$1 million convertible debentures held by A.I. International and the First Bank of Lebanon. Pursuant to this settlement, SurgiCare will pay Plaintiffs \$220,000 in cash and issue 2,100,000 shares of SurgiCare common stock (210,000 shares on a post-Reverse Stock Split basis) after the closing of the Transactions.

We have no current agreements, arrangements, or plans to issue additional shares of common stock other than as described above and in connection with the Transactions and the other proposals in this proxy statement. We may need to issue additional common shares in the future to settle outstanding debts or liabilities, to attract or retain key employees, and to make future acquisitions.

The issuance of additional authorized shares of our common stock (other than through a stock split or a stock dividend) may dilute the voting power and equity interest of present stockholders.

**No Dissenter's Rights**

Under the DGCL, our stockholders are not entitled to dissenter's rights with respect to the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock, and we will not independently provide stockholders with any such right.

**Stockholder Approval of the Increase in the Number of Shares of Authorized Common Stock**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock entitled to vote on this proposal, each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class, is required to approve the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock and the proposed amendment and restatement of our certificate of incorporation to effect the increase. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. If our stockholders approve the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock, it will become effective upon filing of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware, which is expected to take place immediately prior to the completion of the Transactions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF AUTHORIZED COMMON STOCK.**

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**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL THREE RECLASSIFICATION OF COMMON STOCK**

Our board of directors has approved and is recommending to our stockholders for approval at the special meeting a proposal to reclassify SurgiCare common stock as Class A common stock. If the reclassification of common stock is approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to effect the reclassification, subject to approval of the other proposals required to consummate the Transactions. A copy of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation is attached as Annex L to this proxy statement. A vote for this proposal constitutes approval of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation as to the reclassification of common stock. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to effect the reclassification of common stock is approved at the special meeting. This proposal is described in detail below.

**The Reclassification**

The amended and restated certificate of incorporation reflects the reclassification of all of our outstanding shares of SurgiCare common stock as Class A common stock. The par value of SurgiCare Class A common stock will be changed to \$0.001 per share. The reclassification of our currently authorized common stock as Class A common stock is necessary to effect the Transactions, as the Transactions contemplate two new classes of stock being established as described in Proposal Four and Proposal Five. The reclassification of common stock as reflected in the amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not alter or change the powers, preferences, or special rights of the holders of shares of SurgiCare common stock. However, the establishment of Class B common stock as described in Proposal Four and Class C common stock as described in Proposal Five will effect the powers, preferences and rights of the holders of Class A common stock.

The terms of our Class A common stock are described in The Transactions The New Classes of Common Stock .

**No Dissenter s Rights**

Under the DGCL, our stockholders are not entitled to dissenter s rights with respect to the reclassification of common stock, and we will not independently provide stockholders with any such right.

**Stockholder Approval of the Reclassification of Common Stock**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock entitled to vote on this proposal, each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class, is required to approve the reclassification of authorized common stock and the proposed amendment and restatement of our certificate of incorporation to effect the reclassification. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. If our stockholders approve the reclassification of common stock, it will become effective upon filing of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware, which is expected to take place immediately prior to the completion of the Transactions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE RECLASSIFICATION OF COMMON STOCK.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**



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**PROPOSAL FOUR ESTABLISHMENT OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK**

Our board of directors has approved and is recommending to our stockholders for approval at the special meeting a proposal to establish a new class of common stock entitled Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value per share. If the establishment of Class B common stock is approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to effect the establishment of Class B common stock, subject to approval of the other proposals required to consummate the Transactions. A copy of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation is attached as Annex L to this proxy statement. A vote for this proposal constitutes approval of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation as to the establishment of Class B common stock. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to establish Class B common stock is approved at the special meeting. This proposal is described in detail below.

**Class B Common Stock**

In connection with the equity financing, which is described more fully in The Transactions The Equity Financing, Brantley IV or its assignees will receive shares of Class B common stock. The terms of our Class B common stock are described in The Transactions The New Classes of Common Stock.

**No Dissenter's Rights**

Under the DGCL, our stockholders are not entitled to dissenter's rights with respect to the establishment of Class B common stock, and we will not independently provide stockholders with any such right.

**Stockholder Approval of the Establishment of Class B Common Stock**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock entitled to vote on this proposal, each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class, is required to approve the establishment of Class B common stock and the proposed amendment and restatement of our certificate of incorporation to effect the establishment of Class B common stock. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. If our stockholders approve the establishment of Class B common stock, it will become effective upon filing of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware, which is expected to take place immediately prior to the completion of the Transactions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL FIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLASS C COMMON STOCK**

Our board of directors has approved and is recommending to our stockholders for approval at the special meeting a proposal to establish a new class of common stock entitled Class C common stock, \$0.001 par value per share. If the establishment of Class C common stock is approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to effect the establishment of Class C common stock. A copy of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation is attached as Annex L to this proxy statement. A vote for this proposal constitutes approval of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation as to the establishment of Class C common stock, subject to the approval of the other proposals required to consummate the Transactions. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to establish Class C common stock is approved at the special meeting. This proposal is described in detail below.

**Class C Common Stock**

In connection with the DCPS/MBS Merger, which is more fully described under The Transactions DCPS/MBS Merger, DCPS and MBS equityholders will receive, in addition to other consideration, shares of Class C common stock.

The terms of our Class C common stock are described in The Transactions The New Classes of Common Stock .

**No Dissenter s Rights**

Under the DGCL, our stockholders are not entitled to dissenter s rights with respect to the establishment of Class C common stock, and we will not independently provide stockholders with any such right.

**Stockholder Approval of the Establishment of Class C Common Stock**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock entitled to vote on this proposal, each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class, is required to approve the establishment of Class C common stock and the proposed amendment and restatement of our certificate of incorporation to effect the establishment of Class C common stock. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. If our stockholders approve the establishment of Class C common stock, it will become effective upon filing of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware, which is expected to take place immediately prior to the completion of the Transactions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLASS C COMMON STOCK.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL SIX CHANGE OF NAME**

Our board of directors has approved and is recommending to our stockholders for approval at the special meeting a proposal to change the name of the corporation to Orion HealthCorp, Inc. As part of the negotiation of the Transaction Documents, SurgiCare, IPS, DCPS, and MBS agreed that SurgiCare would be renamed. If the change of name is approved, we will amend and restate our certificate of incorporation to effect the change of name, subject to approval of the other proposals required to consummate the Transactions. A copy of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation is attached as Annex L to this proxy statement. A vote for this proposal constitutes approval of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation as to the change of name. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to change the name of SurgiCare is approved at the special meeting.

**No Dissenter's Rights**

Under the DGCL, our stockholders are not entitled to dissenter's rights with respect to the change of name, and we will not independently provide stockholders with any such right.

**Stockholder Approval of the Change of Name**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock entitled to vote on this proposal, each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class, is required to approve the change of name and the proposed amendment and restatement of our certificate of incorporation to effect the change of name. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. If our stockholders approve the change of name, it will become effective upon filing of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware, which is expected to take place immediately prior to the completion of the Transactions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE OF NAME.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL SEVEN ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK**

**IN CONNECTION WITH THE IPS MERGER**

Section 712 of the AMEX's Company Guide requires AMEX-listed companies to obtain stockholder approval in connection with an acquisition (or series of closely related acquisitions) where the issuance of common stock (or securities convertible into common stock) could result in a 20% or greater increase in the outstanding common stock of such companies. This rule would apply to the Class A common stock to be issued in the acquisitions of IPS, DCPS and MBS. The aggregate shares of Class A common stock to be issued in the Acquisitions would exceed the 20% threshold.

The stockholders and certain debtholders of IPS, based on the assumptions used in this proxy statement, will receive consideration consisting of approximately 4,451,518 shares of our Class A common stock in connection with the IPS Merger. The partners of DCPS and stockholders of MBS will receive, or direct the issuance of, up to a maximum of 2,368,638 shares of our Class A and Class C common stock in connection with the DCPS/MBS Merger. Such maximum amount includes (a) the shares of Class C common stock issuable only if the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock, based on the average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing, is greater than or equal to \$0.70, and (b) the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the maximum retroactive increase in purchase price under the DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement. As a result, such stockholders and debtholders of IPS, and MBS stockholders, DCPS partners and their respective designees, would own a maximum of, on an as-converted basis, approximately 26.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as adjusted for the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the additional shares of Class C common stock that are issuable at closing only if the fair market value of the SurgiCare common stock equals or exceeds \$0.70). Accordingly, the Board is seeking your approval of the issuances of the shares of our Class A common stock in connection with the IPS Merger. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to issue shares of our Class A common stock in connection with the IPS Merger is approved at the special meeting.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock properly cast in person or by proxy at the special meeting, voting together as a single class, is required to approve the issuance of the shares of Class A common stock in connection with the IPS Merger. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome. The Transaction Documents require that we obtain the approval of this proposal by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO ISSUE SHARES OF SURGICARE CLASS A COMMON STOCK IN CONNECTION WITH THE IPS MERGER.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL EIGHT ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF CLASS C COMMON STOCK AND CLASS A COMMON STOCK IN CONNECTION WITH THE DCPS/ MBS MERGER**

Section 712 of the AMEX's Company Guide requires AMEX-listed companies to obtain stockholder approval in connection with an acquisition (or series of closely related acquisitions) where the issuance of common stock (or securities convertible into common stock) could result in a 20% or greater increase in the outstanding common stock of such companies. This rule would apply to the common stock to be issued in the acquisitions of IPS, DCPS and MBS. The issuance of shares of SurgiCare common stock in the Acquisitions would exceed the 20% threshold.

The partners of DCPS and stockholders of MBS and their designees will receive consideration consisting, in part, of up to a maximum of 2,368,638 shares of our Class C common stock and Class A common stock in connection with the DCPS/MBS Merger. Such maximum amount includes the shares of Class C common stock issuable (a) only if the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock, based on the average of the high and low price per share over the five trading days immediately prior to the closing, is greater than or equal to \$0.70, and (b) upon the maximum retroactive increase in purchase price under the DCPS/MBS Merger Agreement. The stockholders and certain debtholders of IPS, based on the assumptions used in this proxy statement, will receive consideration consisting of approximately 4,451,518 shares of our Class A common stock in connection with the IPS Merger. As a result, such MBS and DCPS equityholders and designees and IPS stockholders and debtholders, will own, on an as-converted basis, approximately 26.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as adjusted for the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the additional shares of Class C common stock that are issuable at closing only if the fair market value of the SurgiCare common stock equals or exceeds \$0.70). Accordingly, the Board is seeking your approval of the issuances of the shares of our Class C common stock and Class A common stock in connection with the DCPS/MBS Merger. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Twelve. We cannot complete the Transactions unless this proposal to issue shares of our Class C common stock and Class A common stock in connection with the DCPS/MBS Merger is approved at the special meeting.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock properly cast in person or by proxy at the special meeting, voting together as a single class, is required to approve the issuance of the shares of Class C common stock and Class A common stock in connection with the DCPS/MBS Merger. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome. The Transaction Documents require that we obtain the approval of this proposal by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO ISSUE SHARES OF CLASS C COMMON STOCK AND CLASS A COMMON STOCK IN CONNECTION WITH THE DCPS/ MBS MERGER.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL NINE ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK AND CLASS A COMMON STOCK IN CONNECTION WITH THE EQUITY FINANCING**

Section 713 of the AMEX's Company Guide requires AMEX-listed companies to obtain stockholder approval in connection with a transaction involving the sale or issuance of common stock (or securities convertible into common stock) equal to 20% or more of the presently outstanding common stock of such companies at a price less than the greater of book or market value of such common stock or convertible securities. This rule would apply to the Class B common stock and Class A common stock to be issued to Brantley IV in pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement, which is described in The Transactions The Financing. The issuance of shares of our Class B common stock and Class A common stock would exceed the 20% threshold and will likely be at a price that would constitute a discount to the market value.

Brantley IV, based on the assumptions used in this proxy statement, will receive approximately 11,442,426 shares of Class B common stock for its cash investment of \$10 million plus the Base Bridge Interest Amount. These shares of Class B common stock are initially convertible into approximately 14,606,983 shares of our Class A common stock. As a result, Brantley IV will own 100% of the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock following the Acquisitions and will initially own, on an as-converted basis, approximately 56.8% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. In addition, the per share price of the Class B common stock issued to Brantley IV will be less than the market value of such shares of Class B common stock. A portion of the cash investment will be used by Orion to pay debt owed to a subsidiary of Brantley IV by SurgiCare and IPS. As of September 2, 2004, the outstanding amount of such indebtedness, including interest was \$4,904,539. As of September 2, 2004, the net cash proceeds to be received by SurgiCare are approximately \$5,194,513. Accordingly, the Board is seeking your approval of the issuance of the Class B common stock to Brantley IV. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven. We cannot complete the Acquisitions unless this proposal to issue shares of our Class B common stock to Brantley IV is approved at the special meeting.

Brantley IV will also receive the option to purchase shares of capital Class A common stock for cash in an amount up to an aggregate of \$3 million from time to time after the closing of the Transactions, subject to the approval of a majority of the unaffiliated members of the board of directors of Orion, at a price equal to the lesser of \$1.25 per share or 70% of the daily average of the high and low trading prices of the Class A common stock for the twenty trading days preceding the date of the closing of such investment.

The Class B common stock issued to Brantley IV will initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 57.0% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. Assuming everything else remains the same, the percentage interest of Brantley IV upon conversion will continually increase, since the conversion factor for the Class B common stock is designed to yield additional shares of Class A common stock, or portions thereof, necessary to approximate the unpaid portion of the return of the original purchase price for the Class B common stock, plus an amount equal to nine percent (9%) per annum on the amount of the original purchase price from time to time outstanding, without compounding, from the date the Class B common stock was first issued to the date of conversion. The Class A common stock to be issued to Brantley IV affiliates in Orion. Because Brantley IV and its affiliates will hold common stock which initially represents, on an unconverted basis, approximately 71.4% of the voting power of Orion they will be able to control all decisions to be made by the Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock voting together as a single class. As a result of their stock ownership, Brantley IV and its affiliates will control Orion's business, policies and affairs and will be able to elect Orion's entire board of directors, determine, without the approval of Orion's other stockholders, the outcome of any corporate transaction or other matter submitted to the vote of the stockholders voting as a single class for approval, including mergers, consolidations and sales of substantially all of our assets. They will also be able to prevent or cause a change in, control of Orion and an amendment to its certificate of incorporation and by-laws (subject to certain supermajority provisions contained therein). We cannot assure that the interests of Brantley IV and its affiliates will be consistent with your interests as a stockholder.

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In connection with the Transactions, Brantley IV entered into an agreement on March 4, 2004 with certain of its limited partners, pursuant to which such limited partners have agreed to acquire, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions \$1 million worth of the Class B common stock which Brantley IV has agreed to purchase pursuant to the Stock Subscription Agreement and Brantley IV has agreed to assign to such limited partners its rights to acquire such shares. To the extent such limited partners acquire such shares, Brantley IV's ownership will be decreased by the number of shares valued at \$1 million, or approximately as of September 2, 2004 approximately 1,133,020 shares of Class B common stock, which initially represent, on an as-converted basis, approximately 4.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock properly cast in person or by proxy at the special meeting, voting together as a single class, is required to approve the issuance of the shares of our Class B common stock pursuant to Stock Subscription Agreement. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome. The Transaction Documents require that we obtain the approval of this proposal by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO ISSUE SHARES OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK AND CLASS A COMMON STOCK.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

**Table of Contents****PROPOSAL TEN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our board currently consists of four directors, and three existing board seats are vacant. The four current directors have been nominated for reelection to the board to serve on our board of directors until their successors are elected and qualified. In connection with the Transactions, seven new directors have been nominated for election to the board to begin serving on the board of directors of Orion upon the closing of the acquisition and until their successors are elected and qualified. Accordingly, upon the closing of the Transactions, the current members of the board will cease to be directors and the seven new directors will constitute the board of directors of Orion.

**Voting**

Signed proxies received will be voted for the election of the nominees listed in this proxy statement for the terms specified herein, and all of the nominees have agreed to serve if elected. Should any of the nominees become unavailable at the time of the meeting to accept nomination or election as a director, the proxy holders named in the enclosed proxy will vote for substitute nominees at their discretion. Votes withheld for a nominee will not be counted. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome. No cumulative voting is allowed.

**Nominees for Directors**

Proxies solicited by the board of directors will be voted in favor of each nominee unless stockholders specify otherwise in their proxies. The following pages describe the nominees for directors, including their principal occupations for the past five years, certain other directorships, age, and length of service on our board.

***Pre-Acquisition Nominees***

The following is a list of the current members of our board of directors, each of whom has been nominated for reelection to our board. If elected, these members will serve as the sole directors until the closing of the Transactions. Upon the closing of the Transactions, these directors will cease to be members of the board. If the Transactions are not consummated, however, then these board members will continue to serve as board members until the next election of directors.

Each nominee has agreed to be named in this proxy statement and to serve as a director if elected. The ages listed are as of January 1, 2004.

Name	Age	Positions Held
Bruce Miller	55	Director
Michael A. Mineo	60	Director
Sherman Nagler	48	Director
Jeffrey J. Penso	49	Director and Vice President

***Pre-Acquisition Nominee Profiles***

Dr. Bruce Miller, D.P.M. was elected as director of SurgiCare, Inc. on July 26, 2000. Dr. Miller has been in private practice for 25 years. He received his undergraduate degree in 1969 at Temple University and then attended the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine. He has been a Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery since 1986.

Dr. Michael A. Mineo D.P.M. was elected as director of SurgiCare, Inc. on July 10, 1999. Dr. Mineo has served as Vice President of Bellaire SurgiCare, Inc. since March of 1995. He has been in private practice for 29 years. He received his undergraduate degree in 1964 from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA, and then attended the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He has been a Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery since 1979, and a Fellow of the American College of Foot Surgeons since 1980.



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Dr. Sherman Nagler D.P.M. was elected as director of SurgiCare, Inc. on July 10, 1999. He has been in private practice for 16 years. He received his undergraduate degree in 1977 at State University of New York at Plattsburgh, and then attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. He has been a Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery since 1985.

Dr. Jeffery J. Penso D.P.M. was elected as director of SurgiCare, Inc. on July 10, 1999. Dr. Penso has served as Vice President of SurgiCare, Inc. since July 1999 and Vice-President of Bellaire SurgiCare, Inc. since July 1998. He has been in private practice for 16 years. He received his undergraduate degree in 1983 at University of Akron, and then attended the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He has been a Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery since 1988.

**Post-Acquisition Nominees**

The IPS Merger Agreement and the DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement contain provisions for the election of new directors to serve as directors of Orion upon closing of the Transactions. Those agreements provide that at closing, Keith G. LeBlanc, currently President and Chief Executive Officer of SurgiCare, will become a director, Terrence L. Bauer, currently President and Chief Executive Officer of IPS, will become a director, two directors nominated by Brantley IV will become directors, and three independent directors shall be elected. The election of these directors is a condition of closing of the IPS Merger Agreement and DCPS/ MBS Merger Agreement.

Each nominee has agreed to be named in this proxy statement and to serve as a director if elected. The ages listed are as of January 1, 2004.

Name	Age	Positions Held
Terrence L. Bauer	47	Nominee for director; President and Chief Executive Officer of IPS
Paul H. Cascio	42	Nominee for director, General Partner of Brantley Venture Partners, L.P.
David Crane	47	Nominee for director
Michael J. Finn	54	Nominee for director, General Partner of Brantley Venture Partners, L.P.
Keith G. LeBlanc	46	Nominee for director, President and Chief Executive Officer of SurgiCare
Gerald M. McIntosh	63	Nominee for director
Joseph M. Valley, Jr.	56	Nominee for director

**Post-Acquisition Nominee Profiles**

Terrence L. Bauer has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and director of IPS since he cofounded IPS in 1996 and has served as Chairman of the board of directors of IPS since 1999. Prior to cofounding IPS, Mr. Bauer was President and Chief Operating Officer of Allegiant Physician Services, a multi-specialty physician practice management company, from 1995 through mid-1996. Mr. Bauer's tenure with Allegiant involved restructuring Allegiant. From 1991 until 1995, Mr. Bauer served as President and Chief Executive Officer of ATC Healthcare Services, Inc., a national healthcare staffing firm. Mr. Bauer arranged the successful sale of ATC in 1994 and supervised the transition of ATC into a new organizational structure in 1995. From 1987 through 1991, Mr. Bauer held various senior management positions at Critical Care America, a high technology, home infusion therapy company. Mr. Bauer's last position at Critical Care America was Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Mr. Bauer also gained management experience before 1987 at IVAC Corporation, a division of Eli Lilly and Company, and American Hospital Supply Corporation. Mr. Bauer received his undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona.

Paul H. Cascio serves as a general partner of the general partner of Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Partners IV, L.P. He has been a director, vice president and secretary of Brantley Capital since 1998. Mr. Cascio is also a vice president and secretary of Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C., which serves as investment adviser for Brantley Capital. Principals of Brantley

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Management Company, including Mr. Cascio, serve as investment adviser for Brantley Venture Partners, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley IV. These Brantley entities are part of a private equity organization having offices in Ohio and California. Since the organization's inception in 1987, it has been a lead investor in over 40 privately-held companies in a variety of manufacturing, technology and service industries throughout the United States. The Brantley affiliates have approximately \$300 million of committed capital under management. Prior to joining Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P. and Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. in May, 1996, Mr. Cascio was a Managing Director and head of the General Industrial Manufacturing and Services Group in the Corporate Finance Department at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. Mr. Cascio has a wide range of investment banking experience, having completed public debt and equity, private debt and equity, mergers and acquisitions and fairness opinion assignments for a variety of industrial, consumer product and health care related companies. He received his undergraduate degree from Colgate University and his M.B.A. from New York University.

David Crane was appointed to the board of directors of Pediatric Services of America, Inc. in October, 2003. Pediatric Services of America, Inc. is a portfolio company of Brantley Partners that provides a combination of pediatric home health care services through its network of branch offices. Mr. Crane co-founded MedCath Incorporated, a healthcare provider with approximately \$550 million in annual revenues, in 1989 and served as its Chief Operating Officer until 1999 and as its President the Chief Executive Officer from 2000 until September, 2003. MedCath Incorporated is primarily focused on physician joint ventured heart hospitals. Mr. Crane also served as a director of MedCath. He received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School.

Michael J. Finn serves as a general partner of the general partner of Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley IV. Mr. Finn has also been the president of Brantley Capital since its formation in 1996, and is a manager of Brantley Capital Management, L.L.C., which serves as investment adviser for Brantley Capital. Principals of Brantley Management Company, including Mr. Finn, serve as investment adviser for Brantley Venture Partners, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley IV. Mr. Finn also serves on the board of directors of several portfolio companies in which one or more of Brantley Venture Partners, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners II, L.P., Brantley Venture Partners III, L.P. and Brantley Partners IV, L.P. have invested, including Pediatric Services of America, Inc., which provides a combination of pediatric home health care services through its network of branch offices. Mr. Finn was a director of Caredata.com, Inc. (formerly Medirisk, Inc.), which filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on November 15, 2000. From 1987 to 1995, Mr. Finn served as portfolio manager and vice president of the Venture Capital Group of Sears Investment Management Company in Chicago. In this capacity, Mr. Finn managed the development of a \$150 million portfolio of private equity investments, including the investment of over \$24 million directly in 25 operating companies. He received his undergraduate degree and his masters degree from Michigan State University.

Keith G. LeBlanc was appointed Chief Executive Officer and President of SurgiCare on November 10, 2002. Mr. LeBlanc previously served as Chief Executive Officer for Gulf Coast Surgery and Endoscopy in Biloxi, Mississippi between 2000 and 2002 and as Chief Executive Officer for Biloxi Regional Hospital between 1998 and 2002. Mr. LeBlanc has extensive healthcare management experience, serving as a hospital Chief Executive Officer for 10 years and as the Chief Executive Officer and founder of The Quest Group, a physician equity MSO joint venture. The Quest Group managed physician practices statewide in Louisiana. Mr. LeBlanc is a registered respiratory therapist and holds a MHS from LSU Medical School.

Gerald M. McIntosh founded Partners /5 West, a charitable research organization, in 1997 in Houston, Texas and has served as the President of Partners /5 West since that time. Mr. McIntosh cofounded Administaff, a staff leasing company which became one of only two hypergrowth companies in the Houston area (\$0 to \$1 billion revenue per year within 10 years). Administaff was admitted to the NYSE in 1997. Mr. McIntosh currently serves on the board of directors for Partners /5 West, La Sierra University in Riverside, California, Save Our ER's in Houston, Texas, McCarroll Construction Company in Asheville, North Carolina, and DCL Inc. in Houston, Texas. He received his undergraduate degree from La Sierra University and his MPA from University of Southern California.

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Joseph M. Valley, Jr. has served as director of IPS since December 1999. Mr. Valley currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Seranin Software Corporation, a privately held company based in Dallas, Texas since 2002. Prior to Seranin Software, Mr. Valley served as President and Chief Operations Officer from 2001 to 2002 for QueryObject Systems Corporation, an global business intelligence software company traded on the AMEX. QueryObject Systems Corporation provides analytical infrastructure solutions for leading international businesses. Prior to QueryObject Systems, Mr. Valley served as Chief Executive Officer and President of MIS USA from 1998 until 2001. While at MIS USA, Mr. Valley was responsible for gaining global recognition and introducing the first solution for collaborative analytical processing. Mr. Valley also currently serves as a director for Agnes.com in Bridgewater, New Jersey. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Board of Directors Meetings and Committees**

The current board of directors is comprised of four independent directors. The board of directors has determined that they are all independent according to the listing standards of the AMEX. Upon the closing of the Acquisitions, the board of directors will include at least three independent directors. The board of directors held seven meetings and acted pursuant to written consent on one occasion during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. The board of directors currently has two standing committees, the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. During fiscal year 2003, each incumbent director attended at least seventy-five percent of the aggregate of (1) the total number of meetings of the board of directors and (2) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the board of directors on which he served.

The AMEX has adopted minimum requirements for director independence and nominating and compensation committee membership. These requirements do not apply to companies whose ownership is controlled by a single owner or group. After the Transactions, SurgiCare will be considered a controlled company under the AMEX rules and will not be required to comply with certain of the AMEX's rules on director independence and nominating and compensation committee membership.

The Audit Committee held one meeting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. Dr. Miller was and is the sole member of the Audit Committee. The board of directors has determined that Dr. Miller is independent as such term is defined in the listing standards of the AMEX. However, the board of directors has determined that Dr. Miller is not an audit committee financial expert as such term is defined in the applicable regulations of the SEC. The board of directors has not been able to locate new directors who meet the audit committee financial expert standards. Upon the closing of the Acquisitions, the Audit Committee will be composed of three or more independent directors, provided that for any period during which Orion is a small business issuer that files reports under the Securities Exchange Commission Regulation S-B, the Audit Committee will be composed of two or more independent directors. The initial members of the Audit Committee upon the closing of the Acquisitions shall be Messrs. Crane, McIntosh and Valley. At least one of the directors on the committee, initially, Mr. Crane, will be an audit committee financial expert or will be financially sophisticated as such term is used in the AMEX Company Guide. In connection with the Acquisitions, the board of directors will adopt a new written charter for the Audit Committee, which is attached as Annex M to this proxy statement.

The Compensation Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. Dr. Nagler, Dr. Mineo and Dr. Penso, each of whom is independent, are the members of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee provides recommendations to, and may act on behalf of, the board of directors regarding compensation matters, and administers SurgiCare's stock option and compensation plans. Upon the closing of the Transactions, Orion will be a controlled company for purposes of the AMEX Company Guide, because Brantley IV and its affiliates will hold over 50% of the voting power of Orion. As a controlled company, Orion will not be required by the AMEX to have a compensation committee of independent directors or to have the majority of the independent directors on the board perform the functions of the compensation committee. However, Orion's board of directors may elect to maintain a compensation committee nonetheless.

SurgiCare does not have a nominating committee. The board of directors, all of whom are considered independent according to the listing standards of the AMEX, perform the nominating function. Upon the closing of the Transactions, Orion will be a controlled company and will not be required by the AMEX to maintain a

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nominating committee or to have the majority of the independent directors on the board perform the functions of a nominating committee, but it may choose to do so.

The board of directors does not have a policy with regard to the consideration of any director candidate recommended by a stockholder of SurgiCare. The board of directors has determined that it is appropriate to not have such a policy given the infrequency of such recommendations being submitted to the board of directors. However, the board of directors will consider any director candidate recommended by a stockholder of our company when such recommendation is submitted in accordance with the Bylaws then in effect, the procedures described in this proxy statement under "Stockholder Proposals" and the applicable rules of the SEC. The proposed Bylaws for Orion, attached hereto as Annex N, contain detailed provisions regarding nominations by stockholders. Prior to the adoption of the Orion Bylaws, stockholders can submit candidates for consideration for board membership in writing to Keith LeBlanc, mailed to our company's address.

The board of directors has identified certain qualifications that a director nominee must possess before it recommends said nominee for a position on the board of directors. The board believes that nominees for directors should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values, and be committed to representing the long-term interests of the stockholders of SurgiCare. The board also strives to ensure that the composition of the board of directors at all times adheres to independence requirements of the AMEX and reflects a range of talents, ages, skills, character, and expertise, particularly in the areas of management, leadership and corporate governance, the healthcare industry and related industries sufficient to provide sound and prudent guidance with respect to the operations and interests of SurgiCare.

The board of directors identifies qualified nominees for directors from among recommendations made by members of the board of directors. The board of directors evaluates such nominees for directors based on the qualifications described above. Because the election of certain directors to the board of directors of SurgiCare is required by the Transaction Documents, the directors nominated to serve upon the closing of the Transactions were selected pursuant to the Transaction Documents, by the parties thereto, rather than via the normal nominating process. However, in the judgment of the board of directors, each of these nominees possesses the qualities that the board feels are necessary and the election of these individuals will achieve the board's goals regarding the composition of the board.

## **Communications with Stockholders**

The board of directors does not currently have a process by which stockholders of our company may send communications to the board of directors. The board of directors believes that it is appropriate not to have such a process because it provides any interested stockholder the opportunity to communicate with the members of the board of directors at the special meeting of stockholders and forwards any emails sent to the investor relations email address on its website that are addressed to the board of directors, or specific members of the board, to the intended recipients.

## **Director Attendance at the Special Meeting**

While SurgiCare does not have a policy requiring the members of the board of directors to attend its annual meetings of stockholders, most of its directors do attend the annual meetings of stockholders. Each of the six SurgiCare directors then in office attended SurgiCare's last annual meeting of stockholders.

## **Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, Dr. Miller was the sole member of the Audit Committee. Dr. Miller is independent (as defined in the listing standards of the AMEX).

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the financial statements for fiscal year 2002 audited by Weinstein Spira & Company, who were SurgiCare's independent auditors for that period. The Audit Committee has discussed with Weinstein Spira & Company various matters related to the financial statements, including those matters required to be discussed by SAS 61 (Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards, AU 380). The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from

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Weinstein Spira & Company required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees), and has discussed with Weinstein Spira & Company its independence.

Based upon such review and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002 be attached to this proxy statement for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

With respect to the above matters, the Audit Committee submits this report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE  
Bruce Miller

**Compensation of Directors**

Following the closing of the Acquisitions, directors of Orion who are not employees of Orion will receive compensation of up to \$5,000 per meeting for meetings held in person and up to \$500 per meeting for meetings held telephonically. We intend to compensate each of our four current directors, Michael Mineo, Jeff Penso, Sherman Nagler, and Bruce Miller, for their services during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 and until the consummation of the Transactions with warrants to purchase 25,000 shares (100,000 shares total) of Class A common stock, which collectively represent approximately 0.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as adjusted to reflect the exercise of such warrants) upon the consummation of the Transactions as described in Proposal Twelve Approval of Warrant Issuances in exchange for services performed in 2003. The warrants will immediately vest upon the closing of the Transaction. The warrants will have an exercise price set at the market price on the closing date.

**Executive Compensation**

The following table lists the compensation paid during each of SurgiCare's last three fiscal years to each of the highest paid executive officers of SurgiCare, Inc. receiving compensation of at least \$100,000 and Keith G. LeBlanc, the Chief Executive Officer (our Covered Executives). The information in this table and its footnotes does not reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

Name and Principal Position(a)	Year(b)	Annual Compensation		Long-Term Compensation(3)
		Salary (\$)(c)	Other Annual compensation (\$)(d)	Awards
				Securities Underlying Options/ SARS (#)(e)
Keith G. LeBlanc, President and CEO	2003	188,942	28,828(2)	3,244,616
	2002	56,654(1)	3,072(4)	
	2001			
Phillip C. Scott (Former CFO)	2003	186,154	11,120(5)	3,244,616
	2002	56,654(1)	2,017(5)	
	2001			

(1) Includes \$30,000 paid to Executive Officer as a consultant prior to employment with SurgiCare.

(2) Includes \$11,120 for living expenses, \$11,372 for moving expenses and \$6,336 for auto allowance.

(3) SurgiCare pays premiums for group life term insurance offered to all employees as part of total benefit package through Administraff. Specific costs are not individually specified.

(4) Includes \$2,017 for living expenses and \$1,055 for auto allowance.

(5) Includes living expenses.

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No grants of stock options or stock appreciation rights were made to our Covered Executives during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.

The following table sets forth information concerning option exercises during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 and option holdings as of December 31, 2003 with respect to our Covered Executives. No stock appreciation rights were outstanding at the end of the fiscal year. No shares were acquired on exercise of options by our Covered Executives during 2003. The information in this table and its footnotes does not reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

**Aggregated Option Exercises in 2003 and Fiscal Year End Values**

Name	Shares Acquired on Exercise(#)	Value Realized(\$)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at FYE(#)		Value of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at FYE(\$)	
			Exercisable	Unexercisable	Exercisable	Unexercisable
Keith G. LeBlanc	0	0	1,729,902	1,554,714	101,394	93,283
Phillip C. Scott	0	0	1,729,902	1,554,714	101,394	93,283

The securities listed in this table are warrants. The values of the unexercised warrants above are based on the difference between the exercise price of the warrant and the fair market value of SurgiCare common stock at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, which was \$0.38 per share.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table gives information about SurgiCare common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of SurgiCare's existing equity compensation plans as of September 2, 2004. The information in this table does not reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

Plan category	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	52,091	2.05	1,347,910
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	5,706,761	.425	0
Total	5,758,852	.444	1,347,910

**Security Ownership Of Certain Beneficial Owners And Management**

The following table sets forth, as of September 2, 2004, information with respect to shares beneficially owned by: (a) each person who is known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of SurgiCare common stock or Series AA preferred stock, (b) each of our directors and the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table above, and (c) all current directors and executive officers as a group. As of September 2, 2004, there were 28,948,685 shares of SurgiCare common stock outstanding (prior to giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split).

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Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act. Under this rule, certain shares may be deemed beneficially owned by more than one person (if, for example, persons share the power to vote or the power to dispose of the shares). In addition, shares are deemed beneficially owned by a person if the person has the right to acquire shares (for example, upon conversion of our Series AA preferred stock or the exercise of an option or warrant) within sixty days of the date as of which the information is provided. In computing the percentage ownership of any person, the amount of shares is deemed to include the amount of shares beneficially owned by such person by reason of such acquisition rights. As a result, the



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percentage of outstanding shares of any person as shown in the following table does not necessarily reflect the person's actual voting power at any particular date.

To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of SurgiCare common stock shown as beneficially owned by them. The information in this table and its footnotes does not reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Shares Owned Beneficially			
	Common Stock(1)		Series AA Preferred Stock(1)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Keith G. LeBlanc, 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77024	11,235,862(2)(5)	28.02	900,000(6)	100
Roger Huntington, 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77024				
Jeffery J. Penso, 11006 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77042	944,036	3.26		
International Diversified Corporation, 601 Hanson Road, Kemah, TX 77565	10,459,024(3)(4)(5)	27.74	900,000(3)(6)	100
Michael A. Mineo, 6699 Chimney Rock, Houston, TX 77081	959,409	3.31		
Sherman Nagler, 1200 Binz, Houston, TX 77004	807,610	2.79		
Bruce Miller, 13737 S.W. Freeway, Sugarland, TX 77478	851,536	2.94		
All directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons)	14,798,453	36.90	900,000(6)	100

- (1) Share numbers and percentages are calculated on the basis of the number of outstanding shares of common stock of such class plus, for each person or group, any shares such person or group has the right to acquire on or prior to November 1, 2004.
- (2) Includes 2,405,862 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants which are exercisable on or prior to November 1, 2004.
- (3) Elkana Faiwuszewicz has all the investment and voting control of the shares held by International Diversified Corporation ( IDC ).
- (4) Includes 8,750,000 shares of common stock which AII, of which IDC is a large stockholder, is entitled to receive upon conversion of the Series AA preferred stock pursuant to the terms of its agreement with SurgiCare described below under Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Summary of Transactions with Daniel Dror, AII, and IDC, etc. If the conversion does not occur by July 30, 2004, SurgiCare is required by the certificate of designations of the Series AA preferred stock filed pursuant to the agreement to either redeem or convert 300,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock on each of July 30, 2004, June 4, 2005 and June 4, 2006. Each share of Series AA preferred stock would be convertible into the number of shares of common stock determined by the following formula: \$5.00 divided by the greater of (a) the average of the closing price of the common stock on the twenty trading days immediately preceding the conversion date or (b) \$0.41. The redemption price of each share of Series AA preferred stock would be \$5.00.
- (5) Includes 8,750,000 shares of common stock for which Keith G. LeBlanc, in his capacity as the Chief Executive Office of SurgiCare, holds an irrevocable proxy pursuant to the agreement between SurgiCare and AII referenced in note 4. The proxy expires with respect to any such shares of common stock upon the earlier of (a) the sale thereof by AII in an open market transaction to an unaffiliated third party, (b) 60 days after the record date for the special meeting or (c) December 31, 2004.

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- (6) Includes 900,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock for which Keith G. LeBlanc, in his capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of SurgiCare, holds an irrevocable proxy pursuant to the agreement between SurgiCare and AII referenced in note 4. The proxy expires on December 31, 2004.

**Employment Agreements**

Effective November 10, 2002, SurgiCare entered into an employment agreement with Keith G. LeBlanc, Chief Executive Officer. The term of the agreement is three years. The agreement has a base salary of \$198,000 for the first year and \$298,000 for the following years. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Mr. LeBlanc has also received warrants to purchase 3,244,616 shares (without giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) of SurgiCare common stock with an exercise price of \$0.32 per share that vest over the three year term of the employment agreement and has purchased other warrants and common stock of SurgiCare. The agreement provides for payments of two times annual base salary if Mr. LeBlanc is terminated without cause. All warrants would also vest at that time. We will enter into a new employment agreement with Mr. LeBlanc to replace this employment agreement.

Effective November 10, 2002, SurgiCare entered into an employment agreement with Phillip C. Scott, for the position of Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Scott terminated his employment with SurgiCare on June 25, 2004. The agreement had a base salary of \$198,000 for the first year and \$298,000 for the subsequent two years of the contract term. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Mr. Scott received warrants to purchase 2,095,478 shares (without giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) of SurgiCare common stock with an exercise price of \$0.32 per share and has purchased other warrants and common stock of SurgiCare. Although Mr. Scott has not taken any formal legal action, the letter SurgiCare received from Mr. Scott on June 25, 2004, alleges claims for two years severance pay (which would total \$596,000), unpaid base salary in the amount of \$62,000, full vesting of all 1,149,138 remaining unvested warrants granted pursuant to the employment agreement, certain bonuses, expense reimbursement and warrant repricing.

In connection with the Transactions, certain individuals will enter into employment agreements with Orion as described in The Transactions Interest of Certain Persons in the Acquisitions.

**Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

As of December 31, 2002, the Company revised the contractual relationship with its founding physicians, all of whom are beneficial owners of 5% or more of the Company's preferred stock, whereby the physicians would be retained as an advisory committee to oversee the activities of the physician staffed medical executive committees of each of SurgiCare's surgery centers. In addition to the services previously covered under the agreement, the advisory committee would also assist management in revising existing and new operating agreements, management agreements, establishing medical bylaws, and reviewing policies and procedures. The Company has reduced the compensation to be paid to the physician group for its services to \$30,000 per month and shortened the term of the contract from five years to six months. The contract has now expired.

Bellaire leases space on a month-to-month basis for its offices in a medical office building owned by a partnership in which Dr. Michael Mineo, a director and shareholder, has a 25% interest. In 2003, Bellaire paid approximately \$195,000 as rent to the partnership. In 2002, Bellaire paid approximately \$195,000 as rent to the partnership.

In February 2003, Dr. Mineo purchased 100,000 shares of SurgiCare common stock in a private placement for a purchase price of \$35,000.

In March 2003, Dr. Penso and Dr. Miller each purchased 34,284 shares of SurgiCare common stock in a private placement for a purchase price of \$11,999.40 each.

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***Summary of Transactions with Daniel Dror, American International Industries, Inc., and International Diversified Corporation, Ltd., etc.***

Daniel Dror is the CEO of American International Industries, Inc. ( AII ). Elkana Faiwuszewicz is the CEO and owner of International Diversified Corporation, Ltd., ( IDC ) and brother of Daniel Dror. IDC is a large stockholder of AII. The share numbers in the following discussion do not reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

Texas Real Estate Enterprises, Inc., a Texas corporation, and MidCity Houston Properties, Inc., a Texas corporation, were wholly-owned subsidiaries of AII. In June 2002, SurgiCare acquired five properties (the Properties ) from AII, Texas Real Estate Enterprises, Inc. and MidCity Houston Properties, Inc. in exchange for 1.2 million shares of SurgiCare AA preferred stock. The Properties are undeveloped properties.

On December 11, 2002, SurgiCare issued 3,658,537 shares of common stock to AII upon the conversion of shares of our Series AA preferred stock pursuant to the exemption provided by Regulation D and Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. Also on December 11, 2002, SurgiCare issued 2,439,024 shares of common stock to IDC for an aggregate consideration of \$1 million pursuant to the exemption provided by Regulation D and Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. In addition, AII indemnified SurgiCare for any and all broker fees due to Sig Altman and Altman & Associates due from the transaction above. In addition, AII guaranteed a resale price on the Properties of \$4M and agreed to make up any shortfall. The terms of the preferred AA Series were also modified. Finally, IDC agreed to reimburse SurgiCare \$400,000 by January 15, 2003.

SurgiCare declared a breach of the December 2002 agreement and withheld 1,709,024 shares of SurgiCare common stock from IDC. IDC filed suit against SurgiCare for breach of contract related to the withholding of those shares. On August 26, 2003 SurgiCare agreed to release stock certificate #1214 to IDC in the amount of 1,709,024 shares of common stock of SurgiCare. In addition, IDC was released from its obligation to reimburse SurgiCare \$400,000 by January 15, 2003 under Section 6.2 of the December 2002 agreement. In addition, SurgiCare was released from any and all obligations regarding its obligation to raise additional funds for working capital and to refinance debt obligations under Section 7.1 of the December 2002 agreement. IDC agreed to acquire without recourse a promissory note held by SurgiCare in the face amount of \$223,177.78 dated September 20, 2002 for \$160,000. The makers of the note are Cirrus Ancillary Services Arkansas, L.P., Donald C. Wilson, and Roger S. Clary, collectively Cirrus.

On June 23, 2004, SurgiCare and AII entered into an agreement which provides for the conversion of all 900,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock for 8,750,000 shares of common stock. The conversion of the Series AA preferred stock to common stock will take place upon the later to occur of the approval for listing of the shares of common stock on the AMEX or the fulfillment by AII of its obligations under the agreement to acquire the Properties and to assume or eliminate SurgiCare's obligations with respect thereto, and to pay SurgiCare \$250,000. On or about July 27, 2004, SurgiCare transferred the Properties to AII, and AII has no further obligations regarding the resale guarantee of the Properties in the December 2002 agreement or the indemnification agreement referenced in the December 2002 agreement. If the conversion does not occur by July 30, 2004, SurgiCare is required by the certificate of designations of the Series AA preferred stock filed pursuant to the agreement to either convert or redeem 300,000 shares of Series AA preferred stock on each of July 30, 2004, June 4, 2005, and June 4, 2006. Each share of Series AA preferred stock would be convertible into the number of shares of common stock determined by the following formula: \$5.00 divided by the greater of (a) the average of the closing price of the common stock on the twenty trading days immediately preceding the conversion date or (b) \$0.41. The redemption price of each share of Series AA preferred stock would be \$5.00. SurgiCare filed a listing application for the listing of the shares of common stock and received approval of the same from AMEX on September 10, 2004. The shares of common stock will not be issued until after the record date.

At the time of the original acquisition of the Properties, AII and its affiliates and associates were unrelated third parties with respect to SurgiCare and SurgiCare believes that the acquisition and subsequent negotiations and transactions described above were entered after arms-length negotiations on terms as favorable as could have been obtained from other, unrelated third parties.

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***Summary of Transactions with Brantley IV***

Paul H. Cascio and Michael J. Finn, each of whom is a nominee to become a director upon the closing of the Transactions, are general partners of the general partner of Brantley IV and limited partners of Brantley IV. Brantley IV has, though a wholly-owned entity, bridge loans outstanding to SurgiCare in the principal amount of \$2,265,411 as of September 2, 2004, which will be paid by Orion with a portion of the cash contributed by Brantley IV. Upon completion of the Transactions, Brantley IV and its affiliates will hold a majority of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares. See *The Transactions* *Interests of Certain Persons in the Acquisitions*. At the time the loan was made, Mr. Cascio, Mr. Finn and Brantley IV were unrelated third parties with respect to SurgiCare, and the loan was made after arms length negotiations on terms the company believes were as favorable as could be obtained from other unrelated third parties.

**Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC regulations require that our directors, officers, and greater than 10 percent stockholders file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the AMEX and furnish us with copies of all such reports they file. Based on the reports we have received, we believe that the following reports were not filed on a timely basis during 2001, 2002 or 2003:

On November 10, 2002, Keith LeBlanc, our chief executive officer, received warrants to purchase a total of 3,244,616 shares of our common stock under the terms of the employment agreement pursuant to which he became the chief executive officer, which was effective as of that date. The warrants have an exercise price of \$0.32 per share, become exercisable in monthly increments over three years, and expire ten years from the date of grant. A Form 3 to report these holdings was required but not filed. On January 31, 2003, Mr. LeBlanc also purchased 80,000 shares of restricted common stock and 40,000 warrants to purchase common stock at an exercise price of \$.45 per share, for a total purchase price for the stock and warrants of \$36,000, as part of a private placement of our securities. A Form 4 to report this acquisition was required but not filed. Both of these acquisitions were reported in a Form 5 filed with the SEC on February 9, 2004.

On November 10, 2002, Phil Scott, our former chief financial officer, received warrants to purchase a total of 3,244,616 shares of our common stock under the terms of the employment agreement pursuant to which he became our chief financial officer, which was effective as of that date. The warrants have an exercise price of \$0.32 per share, become exercisable in monthly increments over three years, and expire ten years from the date of grant. A Form 3 to report these holdings was required but not filed. On January 31, 2003, Mr. Scott also purchased 80,000 shares of restricted common stock and 40,000 warrants to purchase common stock at an exercise price of \$.45 per share, for a total purchase price for the stock and warrants of \$36,000, as part of a private placement of our securities. A Form 4 to report this acquisition was required but not filed. Both of these acquisitions were reported in a Form 5 filed with the SEC on February 9, 2004.

No officers or directors filed Form 5 Annual Statements of Change in Beneficial Ownership of Securities nor written representations that no such reports were necessary for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, or 2003 (with the exception of Keith G. LeBlanc and Phillip C. Scott, as noted above).

The reports of security holdings of certain beneficial owners and management that are contained in our Form 10-KSB reports for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, and 2003 also indicate that, since our last stockholders meeting was held, the reported holdings of common stock and derivative securities by some directors and former directors, including current directors Sherman Nagler, Michael Mineo, Jeffrey Penso and Bruce Miller have changed, but we have not received copies of reports under

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Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act that give dates or details of the ownership changes by these directors and former directors.

**Required Vote**

Directors are elected by a plurality of the affirmative votes cast by our common stock and Series AA preferred stock properly cast in person or by proxy at the special meeting, voting together as a single class. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome.

The Transaction Documents also require that we obtain the approval of the nominees for directors by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class. Upon consummation of the Transaction, if elected, the Post-Acquisition Nominees will serve as the board of directors. The Pre-Acquisition Nominees, if elected, will serve until the consummation of the Transactions. Therefore, if the Transactions are not consummated, the Pre-Acquisition Nominees, if elected, will serve out their full terms as directors, unless they resign or are removed.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR ELECTION OF THE LISTED NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL ELEVEN APPROVAL OF NEW INCENTIVE PLAN**

On September 7, 2004, the board of directors unanimously voted to adopt the Orion Healthcorp, Inc. 2004 Incentive Plan (the "2004 Incentive Plan") and to recommend approval of the 2004 Incentive Plan by stockholders. Section 711 of the AMEX's Company Guide requires AMEX-listed companies to obtain stockholder approval with respect to the establishment of a stock option plan pursuant to which options or stock may be acquired by officers, directors, employees or consultants. Approval of this proposal is contingent upon approval of the remainder of Proposals One through Eleven.

**Description of the 2004 Incentive Plan**

The 2004 Incentive Plan provides for issuance of up to 2.2 million shares of Class A common stock to key employees, directors and consultants of the company. This amount is approximately 6.8% of the fully-diluted shares of Orion (assuming exercise of all outstanding options and warrants, conversion of convertible debentures, issuance of all shares issuable pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan, issuance of 2,100,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) to A.I. International and issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) in exchange for the Series AA preferred stock). Approximately 5,758,852 shares (575,885 after giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split) remained issuable in connection with outstanding awards under prior SurgiCare plans as of September 2, 2004. The total number of shares issuable under prior SurgiCare plans added together with shares issuable under the proposed 2004 Incentive Plan represent approximately 8.5% of the fully-diluted shares of Orion (assuming exercise of all outstanding options and warrants, conversion of convertible debentures, issuance of all shares issuable pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan, issuance of 2,100,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) to A.I. International and issuance of 8,750,000 shares of common stock (pre-Reverse Stock Split) in exchange for the Series AA preferred stock).

The terms of our proposed 2004 Incentive Plan are summarized in the section entitled "The 2004 Incentive Plan." We urge you to read the entire 2004 Incentive Plan, a copy of which appears as Annex O to this Proxy Statement.

**Stockholder Approval of 2004 Incentive Plan**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock properly cast in person or by proxy at the special meeting, voting together as a single class, is required to approve the 2004 Incentive Plan. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome. The Transaction Documents require that we obtain the approval of this proposal by a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock each voting as a separate class and voting together as a single class.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE 2004 EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PLAN.**

**THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRE THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN IN ORDER FOR US TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF PROPOSALS ONE THROUGH ELEVEN.**

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**PROPOSAL TWELVE APPROVAL OF WARRANT ISSUANCES TO THE DIRECTORS**

We are seeking your approval to issue warrants to each of the current members of our board of directors to compensate each director for his services during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003 and until the closing of the Transactions. Section 711 of the AMEX's Company Guide requires AMEX-listed companies to obtain stockholder approval with respect to the establishment of an equity compensation arrangement pursuant to which options or stock may be acquired by directors.

The proposed warrant issuances would occur upon the effectiveness of the Transactions. Each current director (Sherman Nagler, Bruce Miller, Michael A. Mineo, and Jeffrey J. Penso) would receive warrants to purchase 25,000 shares (100,000 shares total) of Class A common stock, which collectively represent approximately 0.4% of the Fully-Diluted Orion Shares (as adjusted to reflect the exercise of such warrants), at an exercise price based on the fair market value as of the date of issuance. The warrants would have a term of five-years, beginning on the date of issuance, and would be fully-vested upon issuance. Cashless exercises of the warrants will not be permitted. We propose to grant these warrants to the four directors to compensate them for their services during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 and until the consummation of the Transactions.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock and outstanding shares of our Series AA preferred stock properly cast in person or by proxy at the special meeting, voting together as a single class, is required to approve the issuance of warrants to the directors. As such, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SURGICARE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE GRANTS OF THE WARRANTS TO THE DIRECTORS.**

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**PROPOSAL THIRTEEN OTHER MATTERS**

At the date of mailing this proxy statement, we are unaware of any business to be presented at the special meeting other than those items previously discussed. The proxy is being solicited by the board of directors provides authority for the proxy holder to use their discretion to vote on such other matters as may lawfully come before the meeting, and any matters incidental to the conduct of the meeting. This proposal will not be used to authorize an adjournment of the meeting for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies.



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**INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

We expect that representatives of UHY Mann Frankfort Stein & Lipp CPAs, L.L.P. (formerly Mann Frankfort Stein & Lipp CPAs, L.L.P.), our independent public accountants, will not attend the special meeting, will not have an opportunity to make a statement, and will not be available to respond to appropriate questions.

On July 28, 2003, we dismissed Weinstein Spira & Company, P.C. ( WSC ) as our independent auditors and retained UMFSL as its new independent auditors. The decision to change auditors was approved by our board of directors.

WSC prepared a report on our financial statements for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. WSC did not include, in any report on our financial statements, an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, or a qualification or modification as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During our two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2002, and the subsequent interim period through July 28, 2003, there were no disagreements between us and WSC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to WSC's satisfaction, would have caused WSC to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its reports on our financial statements. WSC's report on our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002 was modified by the inclusion of an explanatory paragraph addressing the ability of the Registrant to continue as a going concern.

**Audit Matters**

UMFSL was selected to audit our financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003 and have reported the results of their examination. No accountant has been selected to audit our financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004. We plan to continue using the services of UMFSL until the closing of the Transactions, or if the Transactions do not close. But upon closing of the Transactions, the new audit committee of Orion may choose a new independent accountant to audit Orion's financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.

The Audit Committee received the following information regarding the fees for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, and has determined that the provision of these services is compatible with maintaining the independence of the independent auditors.

**Audit Fees**

The aggregate fees billed by UMFSL for professional services rendered for the review of financial statements included in SurgiCare's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal year 2003 were \$5,365. During fiscal years 2002 and 2003 the aggregate fees billed by WSC totaled \$73,776 and \$72,434.

**Tax Fees**

The aggregate fees billed by UMFSL during fiscal year 2003 for tax-related services totaled \$6,728. The aggregate fees billed by WSC during fiscal years 2002 and 2003 for tax related services totaled \$18,167 and \$25,900, respectively.

**All Other Fees**

During fiscal years 2002 and 2003, all other fees billed by WSC totaled \$374 and \$1,500, which primarily consisted of finance charges and Form S-8 consents.

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**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS**

Stockholder proposals to be considered at the annual meeting of stockholders in 2005 must be received by May 16, 2005, to be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for that meeting.

Stockholders who wish to make a proposal at the 2005 annual meeting of stockholders, other than proposals included in the proxy materials, must notify us by July 30, 2005 by contacting us at our principal offices at 10700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77042. If the stockholder does not notify us by July 30, 2005, the proxies will have discretionary authority to vote on a stockholder's proposal brought before the meeting.

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