

Boston Scientific Announces Third Quarter Adjustments

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NATICK, Mass., Oct. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boston Scientific (NYSE: BSX) announced today it expects to record the following adjustments to its third quarter results, which it plans to report on October 23rd.

As previously disclosed, the Company received a \$250 million milestone payment from Abbott Laboratories (NYSE: ABT) in July, related to Abbott's 2006 acquisition of Guidant's vascular intervention and endovascular solutions businesses. As a result, the Company expects to record a pre-tax operating gain of \$250 million (\$184 million after tax or approximately \$0.12 per share) in the third quarter. The Company has used the proceeds of the milestone payment and cash flow to retire \$500 million of debt in the third quarter.

The Company expects to record an additional pre-tax charge of \$334 million (\$266 million after tax or approximately \$0.18 per share) in the third quarter as a result of a ruling last week by a federal judge in a patent infringement case brought against the Company by Johnson & Johnson (NYSE: JNJ). As the Company announced on October 1, the judge awarded Johnson & Johnson approximately \$703 million in damages and pre-judgment interest. Earlier this week the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the Company's appeal on the infringement verdict in the Johnson & Johnson case. The Supreme Court decision is unrelated to the damages ruling, and the Company today reiterated its commitment to appeal the damages ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. This case is separate from the two cases currently on appeal, in which Johnson & Johnson's CYPHER® drug-eluting stent was found to have infringed two of Boston Scientific's patents.

The Company intends to post a surety bond at a cost of approximately \$7 million in fees -- backed by a letter of credit -- to secure the damages award. There should be no additional cash outflow related to this award during the appeal process, which should take approximately 12 to 15 months.

The Company also announced it expects to record a pre-tax, non-cash operating charge of \$140 million to \$180 million (\$115 million to \$145 million after tax or approximately \$0.08 to \$0.10 per share) in the third quarter in relation to impairment charges on intangible assets. As previously announced, the Company expects to record a net pre-tax gain of \$15 million (\$9 million after tax or approximately \$0.01 per share) in the third quarter on the liquidation of its public and private investment portfolio.

Consistent with previous practice, the Company expects to exclude the net gains and losses associated with the items above from its adjusted earnings per share for the third quarter. There should be no material effect on the Company's compliance with bank debt covenants as a result of the third quarter adjustments. The surety bond will not be treated as debt for purposes of calculating bank covenants, but it will reduce the Company's \$2 billion undrawn revolving bank credit facility to approximately \$1.3 billion. At the end of the second quarter, the Company had cash on hand of \$1.6 billion, which has remained largely unchanged. The Company continues to have substantial liquidity and has been essentially unaffected by the broader credit market issues of recent weeks.

The Company plans to discuss these and other issues on its third quarter earnings call on October 23 at 8:00 a.m. ET. A press release will be issued after the close of the market on October 22. (The call had been previously scheduled for October 30.) A live webcast and archived replay of this call will be available at <http://www.bostonscientific.com/> in the Investor Relations section. The webcast is also being distributed over Thomson's Financial Investor Distribution Network via two locations: <http://www.earnings.com/>, which is accessible to the public, and <http://www.streetevents.com/>, a password-protected event management site. To ensure a timely connection to the live webcast it is recommended that users register at least 15 minutes before the webcast begins. A replay of the webcast will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. ET on October 23 and will be available for one year.

Boston Scientific is a worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of medical devices whose products are used in a broad range of interventional medical specialties. For more information, please visit: <http://www.bostonscientific.com/>.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words like "anticipate," "expect," "project," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "intend" and similar words. These forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and estimates using information available to us at the time and are not intended to

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