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Boston Scientific Comments on Involuntary Selling of Its Stock by Co-Founders

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NATICK, Mass., Oct. 9 [/PRNewswire-FirstCall/](#) -- Yesterday saw heavy trading in Boston Scientific's (NYSE: BSX) stock, with approximately 38 million shares traded. This trading included involuntary sales of approximately 13 million shares beneficially owned by Boston Scientific's co-founders Pete Nicholas and John Abele or held, directly or indirectly, by a trust for the benefit of Mr. Abele's children.

The recent turmoil in the financial markets -- combined with an inability of the co-founders and the trust to immediately access assets due to the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers -- triggered automatic share selling related to collateralized loans of Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Abele and the trust.

There may be additional automatic, involuntary selling today or in the near future.

"These sales are involuntary and related to personal planning objectives and the current extraordinary circumstances in the financial markets," said Nicholas. "They in no way reflect on the Company."

"These automatic sales are disappointing and beyond our control," said Abele. "My confidence in the Company and its long-term prospects remains undiminished."

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