The information in this prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. This prospectus supplement is not an offer to sell these securities, and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JULY 16, 2009

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (TO PROSPECTUS DATED JULY 7, 2008)

### ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCIENCES, INC.

#### Shares of Common Stock

Pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, we are offering up to  $\cdot$  shares of our common stock to selected institutional and other investors under one or more common stock subscription agreements, each dated on or about July \_\_\_\_, 2009, between us and each of the investors. The offering price will be  $\_$  per share.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "MELA." On July 15, 2009, the last reported sale price of our common stock, as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market, was \$7.36 per share.

We have retained Needham & Company, LLC to act as the lead placement agent and Oppenheimer & Co. to act as a co-placement agent in connection with this offering. The placement agents are not purchasing or selling any of these securities nor are they required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of securities, but have agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to sell the securities offered by this prospectus supplement.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK. SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 3 OF THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS, AS WELL AS THE RISKS DISCUSSED UNDER THE CAPTION "RISK FACTORS" IN OUR ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND IN OUR QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2009, EACH OF WHICH IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

	Per Common Share	Aggregate Offering Amount
Public offering price	\$•	\$•
Placement agents' fees	\$•	\$•
Proceeds, before expenses	\$•	\$•

We estimate the total expenses of this offering, excluding the placement agents' fee, will be approximately \$•. We are not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of the shares of common stock offered in this offering, but the placement agents will use their reasonable best efforts to arrange for the sale of all of the shares of common stock offered. Pursuant to an escrow agreement among us, the placement agents and an escrow agent, the funds received in payment for the shares of common stock sold in this offering will be wired to a non-interest bearing escrow account and held until we and the placement agents notify the escrow agent that this offering has closed, indicating the date on which the shares of common stock are to be delivered to the purchasers and the proceeds are to be delivered to us. Delivery of the shares is expected to be made on or about July \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, against payment for such shares to be received by us on the same date.

Needham & Company, LLC

**Oppenheimer & Co.** 

The date of this prospectus supplement is July \_\_\_, 2009

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the securities we are offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, provides more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or in any document incorporated by reference that was filed with the SEC before the date of this prospectus supplement, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. If any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date — for example, a document incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus — the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

In this prospectus supplement, unless we indicate otherwise, "we," "us,", "our" and "EOS" refer to Electro-Optical Sciences, Inc.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed on June 26, 2008, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a "shelf" registration process. The shelf registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on July 7, 2008. On July 31, 2008, we sold 2,088,451 shares of common stock for gross proceeds of \$11,862,401. Consequently there is remaining under the shelf registration statement a total of \$28,137,599 of securities that may be sold thereunder.

Under the shelf registration process, we may offer and sell any combination of securities described in the accompanying prospectus in one or more offerings. The accompanying prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we use the accompanying prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in the prospectus. The purpose of this prospectus supplement is to provide supplemental information regarding EOS in connection with this offering of common stock.

# You should read this prospectus supplement, along with the accompanying prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully before you invest. Both documents contain important information you should consider when making your investment decision.

You may rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide information or to make representations that are different. Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus is an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than those registered by this prospectus, nor is it an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer or solicitation would be unlawful. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, nor any sale made under this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus supplement is correct as of any time after the date of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as of any time after the date of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and in the documents we incorporate by reference. After you read this summary, you should read and consider carefully the more detailed information and financial statements and related notes that we include in and/or incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, especially the sections entitled "Risk Factors." If you invest in our securities, you are assuming a high degree of risk.

### **Our Company**

We are a medical device company focused on the design, development and commercialization of a non-invasive, point-of-care instrument to assist in the early diagnosis of melanoma. Our flagship product MelaFind® features a hand-held imaging device that emits light of multiple wavelengths to capture images of suspicious pigmented skin lesions and extract data. The data are then analyzed utilizing image processing classification algorithms, "trained" on our proprietary database of melanomas and benign lesions, to provide information to assist in the management of the patient, including information useful in the decision of whether to biopsy the lesion.

The components of the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> system include:

- a hand-held imaging device, which employs high precision optics and multi-spectral illumination (multiple colors of light including near infrared);
- our proprietary database of pigmented skin lesions, which we believe to be the largest in the U.S.; and
- our lesion classifiers, which are sophisticated mathematical algorithms that extract lesion feature information and classify lesions.

We have entered into a binding Protocol Agreement with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), which is an agreement for the conduct of the pivotal trial in order to establish the safety and effectiveness of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. We believe the presence of the Protocol Agreement significantly enhances our ability to expedite the FDA approval process. On October 12, 2006, we announced that the FDA had informed us that when submitted the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> premarket approval, or PMA, application, would receive an expedited review. Expedited review means that upon filing our PMA application, the FDA will conduct a team review, prioritize the application, and allocate sufficient resources toward a 180 day review period. While the expedited review could shorten the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> FDA approval process, we can give no assurances that this will be the case. The data accrual phase of the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> pivotal trial was completed in the third quarter of 2008 and the image processing classification algorithms were finalized in the fourth quarter.

On February 13, 2009, the Company announced that a third party, independent bio-statistician had provided positive top line results from the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> pivotal clinical trial. This blinded study was conducted at seven clinical sites and included 1,831 pigmented skin lesions from 1,383 patients. On June 4, 2009, we submitted our PMA application to the FDA for approval. We anticipate receiving feedback from the FDA as the review of the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> PMA proceeds. As provided by 21 CFR 814.42(a), the FDA will notify us within 45 days after the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> PMA was received whether the PMA has been filed. Upon obtaining approval from the FDA, we plan to launch MelaFind<sup>®</sup> commercially in the United States. To date, we have not generated any revenues from MelaFind<sup>®</sup>.

### **Recent Developments**

As of June 30, 2009, our total of cash and cash equivalents was \$7.7 million. Net cash used in operations for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$7,560,523.

### **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated in the State of New York in 1989 and subsequently reincorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1997. Our executive offices are located at 3 West Main Street, Suite 201, Irvington, New York 10533. Our telephone number is (914) 591-3783. Our website is <u>www.eosciences.com</u>. The information contained on our websites is not a part of this prospectus supplement and should not be relied upon.

### The Offering

Common stock offered by us	• shares
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering (1)	• shares
Price per share	\$•
Use of proceeds	We currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our common stock pursuant to this offering to fund the pursuit of our PMA application, including any additional testing and/or clinical trails which may be required in connection with our PMA application, the continued development and, if and when approved by the FDA, commercialization of MelaFind <sup>®</sup> and for general corporate purposes, including working capital.
Risk Factors	You should carefully consider, in addition to the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the specific risks set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" section beginning on page S-2, the "Risk Factors" beginning on page 3 of the prospectus attached to this prospectus supplement and the risks discussed under the captions "RISK FACTORS" in both our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2008, and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2009, each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.
NASDAQ Capital Market symbol	"MELA"

(1) Assumes \_\_\_\_\_shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2009 and excludes an aggregate of \_\_\_\_\_shares of common stock subject to outstanding options and warrants, and \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock reserved for issuance under our equity incentive plans.

### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before purchasing our common stock, you should carefully review and consider the risk factors described below, the risk factors beginning on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus, as well as the risks discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended March 31, 2009, each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. If any of these risks actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations would suffer. In that case, the trading price of our common stock would likely decline and you might lose all or part of your investment in our common stock. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business, financial condition or results of operations. See also the information contained under the heading "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" immediately below.

### Risks Relating to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock

The market price of our common stock may be volatile, and the value of your investment could decline significantly.

The trading price for our common stock has been, and we expect it to continue to be, volatile. The price at which our common stock trades depends upon a number of factors, including our historical and anticipated operating results, our financial situation, announcements of technological innovations or new products by us or our competitors, our ability or inability to raise the additional capital we may need and the terms on which we raise it, and general market and economic conditions, some of which are beyond our control. These broad market fluctuations may lower the market price of our common stock and affect the volume of trading in our stock.

### Future sales of our common stock in the public market could cause our stock price to fall.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales might occur, could depress the market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. As of June 30, 2009, we had 17,686,122 shares of common stock outstanding, all of which shares, other than shares held by our directors and certain officers which are subject to ninety (90) day lock-up agreements in connection with this offering, were eligible for sale in the public market, subject in some cases to the volume limitations and manner of sale requirements under Rule 144. In addition, all of the shares offered under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration upon issuance.

### We have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from this offering and may not use them effectively.

Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering and could spend the proceeds in ways with which you may not agree. Accordingly, you will be relying on the judgment of our management with regard to the use of these net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. It is possible that the proceeds will be invested or otherwise used in a way that does not yield a favorable, or any, return for our company.

### We have never declared or paid dividends on our capital stock and we do not anticipate paying dividends in the foreseeable future.

Our business requires significant funding, and we currently invest available funds and earnings in product development. Therefore, we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We currently plan to invest all available funds and future earnings in the development and growth of our business. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock will be your sole source of potential gain for the foreseeable future.

### You will experience immediate dilution in the book value per share of the common stock you purchase.

You will suffer immediate dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock you purchase in this offering because the price per share of our common stock being offered hereby is substantially higher than the book value per share of our common stock. Based on the public offering price of \$• per share in this offering, if you purchase shares of common stock in this offering, you will suffer immediate and substantial dilution of \$• per share in the net tangible book value of the common stock. See "Dilution" on page S-5 for a more detailed discussion of the dilution you will incur in this offering.

### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement that are not historical facts are forward-looking. These statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, without limitation, our expectations regarding sales, earnings or other future financial performance and liquidity, conduct and completion of clinical trials, product



introductions, entry into new geographic regions, and general optimism about future operations or operating results. Some of these statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "prospects," "outlook," "believes," "estimates," "intends," "may," "will," "should," "anticipates," "expects" or "plans," or the negative or other variation of these or similar words, or by discussion of trends and conditions, strategy or risks and uncertainties.

These forward-looking expectations are based on current assumptions within the bounds of management's knowledge of our business and operations and which management believes are reasonable. These assumptions are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from expectations because of the issues and uncertainties specifically discussed in the "Risk Factors" sections of this prospectus supplement and periodic reports incorporated herein and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, accompanying prospectus and documents incorporated into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus which, among others, should be considered in evaluating our future financial performance. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements in this prospectus supplement. Readers are advised to consult any further disclosures we may make on related subjects in subsequent reports filed with the SEC.

Additional information on factors that may affect our business and financial results can be found in our filings with the SEC. All forward-looking statements should be considered in light of these risks and uncertainties. We assume no responsibility to update forward-looking statements made in this prospectus supplement.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of our common stock offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be approximately \$•, after deducting the placement agents' fees and all estimated offering expenses that are payable by us. We currently intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund the pursuit of our PMA application, including any additional testing and/or clinical trails which may be required in connection with our PMA application, the continued development and, if and when approved by the FDA, commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> and for general corporate purposes, including working capital.

Pending the application of the net proceeds, we intend to invest the net proceeds in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

### **DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE**

We determined the offering price of the common stock being offered by this prospectus supplement principally by negotiations between us and the selected investors and our consideration of the closing prices (including high, low and average prices) and trading volumes of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market primarily during the 30 trading days preceding the date we determined the offering price. No independent appraisal or valuation was obtained to determine the offering price. The offering price of the common stock reflects a discount of approximately \_\_\_\_% from the reported closing price per share of our common stock of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

### **DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK**

In this offering, we are offering a maximum of • shares of our common stock. A description of our common stock we are offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement is set forth under the heading "Description of Capital Stock", starting on page 23 of the accompanying prospectus.

#### DILUTION

Our net tangible book value as of March 31, 2009 was approximately \$11.2 million, or \$0.64 per share of common stock. Net tangible book value per share is calculated by subtracting our total liabilities from our total tangible assets, which is total assets less intangible assets, and dividing this amount by the number of shares of common stock outstanding. After giving effect to the sale by us of the • shares of common stock offered in this offering, at a public offering price of \$• per share and after deducting the placement agents' fees and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our net tangible book value as of March 31, 2009, would have been approximately \$• million, or \$• per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of

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\$• per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate and substantial dilution of \$• per share to new investors. The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Offering price per share		\$•
Net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2009	\$ 0.64	
Increase per share attributable to new investors	\$ •	
Pro forma net tangible book value per share after this offering	 	\$∙
Pro forma dilution per share to new investors		<b>\$•</b>

The above discussion and table is based on 17,639,498 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2009, and excludes:

- up to 2,051,580 shares of common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options as of March 31, 2009 pursuant to our stock option plans at a weighted-average exercise price of \$4.43 per share;
- up to 1,124,544 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants as of March 31, 2009 at a weighted-average exercise price of \$7.14 per share; and
- up to \_\_\_\_shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options and warrants issued after March 31, 2009.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are offering the shares of our common stock through two placement agents. Subject to the terms and conditions contained in the placement agency agreement, dated July [\_\_\_], 2009, Needham & Company, LLC and Oppenheimer & Co. have agreed to act as the placement agents for the sale of up to • shares of common stock. Neither placement agent is purchasing or selling any shares by this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus nor is either placement agent required to arrange for the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of common stock, but each has agreed to use its commercially reasonable best efforts to arrange for the sale of all shares of common stock offered by us to the investors.

The placement agency agreement provides that the obligations of the placement agents and the investors are subject to certain conditions precedent, including the absence of any material adverse change in our business and the receipt of customary legal opinions, letters and certificates.

We will sell the offered common stock to selected institutional and other investors under one or more common stock subscription agreements entered into between us and each of the investors at the offering price stated on the cover of this prospectus supplement. We currently anticipate that closing of the sale of the common stock offered hereby will take place on or about July [\_\_\_], 2009. Investors will also be informed of the date and manner in which they must transmit the purchase price for their common stock.

On the scheduled closing date, the following will occur:

- we will receive funds in the amount of the aggregate purchase price for the common stock we sell;
- we will deliver to each of the investors, through the DWAC system or by book-entry, the shares being purchased; and
- Needham & Company, LLC will receive the placement agents' fee on behalf of the placement agents in accordance with the terms of the placement agency agreement.

In accordance with the terms of the placement agency agreement, we will pay the placement agents an aggregate commission equal to 7% of the gross proceeds of the sale of the common stock in the offering. We have also agreed to reimburse the placement agents for certain of their expenses incurred in connection with the offering. In no event will the total amount of compensation paid to the placement agents and other securities brokers and dealers upon completion of this offering exceed 8% of the gross proceeds of the offering. The estimated offering expenses payable by us, in addition to the placement agents' fees of \$•, are approximately \$•, which includes our legal, accounting and printing costs and various other fees associated with registering and listing the common stock.

After deducting the fees due to the placement agents and our estimated offering expenses, we expect the net proceeds from this offering to be approximately \$•.

The placement agents have informed us that they will not engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions or syndicate covering transactions in connection with the offering.

Either placement agent may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of its business.

We have agreed to indemnify the placement agents against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and liabilities arising from breaches of representations and warranties contained in the placement agency agreement. We have also agreed to contribute to payments the placement agents may be required to make in respect of such liabilities.

We, along with, our executive officers and directors have agreed to certain lock-up provisions with regard to future sales of our common stock and other securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock for a period of ninety (90) days after the offering as set forth in the placement agency agreement.

The placement agency agreement will be included as an exhibit to our Current Report on Form 8-K that we will file with the SEC in connection with this offering. The transfer agent for our common stock to be issued in this offering is American Stock Transfer & Trust, LLC located at 59 Maiden Lane, Plaza Level, New York, NY 10038.

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "MELA."

### LEGAL MATTERS

Golenbock Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe LLP, New York, New York is passing upon the validity of the common stock being offered hereby. Proskauer Rose LLP, New York, New York is acting as counsel for the placement agents.

### EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 have been audited by Eisner LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports incorporated herein by reference, which reports have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Federal securities laws require us to file information with the SEC concerning our business and operations. Accordingly, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference rooms, including those located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's web site at http://www.sec.gov.

### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" certain information we file with them in this prospectus supplement. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to the other information we have filed with the SEC. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. Further, all filings we make under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the termination of the offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. The following documents filed by us with the SEC and any future filings under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (File No. 000-51481) made prior to the termination of this offering are incorporated by reference:

• our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (including information

specifically incorporated by reference into our Form 10-K from our Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders);

- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 13, 2009, May 8, 2009, June 4, 2009, June 10, 2009 and July 14, 2009, as amended;
- our Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

This prospectus supplement may contain information that updates, modifies or is contrary to information in one or more of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. Reports we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement may also contain information that updates, modifies or is contrary to information in this prospectus supplement or in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. Investors should review these reports as they may disclose a change in our business, prospectus, financial condition or other affairs after the date of this prospectus supplement.

Our website is <u>www.eosciences.com</u>. Our website contains links to our filings available on the SEC website. We will also provide electronic or paper copies of our filings free of charge upon written or oral request. Information contained on our website or any other website is not incorporated into this prospectus supplement and does not constitute a part of this prospectus supplement. You can request a free copy of the above filings or any filings subsequently incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement by writing or calling us at:

Electro-Optical Sciences, Inc. 3 West Main Street, Suite 201 Irvington, New York 10533 Attention: Richard I. Steinhart, Chief Financial Officer (914) 591-3783

PROSPECTUS

### \$40,000,000

### ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCIENCES, INC.

### Common Stock, Warrants and Units

We may from time to time sell any combination of securities described in this prospectus, either individually or in units. The aggregate initial offering price of all securities sold by us under this prospectus will not exceed \$40,000,000.

This prospectus provides a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide the specific terms of the securities offered in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless accompanied by the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "MELA." On June 25, 2008, the last reported sale price of our common stock, as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market, was \$7.78 per share. The applicable prospectus supplement will contain information, where applicable, as to any other listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market or any securities market or other exchange of the securities, if any, covered by the prospectus supplement. If any agents or underwriters are involved in the sale of any of these securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will provide the names of the agents or underwriters and any applicable fees, commissions or discounts.

#### INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK. SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 3, AS WELL AS THE RISKS DISCUSSED UNDER THE CAPTION "RISK FACTORS" IN DOCUMENTS WE SUBSEQUENTLY FILE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

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In this prospectus, unless we indicate otherwise, "we," "us,", "our" and "EOS" refer to Electro-Optical Sciences, Inc.

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$40,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities under this shelf registration, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

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We were incorporated in the State of New York in 1989 and subsequently reincorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1997. Our executive offices are located at 3 West Main Street, Suite 201, Irvington, New York 10533. Our telephone number is (914) 591-3783. Our websites include www.eo-sciences.com and www.melafind.com. The information contained on our websites is not a part of this prospectus and should not be relied upon. We have included our website addresses in this document as inactive textual references only.

This prospectus contains references to our US registered trademarks: MelaFind®, DIFOTI®, and the corporate logo for "eos — electro-optical sciences, inc.®" All other trademarks, tradenames and service marks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

### **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

We are a medical device company focused on the design and development of a non-invasive, point-of-care instrument to assist in the early diagnosis of melanoma. Our flagship product, MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, features a hand-held imaging device that emits multiple wavelengths of light to capture images of suspicious pigmented skin lesions and extract data. The data are then analyzed against our proprietary database of melanomas and benign lesions using sophisticated algorithms in order to provide information to the physician and produce a recommendation of whether the lesion should be biopsied.

### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as the other information contained in this prospectus and in documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations would suffer. In that case, the trading price of our common stock would likely decline and you might lose all or part of your investment in our common stock.

### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

### We currently do not have, and may never develop, any commercialized products.

We currently do not have any commercialized products or any significant source of revenue. We have invested substantially all of our time and resources over the last six years in developing MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. MelaFind<sup>®</sup> will require additional development, clinical evaluation, regulatory approval, significant marketing efforts and substantial additional investment before it can provide us with any revenue. Our efforts may not lead to commercially successful products for a number of reasons, including:

- we may not be able to obtain regulatory approvals for MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, or the approved indication may be narrower than we seek;
- MelaFind<sup>®</sup> may not prove to be safe and effective in clinical trials;
- physicians may not receive any reimbursement from third-party payers, or the level of reimbursement may be insufficient to support widespread adoption of MelaFind®;
- we may experience delays in our development program;
- any products that are approved may not be accepted in the marketplace by physicians or patients;
- we may not have adequate financial or other resources to complete the development or to commence the commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> and we will not have adequate financial or other resources to achieve significant commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>;
- we may not be able to manufacture our products in commercial quantities or at an acceptable cost; and
- rapid technological change may make our technology and products obsolete.

We do not expect to be able to commercialize MelaFind<sup>®</sup> before the first half of 2009. If we are unable to develop, obtain regulatory approval for or successfully commercialize MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, we will be unable to generate revenue.

### We have not received, and may never receive, FDA approval to market MelaFind®.

We do not have the necessary regulatory approvals to market MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in the US or in any foreign market. We have not filed, and currently do not have plans to file, for regulatory approval in any foreign market. We plan initially to launch MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, once approved, in the US. The regulatory approval process for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in the US involves, among other things, successfully completing clinical trials and obtaining pre-market approval (PMA) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We commenced the PMA application process for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> by filing a proposed outline for a Modular PMA application (a compilation of well-delineated components submitted separately) on September 30, 2002. The PMA process requires us to prove the safety and effectiveness of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> to the FDA's satisfaction. This process is expensive and uncertain, and requires detailed and comprehensive scientific and human clinical data. FDA review may take years after a PMA application is filed. The FDA may never grant approval. The FDA can delay, limit or deny approval of a PMA application for many reasons, including:

- MelaFind<sup>®</sup> may not be safe or effective to the FDA's satisfaction;
- the data from our pre-clinical studies and clinical trials may be insufficient to support approval;
- the manufacturing process or facilities we use may not meet applicable requirements; and
- changes in FDA approval policies or adoption of new regulations may require additional data.

No precedent has been established for FDA approval of a device such as MelaFind® to assist in determining the appropriateness of biopsies of suspicious pigmented skin lesions. Before submitting a PMA application, we must successfully complete a pivotal clinical trial to demonstrate that MelaFind® is safe and effective. Product development, including clinical trials, is a long, expensive and uncertain process, and is subject to delays and failure at any stage. Furthermore, the data obtained from the trial may be inadequate to support approval of a PMA application. While we obtained a Protocol Agreement from the FDA, FDA approval of a Protocol Agreement does not mean that the FDA will consider the data gathered in the trial sufficient to support approval of a PMA application, even if the trial's intended endpoints are achieved. There may be unexpected findings, particularly those that may only become evident from the larger scale of the pivotal clinical trial, as compared with the smaller scale tests done to date. For example, we initiated a clinical trial and encountered several technical problems which required us to refine the MelaFind® system. The data obtained in the pivotal trial may not be sufficient to support the anticipated indication for use, and may not support a more limited indication for use. The occurrence of unexpected findings in connection with the pivotal trial or any subsequent clinical trial required by the FDA may prevent or delay obtaining PMA approval, and may adversely affect coverage or reimbursement determinations. The FDA may also determine that additional clinical trials are necessary, in which case the PMA approval may be delayed for several months or even years while the trials are conducted and the data acquired are submitted in an amendment to the PMA. If we are unable to complete the clinical trials necessary to successfully support the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> PMA application, our ability to commercialize MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, and our business, financial condition, and results of operations would be materially adversely affected, thereby threatening our ability to continue operations. On October 12, 2006 we announced that the FDA had informed us that when submitted the MelaFind® PMA application would receive expedited review. Expedited review means that upon filing a PMA application with the FDA, it is placed at the beginning of the FDA's review queue and receives additional review resources. While the expedited review could shorten the MelaFind® FDA approval process, we can give no assurances that this will be the case. On June 11, 2008, we announced that 1,100 patients have been accrued, in the MelaFind® pivotal trial including more than 100 melanomas, over 85 of which are eligible and evaluable for primary endpoint analyses. Accrual in the pivotal trial will be complete when 93 eligible and evaluable melanomas are confirmed, which is anticipated within several weeks. We also announced that if the pivotal trial proceeds as anticipated we plan to file the PMA application in the fourth quarter of 2008.

### If MelaFind<sup>®</sup> is approved by the FDA, it may be approved only for narrow indications.

Even if approved, MelaFind® may not be approved for the indications that are necessary or desirable for successful commercialization. Our preference is to obtain a broad indication for use in assisting in the diagnosis of almost all pigmented melanomas (other than those on palms, soles of the feet, in or near the eye, and inaccessible areas such as the edge of the nose). The final MelaFind® lesion classifier may be able to identify the maximum number of types of melanoma possible. The indications for use must specify those lesion types for which the classifier has not been trained. Approximately five percent of melanoma lesions may be amelanotic, meaning they are not pigmented. These lesions cannot be differentiated by MelaFind®, which will be restricted to pigmented lesions. Approximately ten percent of pigmented melanoma lesions are not sufficiently well-represented in the MelaFind® training database, the classifier may not differentiate nodular melanomas from non-melanomas with sufficient sensitivity and specificity. If we restrict the indications for use of MelaFind® to exclude certain melanoma lesion types, in addition to the other restrictions, then the size of the market for MelaFind® and the rate of acceptance of MelaFind® by physicians may be adversely affected.



If we wish to modify MelaFind<sup>®</sup> after receiving FDA approval, including changes in indications or other modifications that could affect safety and effectiveness, additional approvals could be required from the FDA. We may be required to submit extensive pre-clinical and clinical data, depending on the nature of the changes. Any request by the FDA for additional data, or any requirement by the FDA that we conduct additional clinical studies, could delay the commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> and require us to make substantial additional research, development and other expenditures. We may not obtain the necessary regulatory approvals to market MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in the US or anywhere else. Any delay in, or failure to receive or maintain, approval for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> could prevent us from generating revenue or achieving profitability, and our business, financial condition, and results of operations would be materially adversely affected.

## MelaFind<sup>®</sup> may not be commercially viable if we fail to obtain an adequate level of reimbursement by Medicare and other third party payers. The markets for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> may also be limited by the indications for which its use may be reimbursed.

The availability of medical insurance coverage and reimbursement for newly approved medical devices is uncertain. In the US, physicians and other healthcare providers performing biopsies for suspicious skin lesions are generally reimbursed for all or part of the cost of the diagnosis and biopsy by Medicare, Medicaid, or other third-party payers.

The commercial success of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in both domestic and international markets will significantly depend on whether third-party coverage and reimbursement are available for services involving MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. Medicare, Medicaid, health maintenance organizations and other third-party payers are increasingly attempting to contain healthcare costs by limiting both the scope of coverage and the level of reimbursement of new medical devices, and as a result, they may not cover or provide adequate payment for the use of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. In order to obtain satisfactory reimbursement arrangements, we may have to agree to a fee or sales price lower than the fee or sales price we might otherwise charge. Even if Medicare and other third-party payers decide to cover procedures involving our product, we cannot be certain that the reimbursement levels will be adequate. Accordingly, even if MelaFind<sup>®</sup> or future products we develop are approved for commercial sale, unless government and other third-party payers provide adequate coverage and reimbursement for our products, some physicians may be discouraged from using them, and our sales would suffer.

Medicare reimburses for medical devices in a variety of ways, depending on where and how the device is used. However, Medicare only provides reimbursement if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) determines that the device should be covered and that the use of the device is consistent with the coverage criteria. A coverage determination can be made at the local level by the Medicare administrative contractor (formerly called carriers and fiscal intermediaries), a private contractor that processes and pays claims on behalf of CMS for the geographic area where the services were rendered, or at the national level by CMS through a national coverage determination. There are statutory provisions intended to facilitate coverage determinations for new technologies, but it is unclear how these provisions will be implemented. Coverage presupposes that the device has been cleared or approved by the FDA and further, that the coverage will be no broader than the approved intended uses of the device as approved or cleared by the FDA, but coverage determination may be so limited that relatively few patients will qualify for a covered use of the device. Should a very narrow coverage determination be made for MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, it may undermine the commercial viability of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>.

Obtaining a coverage determination, whether local or national, is a time-consuming, expensive and highly uncertain proposition, especially for a new technology, and inconsistent local determinations are possible. On average, according to an industry report, Medicare coverage determinations for medical devices lag 15 months to five years or more behind FDA approval for that device. The Medicare statutory framework is also subject to administrative rulings, interpretations and discretion that affect the amount and timing of reimbursement made under Medicare. Medicaid coverage determinations and reimbursement levels are determined on a state by state basis, because Medicaid, unlike Medicare, is administered by the states under a state plan filed with the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Medicaid generally reimburses at lower levels than Medicare. Moreover, Medicaid programs and private insurers are frequently influenced by Medicare coverage determinations.

### Any adverse results in our clinical trials, or difficulties in conducting our clinical trials, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Clinical studies in the US have been ongoing for over five years, we have a Protocol Agreement with the FDA, and in late January 2007 we commenced the pivotal clinical trial required for PMA approval. We initiated a trial under the terms of the Protocol Agreement at the end of 2004. However, technical operational issues with the systems were experienced, requiring further refinement. We have the hardware systems necessary to fully implement our pivotal clinical trial that started in late January 2007. However, the pivotal clinical trial and supporting clinical studies require the involvement of a number of clinical sites at any single time and the recruitment of large numbers of patients. If the clinical sites, which enroll patients on a best efforts basis, do not provide cases at rates anticipated for any reason (such as, for example, lower than forecasted clinical site productivity), we may face delays or may be unable to complete the development of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>.

### Risk of delay in product development.

We could encounter delays in our pivotal trial or in obtaining PMA approval because of a number of factors. We will require the receipt of all information specified in our Protocol Agreement on the required number of melanomas before the pivotal clinical trial can be concluded. The MelaFind® classifier will then be utilized to evaluate the lesions acquired during the pivotal trial, and the results will be analyzed to determine if we have achieved the endpoints specified in the Protocol Agreement.

The final training of the classifier is required to be completed before the classifier is utilized as described above. Accordingly, the classifier must be ready for final training when the data from the pivotal trial become available. To date, there are over 400 melanoma lesions in the training database. The current classifier has been trained on 221 of these melanoma lesions. Our schedule for the acquisition of these lesions is based upon the projected numbers of imaging devices to be located at participating sites, the projected productivity of those sites in terms of melanomas and other lesions biopsied per month, and the projected efficiency of the study pathologists in classifying the lesion slides presented for histological analysis (the microscopic examination of excised or biopsied tissue specimens) and reporting their results. If we are unable to produce and maintain a sufficient number of imaging devices at participating sites, if the clinicians do not maintain sufficient productivity, or if the pathologists do not produce reports with sufficient efficiency, then our ability to maintain our schedule will be adversely affected, the conclusion of the pivotal trial may be delayed, and the submission of the completed PMA will be delayed.

To date, the lesion images in the training database have been acquired using first-generation hand-held devices, which also extract data from the lesions that are used by the classifiers. Pre-commercialization hand-held devices have been developed for use in the pivotal trial. If the lesion data obtained with pre-commercialization devices are not consistent with data from the first generation hand-held devices, the classifier will need to be trained solely on lesions imaged using only one or the other generation of hand-held devices. Were this need to arise, significant delay and expense could be incurred, which could jeopardize our ability to complete the development of MelaFind®.

### We have incurred losses for a number of years, and anticipate that we will incur continued losses for the foreseeable future.

We began operations in December 1989. At that time we provided research services, mostly to US government agencies, on classified projects. We have financed our operations since 1999 primarily through the sale of our equity securities and have devoted substantially all of our resources to research and development relating to MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. Our net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was approximately \$4.3 million, and as of March 31, 2008, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$47.4 million. Our research and development expenses may continue to increase in connection with our clinical trials and other development activities related to MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. If we receive PMA approval for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> from the FDA, we expect to incur significant sales and marketing expenses, which will require additional funding, and manufacturing expenses. Additionally, our general and administrative expenses have also increased due to the additional operational and regulatory responsibilities applicable to public companies. As a result, we expect to continue to incur significant and increasing operating losses for the foreseeable future. These losses, among other things, have had and will continue to have an adverse effect on our stockholders' equity.

## We expect to operate in a highly competitive market, we may face competition from large, well-established medical device manufacturers with significant resources, and we may not be able to compete effectively.

We do not know of any product possessing the diagnostic assistance capabilities of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. We believe that electro-optical products designed to enhance the visualization and analysis of potential melanomas have been approved or are under development by: Welch Allyn, Inc.; Heine Optotechnik; 3Gen, LLC; Derma Medical Systems, Inc.; Medical High Technologies S.p.A.; ZN Vision Technologies AG; Polartechnics, Ltd.; Astron Clinica, Ltd.; Biomips Engineering and SciBase AB. The broader market for precision optical imaging devices used for medical diagnosis is intensely competitive, subject to rapid change, and significantly affected by new product introductions and other market activities of industry participants.



If our products are approved for marketing, we will potentially be subject to competition from major optical imaging companies, such as: General Electric Co.; Siemens AG; Bayer AG; Eastman Kodak Company; Welch Allyn, Inc.; Olympus Corporation; Carl Zeiss AG Deutschland; and others, each of which manufactures and markets precision optical imaging products for the medical market, and could decide to develop or acquire a product to compete with MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. These companies enjoy numerous competitive advantages, including:

- significantly greater name recognition;
- established relations with healthcare professionals, customers and third-party payers;
- established distribution networks;
- additional lines of products, and the ability to offer rebates, higher discounts or incentives to gain a competitive advantage;
- greater experience in conducting research and development, manufacturing, clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approval for products, and marketing approved products; and
- greater financial and human resources for product development, sales and marketing, and patent litigation.

As a result, we may not be able to compete effectively against these companies or their products.

### Technological breakthroughs in the diagnosis or treatment of melanoma could render MelaFind® obsolete.

The precision optical imaging field is subject to rapid technological change and product innovation. MelaFind® is based on our proprietary technology, but a number of companies and medical researchers are pursuing new technologies. Companies in the medical device industry with significantly greater financial, technical, research, marketing, sales and distribution and other resources have expertise and interest in the exploitation of computer-aided diagnosis, medical imaging, and other technologies MelaFind® utilizes. Some of these companies are working on potentially competing products or therapies, including confocal microscopy (a type of scanning microscopy for 3-dimensional specimens, which produces blur-free images at various depths), various forms of spectroscopy (a study of the way molecules absorb and emit light), other imaging modalities, including molecular imaging in which tagged antibodies search for cancer cell antigens, and molecular and genetic screening tests. Molecular-based approaches are being investigated; Dermtech is exploring Messenger RNA analysis of surface cells, for example. In addition, the National Institutes of Health and other supporters of cancer research are presumptively seeking ways to improve the diagnosis or treatment of melanoma by sponsoring corporate and academic research. There can be no assurance that one or more of these companies will not succeed in developing or marketing technologies and products or services that demonstrate better safety or effectiveness, superior clinical results, greater ease of use or lower cost than MelaFind®, or that such competitors will not succeed in obtaining regulatory approval for introducing or commercializing any such products or services prior to us. FDA approval of a commercially viable alternative to MelaFind® produced by a competitor could significantly reduce market acceptance of MelaFind®. Any of the above competitive developments could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

# We depend on clinical investigators and clinical sites to enroll patients in our clinical trials and other third parties to manage the trials and to perform related data collection and analysis, and, as a result, we may face costs and delays that are outside of our control.

We rely on clinical investigators and clinical sites, some of which are private practices, and some of which are research university- or governmentaffiliated, to enroll patients in our clinical trials. We rely on: pathologists and pathology laboratories; a contract research organization to assist in monitoring, collection of data, and ensuring FDA Good Clinical Practices (GCP) are observed at our sites; a consultant biostatistician; and other third parties to manage the trial and to perform related data collection and analysis. However, we may not be able to control the amount and timing of resources that clinical sites and other third parties may devote to our clinical trials. If these clinical investigators and clinical sites fail to enroll a sufficient number of patients in our clinical trials, or if the clinical sites fail to comply adequately with the clinical protocols, we will be unable to complete these trials, which could prevent us from obtaining regulatory approvals for MelaFind<sup>®</sup>.



Our agreements with clinical investigators and clinical sites for clinical testing place substantial responsibilities on these parties and, if these parties fail to perform as expected, our trials could be delayed or terminated. If these clinical investigators, clinical sites or other third parties do not carry out their contractual duties or obligations or fail to meet expected deadlines, or if the quality or accuracy of the clinical data they obtain are compromised due to their failure to adhere to our clinical protocols or for other reasons, our clinical trials may be extended, delayed or terminated, and we may be unable to obtain regulatory approval for, or successfully commercialize, MelaFind<sup>®</sup>.

In addition to the foregoing, our clinical trial may be delayed or halted, or be inadequate to support approval of a PMA application, for numerous other reasons, including, but not limited to, the following:

- the FDA, an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or other regulatory authorities place our clinical trial on hold;
- patients do not enroll in clinical trials at the rate we expect;
- patient follow-up is not at the rate we expect;
- IRBs and third-party clinical investigators delay or reject our trial protocol;
- third-party organizations do not perform data collection and analysis in a timely or accurate manner;
- regulatory inspections of our clinical trials or manufacturing facilities, among other things, require us to undertake corrective action or suspend or terminate our clinical trials, or invalidate our clinical trials;
- changes in governmental regulations or administrative actions; and
- the interim or final results of the clinical trial are inconclusive or unfavorable as to safety or effectiveness.

### If MelaFind<sup>®</sup> is approved for reimbursement, we anticipate experiencing significant pressures on pricing.

Even if Medicare covers a device for certain uses, that does not mean that the level of reimbursement will be sufficient for commercial success. We expect to experience pricing pressures in connection with the commercialization of MelaFind® and our future products due to efforts by private and government-funded payers to reduce or limit the growth of healthcare costs, the increasing influence of health maintenance organizations, and additional legislative proposals to reduce or limit increases in public funding for healthcare services. Private payers, including managed care payers, increasingly are demanding discounted fee structures and the assumption by healthcare providers of all or a portion of the financial risk. Efforts to impose greater discounts and more stringent cost controls upon healthcare providers by private and public payers are expected to continue. Payers frequently review their coverage policies for existing and new diagnostic tools and can, sometimes without advance notice, deny or change their coverage policies. Significant limits on the scope of services covered or on reimbursement rates and fees on those services that are covered could have a material adverse effect on our ability to commercialize MelaFind® and therefore, on our liquidity and our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

In some foreign markets, which we may seek to enter in the future, pricing and profitability of medical devices are subject to government control. In the US, we expect that there will continue to be federal and state proposals for similar controls. Also, the trends toward managed healthcare in the US and proposed legislation intended to control the cost of publicly funded healthcare programs could significantly influence the purchase of healthcare services and products, and may force us to reduce prices for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> or result in the exclusion of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> from reimbursement programs.

### MelaFind® may never achieve market acceptance even if we obtain regulatory approvals.

To date, only those patients who were treated by physicians involved in our clinical trials have been evaluated using MelaFind® and even if we obtain regulatory approval, patients with suspicious lesions and physicians evaluating suspicious lesions may not endorse MelaFind®. Physicians tend to be slow to change their diagnostic and medical treatment practices because of perceived liability risks arising from the use of new products and the uncertainty of third party reimbursement. Physicians may not utilize MelaFind® until there is long-term clinical evidence to convince them to alter their existing methods of diagnosing or evaluating suspicious lesions and there are recommendations from prominent physicians that MelaFind® is effective.

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We cannot predict the speed at which physicians may adopt the use of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. If MelaFind<sup>®</sup> receives the appropriate regulatory approvals but does not achieve an adequate level of acceptance by patients, physicians and healthcare payers, we may not generate significant product revenue and we may not become profitable. The degree of market acceptance of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> will depend on a number of factors, including:

- perceived effectiveness of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>;
- convenience of use;
- cost of use of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>;
- availability and adequacy of third-party coverage or reimbursement;
- approved indications and product labeling;
- publicity concerning MelaFind® or competitive products;
- potential advantages over alternative diagnostic methodologies;
- introduction and acceptance of competing products or technologies; and
- extent and success of our sales, marketing and distribution efforts.

The identification and screening of melanomas is now dominated by visual clinical evaluation, with a minority of dermatologists using dermoscopy. Even if MelaFind® proves to be as effective as visual inspection by an expert dermatologist, and if all approvals are obtained, the success of MelaFind® will depend upon the acceptance by dermatologists and other physicians who perform skin examinations and treat skin disorders, including industry opinion leaders, that the diagnostic information provided by MelaFind® is medically useful and reliable. We will be subject to intense scrutiny before physicians will be comfortable incorporating MelaFind® in their diagnostic approaches. We believe that recommendations by respected physicians will be essential for the development and successful marketing of MelaFind®; however, there can be no assurance that any such recommendations will be obtained. To date, the medical community outside the limited circle of certain dermatologists specializing in melanoma has had little exposure to us and MelaFind®. Because the medical community is often skeptical of new companies and new technologies, we may be unable to gain access to potential customers in order to demonstrate the operation and effectiveness of MelaFind®. Even if we gain access to potential customers, no assurance can be given that members of the dermatological, or later the general practice, medical community will perceive a need for or accept MelaFind®. In particular, given the potentially fatal consequences of failing to detect melanoma at the early, curable stages, practitioners may remain reluctant to rely upon MelaFind® even after we receive approval from the FDA for marketing the product. Any of the foregoing factors, or other currently unforeseen factors, could limit or detract from market acceptance of MelaFind®. Insufficient market acceptance of MelaFind® would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# We may be unable to complete the development and commence commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> or other products without additional funding and we will not be able to achieve significant commercialization without additional funding.

As of March 31, 2008, we had \$15.9 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$1.3 million in marketable securities. Our operations have consumed substantial amounts of cash for each of the last eight years. We currently believe that our available cash and cash equivalents, including the proceeds from our November 2006 and August 2007 financings and our 2005 initial public offering, will be sufficient to fund our anticipated levels of operations into second quarter 2009. If development events do not unfold as anticipated, we will take the necessary action to reduce the cash consumed by us in order to proceed to FDA PMA filing. However, our business or operations may change in a manner that would consume available resources more rapidly than we anticipate. We expect to continue to spend substantial amounts on research and development, including conducting the pivotal clinical trial for MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. We will need additional funds to fully commercialize the product, including development of a direct sales force and expansion of manufacturing capacity. We expect that our cash used by operations will increase significantly in each of the next several years, and should we encounter any material delays or impediments, we may need additional funds to complete the development of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> and commence commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, and we will need additional funds to achieve significant commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>.

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Any additional financing may be dilutive to stockholders, or may require us to grant a lender a security interest in our assets. The amount of funding we will need will depend on many factors, including:

- the schedule, costs, and results of our clinical trials;
- the success of our research and development efforts;
- the costs and timing of regulatory approval;
- reimbursement amounts for the use of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> that we are able to obtain from Medicare and third-party payers, or the amount of direct payments we are able to obtain from patients and/or physicians utilizing MelaFind<sup>®</sup>;
- the cost of commercialization activities, including product marketing and building a domestic direct sales force;
- the emergence of competing or complementary technological developments;
- the costs of filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing any patent claims and other rights, including litigation costs and the results of such litigation;
- the costs involved in defending any patent infringement actions brought against us by third parties; and
- our ability to establish and maintain any collaborative, licensing or other arrangements, and the terms and timing of any such arrangements.

Additional financing may not be available to us when we need it, or it may not be available on favorable terms.

If we are unable to obtain adequate financing on a timely basis, we may be required to significantly curtail or cease one or more of our development and marketing programs. We could be required to seek funds through arrangements with collaborators or others that may require us to relinquish rights to some of our technologies, product candidates or products that we would otherwise pursue on our own. We also may have to reduce marketing, customer support and other resources devoted to our products. If we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, our then-existing stockholders will experience ownership dilution, could experience declines in our share price and the terms of any new equity securities may have preferences over our common stock.

## If we are unable to establish sales, marketing and distribution capabilities or enter into and maintain arrangements with third parties to sell, market and distribute MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, our business may be harmed.

We do not have a sales organization, and have no experience as a company in the marketing and distribution of devices such as MelaFind®. To achieve commercial success for MelaFind®, we must develop a sales and marketing force and enter into arrangements with others to market and sell our products. Following product approval, we currently plan to establish a small direct sales force to market MelaFind® in the US, focused on introducing it at high volume dermatologists' offices and training their staff in its use, but we have not made any final determinations regarding the use of a particular marketing channel. We anticipate that we will need additional funds in order to fully implement this marketing plan. In addition to being expensive, developing such a sales force is time consuming and could delay or limit the success of any product launch. We may not be able to develop this capacity on a timely basis or at all. Qualified direct sales personnel with experience in the medical device market are in high demand, and there is no assurance that we will be able to hire or retain an effective direct sales team. Similarly, qualified, independent medical device representatives both within and outside the US are in high demand, and we may not be able to build an effective network for the distribution of our product through such representatives. We have no assurance that we will be able to build an alternate distribution framework, should we attempt to do so.

We will need to contract with third parties in order to sell and install our products in larger markets, including non-specialist dermatologists and primary care physicians. To the extent that we enter into arrangements with third parties to perform marketing and distribution services in the US, our product revenue could be lower and our costs higher than if we directly marketed MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. Furthermore, to the extent that we enter into co-promotion or other marketing and sales arrangements with other companies, any revenue received will depend on the skills and efforts of others, and we do not know whether these efforts will be successful. If we are unable to establish and maintain adequate sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, independently or with others, we will not be able to generate product revenue, and may not become profitable.

# We have limited manufacturing capabilities and manufacturing personnel, and if our manufacturing capabilities are insufficient to produce an adequate supply of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, our growth could be limited and our business could be harmed.

We have not yet completed the development and testing of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, and as a result have no experience in manufacturing MelaFind<sup>®</sup> for commercial distribution. We currently have limited resources, facilities and experience to commercially manufacture MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. In order to produce MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in the quantities we anticipate to meet market demand, we will need to increase our third-party manufacturing capacity. There are technical challenges to increasing manufacturing capacity, including equipment design and automation, material procurement, problems with production yields, and quality control and assurance. Developing commercial-scale manufacturing facilities that meet FDA requirements would require the investment of substantial additional funds and the hiring and retaining of additional management and technical personnel who have the necessary manufacturing experience.

We currently plan to outsource production to contract manufacturers. Any difficulties in the ability of third-party manufacturers to supply devices of the quality, at the times, and in the quantities we need, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Similarly, when we enter into contracts for the third-party manufacture of our devices, any revenue received will depend on the skills and efforts of others, and we do not know whether these efforts will be successful. Manufacturers often encounter difficulties in scaling up production of new products, including problems involving product yields, controlling and anticipating product costs, quality control and assurance, component supply, and shortages of qualified personnel. We cannot assure you that the third-party contract manufacturers with whom we have developed or are developing relationships will have or sustain the ability to produce the quantities of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> needed for development or commercial sales, or will be willing to do so at prices that allow MelaFind<sup>®</sup> to compete successfully in the market.

Assuming that MelaFind<sup>®</sup> receives regulatory approval, if we are unable to manufacture or obtain a sufficient supply of product, maintain control over expenses, or otherwise adapt to anticipated growth, or if we underestimate growth, we may not have the capability to satisfy market demand, and our business will suffer. Additionally, if MelaFind<sup>®</sup> receives regulatory approval and we then need to make manufacturing changes, we may need to obtain additional approval for these changes.

MelaFind<sup>®</sup> is complex and may contain undetected design defects and errors when first introduced, or errors that may be introduced when enhancements are released. Such defects and errors may occur despite our testing, and may not be discovered until after our devices have been shipped to and used by our customers. The existence of these defects and errors could result in costly repairs, returns of devices, diversion of development resources and damage to our reputation in the marketplace. Any of these conditions could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, when we contract with third-party manufacturers for the production of our products, these manufacturers may inadvertently produce devices that vary from devices we have produced in unpredictable ways that cause adverse consequences.

# Our manufacturing operations are dependent upon third-party suppliers, making us vulnerable to supply problems and price fluctuations, which could harm our business. We anticipate contracting for final device assembly and integration, but no contract for such services on a commercial basis has yet been procured.

Our manufacturing efforts currently rely on FillFactory, a subsidiary of Cypress Semiconductor Corp., to manufacture and supply the complementary metal oxide semiconductor sensor in MelaFind®, on Carl Zeiss Jena GmbH (Zeiss) for lens and lens objective assemblies, on ASKION GmbH (Askion) for the main subassembly and on Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., Panasonic Corp., Roithner-Laser Vienna, CompServ and others for light-emitting diodes, or LEDs, printed circuit boards, and other elements or components of our devices. We have several vendors to perform additional services or produce components for us. There can be no assurance that these third parties will meet their obligations. Each of these suppliers is a sole-source supplier. Our contract manufacturers also rely on sole-source suppliers to manufacture some of the components used in our products. Our manufacturers and suppliers may encounter problems during manufacturing due to a variety of reasons, including failure to procure their raw material on time, failure to follow specific protocols and procedures, failure to comply with applicable regulations, equipment malfunction and environmental factors, any of which could delay or impede their ability to meet our demand. Our reliance on these outside manufacturers and suppliers also subjects us to other risks that could harm our business, including:



- suppliers may make errors in manufacturing components that could negatively affect the effectiveness or safety of our products, or cause delays in shipment of our products;
- we may not be able to obtain adequate supply in a timely manner or on commercially reasonable terms;
- we may have difficulty locating and qualifying alternative suppliers for our sole-source suppliers;
- switching components may require product redesign and submission to the FDA of a PMA supplement or possibly a separate PMA, either of which could significantly delay production;
- our suppliers manufacture products for a range of customers, and fluctuations in demand for the products these suppliers manufacture for others may affect their ability to deliver components to us in a timely manner; and
- our suppliers may encounter financial hardships unrelated to our demand for components, which could inhibit their ability to fulfill our orders and meet our requirements.

Any interruption or delay in the supply of components or materials, or our inability to obtain components or materials from alternate sources at acceptable prices in a timely manner, could impair our ability to meet the demand of our customers and cause them to cancel orders.

We have entered into a development agreement with ASKION to complete developmental engineering and testing of our hand-held imaging device, and have also entered into a production agreement with ASKION to assemble the components and produce initial quantities of our hand-held imaging devices. We intend to enter into a contract for commercial production of the hand-held imaging devices once commercial specifications for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> have been finalized, but we may not be able to enter such an agreement on mutually acceptable terms. Failure to enter into such an agreement with ASKION would require us to expand our own manufacturing facilities or obtain such services elsewhere. Similarly, we have entered into a confidentiality agreement and a development agreement with Zeiss for lenses and lens objective assemblies, and we have entered into a contract for the commercial production of lenses. The manufacturing agreement with ASKION will include integration of the Zeiss lenses in the hand-held imaging devices. Our planned reliance upon an outside provider for assembly and production services subjects us to the risk of adverse consequences from delays and defects caused by the failure of such outside supplier to meet its contractual obligations, including confidentiality obligations in the case of Zeiss, which is an affiliate of Carl Zeiss AG, a potential competitor. The failure by us or our supplier to produce a sufficient number of hand-held imaging devices that can operate according to our specifications could delay the pivotal clinical trial and/or the commercial sale of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, and would adversely affect both our ability to successfully commercialize MelaFind<sup>®</sup> and our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# We will not be able to sell MelaFind<sup>®</sup> unless and until its design is verified and validated in accordance with current good manufacturing practices as set forth in the US medical device Quality System Regulation.

We are in the process, but have not yet successfully completed, all the steps necessary to verify and validate the design of the MelaFind® system that are required to be performed prior to commercialization. If we are delayed or unable to complete verification and validation successfully, we will not be able to sell MelaFind®, and we will not be able to meet our plans for the commercialization of MelaFind® in the first half of 2009. Assuming that regulatory approval of MelaFind® is granted, the approval may be subject to limitations on the indicated uses for which the product may be marketed, or may contain requirements for costly post-marketing testing and surveillance to monitor the safety or effectiveness of the device. Later discovery of previously unknown problems with MelaFind®, including manufacturing problems, or failure to comply with regulatory requirements such as the FDA Quality System Regulation (QSR), may result in restrictions on MelaFind® or its manufacturing processes, withdrawal of MelaFind® from the market, patient or physician notification, voluntary or mandatory recalls, fines, withdrawal of regulatory approvals, refusal to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications, refusal to permit the import or export of our products, product seizures, injunctions or the imposition of civil or criminal penalties. Should any of these enforcement actions occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

# Assuming that MelaFind<sup>®</sup> is approved by regulatory authorities, if we or our suppliers fail to comply with ongoing regulatory requirements, or if we experience unanticipated problems with MelaFind<sup>®</sup>, it could be subject to restrictions or withdrawal from the market.

Any product for which we obtain marketing approval, along with the manufacturing processes, post-approval clinical data and promotional activities for such product, will be subject to continuous review and periodic inspections by the FDA and other regulatory bodies. In particular, we and our suppliers are required to comply with the QSR and other regulations which cover the methods and documentation of the design, testing, production, control, quality assurance, labeling, packaging, storage, promotion, distribution, and shipping of MelaFind®, and with record keeping practices. We also will be subject to ongoing FDA requirements, including required submissions of safety and other post-market information and reports and registration and listing requirements. To the extent that we contract with third parties to manufacture some of our products, our manufacturers will be required to adhere to current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) requirements enforced by the FDA as part of QSR, or similar regulations required by regulatory agencies in other countries. The manufacturing facilities of our contract manufacturers must be inspected or must have been inspected, and must be in full compliance with cGMP requirements before approval for marketing. The FDA enforces the QSR and other regulatory requirements through unannounced inspections. We have not yet been inspected by the FDA for MelaFind<sup>®</sup> and will have to complete such an inspection successfully before we ship any commercial MelaFind<sup>®</sup> devices. However, we were previously inspected in connection with DIFOTI®, which we have discontinued for business reasons, and were cited for failures to comply fully with QSR mandated procedures. The FDA inspectors observed deficiencies that were documented on FDA Form 483 that was issued to us following the inspection. The DIFOTI® inspectional findings were discussed in a subsequent meeting with the FDA on April 28, 2005. An onsite consultant was hired to address these deficiencies and structure a compliant Quality System for MelaFind®. Throughout 2006 we worked to address the deficiencies noted in accordance with the agreement reached with the FDA. On May 18, 2006, the FDA re-audited the Company's facility for a follow-up inspection and audited our revised Quality System. No non-conformities or negative observations were reported to the Company. On December 5, 2006 we received correspondence from the FDA that reported "that all previous observations reported on the FDA-483 were corrected, and this firm no longer manufactures or distributes the DIFOTI® 2.0 dental imaging system." A second follow-up inspection was conducted in May 2008; no deficiencies were cited by the FDA field inspector.

We continue to work with both our in-house consultant and our full-time director of quality assurance and regulatory affairs to address the inspectional findings, particularly as they relate to current MelaFind® design development and ultimately MelaFind® commercial manufacturing. If we are not successful in convincing the FDA that we are capable of addressing any concerns it might have relative to MelaFind®, or in our efforts to address any MelaFind® deficiencies that might develop, we could be subject to additional FDA action of a type described below, which could negatively affect our ability to commercialize MelaFind®. There can be no assurance that the future interpretations of legal requirements made by the FDA or other regulatory bodies with possible retroactive effect, or the adoption of new requirements or policies, will not adversely affect us. We may be slow to adapt, or may not be able to adapt, to these changes or new requirements. Failure by us or one of our suppliers to comply with statutes and regulations administered by the FDA and other regulatory bodies, or failure to take adequate response to any observations, could result in, among other things, any of the following actions:

- warning letters;
- fines and civil penalties;
- unanticipated expenditures;
- delays in approving or refusal to approve MelaFind<sup>®</sup>;
- withdrawal of approval by the FDA or other regulatory bodies;
- product recall or seizure;
- interruption of production;
- operating restrictions;
- injunctions; and

criminal prosecution.

If any of these actions were to occur, it would harm our reputation and cause our product sales and profitability to suffer.

# We are involved in a heavily regulated sector, and our ability to remain viable will depend on favorable government decisions at various points by various agencies.

From time to time, legislation is introduced in the US Congress that could significantly change the statutory provisions governing the approval, manufacture and marketing of a medical device. Additionally, healthcare is heavily regulated by the federal government, and by state and local governments. The federal laws and regulations affecting healthcare change constantly, thereby increasing the uncertainty and risk associated with any healthcare related venture, including our business and MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. In addition, FDA regulations and guidance are often revised or reinterpreted by the agency in ways that may significantly affect our business and our products. It is impossible to predict whether legislative changes will be enacted or FDA regulations, guidance, or interpretations changed, and what the impact of such changes, if any, may be.

The federal government regulates healthcare through various agencies, including but not limited to the following: (i) the FDA, which administers the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as well as other relevant laws; (ii) CMS, which administers the Medicare and Medicaid programs; (iii) the Office of Inspector General (OIG) which enforces various laws aimed at curtailing fraudulent or abusive practices, including by way of example, the Anti-Kickback Law, the Anti-Physician Referral Law, commonly referred to as Stark, the Anti-Inducement Law, the Civil Money Penalty Law, and the laws that authorize the OIG to exclude healthcare providers and others from participating in federal healthcare programs; and (iv) the Office of Civil Rights, which administers the privacy aspects of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). All of the aforementioned are agencies within HHS. Healthcare is also provided or regulated, as the case may be, by the Department of Defense through its TriCare program, the Public Health Service within HHS under the Public Health Service Act, the Department of Justice through the Federal False Claims Act and various criminal statutes, and state governments under Medicaid and other state sponsored or funded programs and their internal laws regulating all healthcare activities.

In addition to regulation by the FDA as a medical device manufacturer, we are subject to general healthcare industry regulations. The healthcare industry is subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to:

- billing for services;
- quality of medical equipment and services;
- confidentiality, maintenance and security issues associated with medical records and individually identifiable health information;
- false claims; and
- labeling products.

These laws and regulations are extremely complex and, in some cases, still evolving. In many instances, the industry does not have the benefit of significant regulatory or judicial interpretation of these laws and regulations. If our operations are found to be in violation of any of the federal, state or local laws and regulations that govern our activities, we may be subject to the applicable penalty associated with the violation, including civil and criminal penalties, damages, fines or curtailment of our operations. The risk of being found in violation of these laws and regulations is increased by the fact that many of them have not been fully interpreted by the regulatory authorities or the courts, and their provisions are open to a variety of interpretations. Any action against us for violation of these laws or regulations, even if we successfully defend against it, could cause us to incur significant legal expenses and divert our management's time and attention from the operation of our business.

# We must comply with complex statutes prohibiting fraud and abuse, and both we and physicians utilizing MelaFind<sup>®</sup> could be subject to significant penalties for noncompliance.

There are extensive federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting fraud and abuse in the healthcare industry that can result in significant criminal and civil penalties. These federal laws include: the anti-kickback statute which prohibits certain business practices and relationships, including the payment or receipt of remuneration for the referral of patients whose care will be paid by Medicare or other federal healthcare programs; the physician self-referral prohibition, commonly referred to as the Stark Law; the anti-inducement law, which prohibits

providers from offering anything to a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary to induce that beneficiary to use items or services covered by either program; the Civil False Claims Act, which prohibits any person from knowingly presenting or causing to be presented false or fraudulent claims for payment by the federal government, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs and; the Civil Monetary Penalties Law, which authorizes HHS to impose civil penalties administratively for fraudulent or abusive acts. Sanctions for violating these federal laws include criminal and civil penalties that range from punitive sanctions, damage assessments, money penalties, imprisonment, denial of Medicare and Medicaid payments, or exclusion from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, or both. As federal and state budget pressures continue, federal and state administrative agencies may also continue to escalate investigation and enforcement efforts to root out waste and to control fraud and abuse in governmental healthcare programs. Private enforcement of healthcare fraud has also increased, due in large part to amendments to the Civil False Claims Act in 1986 that were designed to encourage private persons to sue on behalf of the government. A violation of any of these federal and state fraud and abuse laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and financial condition. An investigation into the use of MelaFind® by physicians may dissuade physicians from either purchasing or using MelaFind® and could have a material adverse effect on our ability to commercialize MelaFind®.

### The application of the privacy provisions of HIPAA is uncertain.

HIPAA, among other things, protects the privacy and security of individually identifiable health information by limiting its use and disclosure. HIPAA directly regulates "covered entities" (insurers, clearinghouses, and most healthcare providers) and indirectly regulates "business associates" with respect to the privacy of patients' medical information. Certain entities that receive and process protected health information are required to adopt certain procedures to safeguard the security of that information. It is uncertain whether we would be deemed to be a covered entity under HIPAA, and it is unlikely that based on our current business model, we would be a business associate. Nevertheless, we will likely be contractually required to physically safeguard the integrity and security of the patient information that we or our physician customers receive, store, create or transmit. If we fail to adhere to our contractual commitments, then our physician customers may be subject to civil monetary penalties, and this could adversely affect our ability to market MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. We also may be liable under state laws governing the privacy of health information.

# We may become subject to claims of infringement or misappropriation of the intellectual property rights of others, which could prohibit us from shipping affected products, require us to obtain licenses from third parties or to develop non-infringing alternatives, and subject us to substantial monetary damages and injunctive relief. Our patents may also be subject to challenge on validity grounds, and our patent applications may be rejected.

Third parties could, in the future, assert infringement or misappropriation claims against us with respect to our current or future products. Whether a product infringes a patent involves complex legal and factual issues, the determination of which is often uncertain. Therefore, we cannot be certain that we have not infringed the intellectual property rights of such third parties. Our potential competitors may assert that some aspect of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> infringes their patents. Because patent applications may take years to issue, there also may be applications now pending of which we are unaware that may later result in issued patents that MelaFind<sup>®</sup> infringes. There also may be existing patents of which we are unaware that one or more components of our MelaFind<sup>®</sup> system may inadvertently infringe.

Any infringement or misappropriation claim could cause us to incur significant costs, could place significant strain on our financial resources, divert management's attention from our business and harm our reputation. If the relevant patents were upheld as valid and enforceable and we were found to infringe, we could be prohibited from selling our product that is found to infringe unless we could obtain licenses to use the technology covered by the patent or are able to design around the patent. We may be unable to obtain a license on terms acceptable to us, if at all, and we may not be able to redesign MelaFind® to avoid infringement. A court could also order us to pay compensatory damages for such infringement, plus prejudgment interest and could, in addition, treble the compensatory damages and award attorney fees. These damages could be substantial and could harm our reputation, business, financial condition and operating results. A court also could enter orders that temporarily, preliminarily or permanently enjoin us and our customers from making, using, selling, offering to sell or importing MelaFind®, and/or could enter an order mandating that we undertake certain remedial activities. Depending on the nature of the relief ordered by the court, we could become liable for additional damages to third parties.

We also may rely on our patents, patent applications and other intellectual property rights to give us a competitive advantage. Whether a patent is valid, or whether a patent application should be granted, is a complex matter of science and law, and therefore we cannot be certain that, if challenged, our patents, patent applications and/or other intellectual property rights would be upheld. If one or more of those patents, patent applications and other intellectual property rights are invalidated, rejected or found unenforceable, that could reduce or eliminate any competitive advantage we might otherwise have had.

# New product development in the medical device industry is both costly and labor intensive with very low success rates for successful commercialization; if we cannot successfully develop or obtain future products, our growth would be delayed.

Our long-term success is dependent, in large part, on the design, development and commercialization of MelaFind® and other new products and services in the medical device industry. The product development process is time-consuming, unpredictable and costly. There can be no assurance that we will be able to develop or acquire new products, successfully complete clinical trials, obtain the necessary regulatory clearances or approvals required from the FDA on a timely basis, or at all, manufacture our potential products in compliance with regulatory requirements or in commercial volumes, or that MelaFind® or other potential products will achieve market acceptance. In addition, changes in regulatory policy for product approval during the period of product development, and regulatory agency review of each submitted new application, may cause delays or rejections. It may be necessary for us to enter into licensing arrangements in order to market effectively any new products or new indications for existing products. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in entering into such licensing arrangements on terms favorable to us or at all. Failure to develop, obtain necessary regulatory clearances or approvals for, or successfully market potential new products could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We face the risk of product liability claims and may not be able to obtain or maintain adequate insurance.

Our business exposes us to the risk of product liability claims that is inherent in the testing, manufacturing and marketing of medical devices, including those which may arise from the misuse or malfunction of, or design flaws in, our products. We may be subject to product liability claims if MelaFind® causes, or merely appears to have caused, an injury or if a patient alleges that MelaFind® failed to provide appropriate diagnostic information on a lesion where melanoma was subsequently found to be present. Claims may be made by patients, healthcare providers or others involved with MelaFind®. MelaFind® will require PMA approval prior to commercialization in the US. The clinical studies of MelaFind® are considered by the FDA as "Non-Significant Risk". Consequently, the trials are conducted under the auspices of an abbreviated Investigational Device Exemption. We therefore do not maintain domestic clinical trial liability insurance. We have obtained clinical trial liability insurance in certain European countries where required by statute or clinical site policy. Although we have general liability insurance is and will be subject to deductibles and coverage limitations. Our anticipated product liability insurance may not be available to us in amounts and on acceptable terms, if at all, and if available, the coverages may not be adequate to protect us against any future product liability claims. If we are unable to obtain insurance at an acceptable cost or on acceptable terms with adequate coverage, or otherwise protect against potential product liability claims, we will be exposed to significant liabilities, which may harm our business. A product liability claim, recall or other claim with respect to uninsured liabilities or for amounts in excess of insured liabilities could result in significant costs and significant harm to our business.

We may be subject to claims against us even if the apparent injury is due to the actions of others. For example, we rely on the expertise of physicians, nurses and other associated medical personnel to operate MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. If these medical personnel are not properly trained or are negligent, we may be subjected to liability. These liabilities could prevent or interfere with our product commercialization efforts. Defending a suit, regardless of merit, could be costly, could divert management attention and might result in adverse publicity, which could result in the withdrawal of, or inability to recruit, clinical trial volunteers, or result in reduced acceptance of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in the market.

Insurance and surety companies have reassessed many aspects of their business and, as a result, may take actions that could negatively affect our business. These actions could include increasing insurance premiums, requiring higher self-insured retentions and deductibles, reducing limits, restricting coverages, imposing exclusions, and refusing to underwrite certain risks and classes of business. Any of these actions may adversely affect our ability to obtain appropriate insurance coverage at reasonable costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We may be adversely affected by a data center failure.

The success of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> is dependent upon our ability to protect our data center against damage from fire, power loss, telecommunications failure, natural disaster, sabotage or a similar catastrophic event. Substantially all of our computer equipment and data operations are located in a single facility. Our prospective failure to maintain off-site copies of information contained in our MelaFind<sup>®</sup> database, or our inability to use alternative sites in the event we experience a natural disaster, hardware or software malfunction or other interruption of our data center could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations. While the Company does provide off-site back-up for its critical data which we believe to be sufficient to meet our needs, there can be no assurance that the our current plan can anticipate every possible eventuality.

### We may be adversely affected by breaches of online security.

Our MelaFind<sup>®</sup> lesion database does not contain any information that allows us to identify specific patients. However, we must identify certain data as belonging to or as derived from specific patients for regulatory, quality assurance and billing purposes. To the extent that our activities involve the storage and transmission of confidential information, security breaches could damage our reputation and expose us to a risk of loss, or to litigation and possible liability. Our business may be materially adversely affected if our security measures do not prevent security breaches. In addition, such information may be subject to HIPAA privacy and security regulations, the potential violation of which may trigger concerns by healthcare providers, which may adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We are dependent upon telecommunications and the internet.

If there is a connection between the MelaFind<sup>®</sup> hand-held imaging device and the central server in our offices, it will be dependent on the internet. We may use the internet as a medium to provide quality control calibration services to physicians. We also plan to use the internet to inform the public about the availability of our products and to market to and communicate with physicians who are potential or actual customers. Our success will therefore depend in part on the continued growth and use of the internet. If our ability to use the internet fails, it may materially adversely affect our business.

### We will be obligated to comply with Federal Communications Commission regulations for radio transmissions used by our products.

Versions of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> may rely on radio transmissions from the hand-held imaging device to a base station that may be connected to the internet. Applicable requirements will restrict us to a particular band of frequencies allocated to low power radio service for transmitting data in support of specific diagnostic or therapeutic functions. Failure to comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of such frequencies, or unforeseeable difficulties with the use of such frequencies, could impede our ability to commercialize MelaFind<sup>®</sup>.

### All of our operations are conducted at a single location. Any disruption at our facility could increase our expenses.

All of our operations are conducted at two adjacent buildings in Irvington, New York. We take precautions to safeguard our facility, including insurance, health and safety protocols, contracted off-site engineering services, provision for off-site manufacturing, and storage of computer data. However, a natural disaster, such as a fire, flood or earthquake, could cause substantial delays in our operations, damage or destroy our manufacturing equipment or inventory, and cause us to incur additional expenses. The insurance we maintain against fires, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters may not be adequate to cover our losses in any particular case.

# We may be liable for contamination or other harm caused by materials that we handle, and changes in environmental regulations could cause us to incur additional expense.

Our manufacturing, research and development and clinical processes do not generally involve the handling of potentially harmful biological materials or hazardous materials, but they may occasionally do so. We are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the use, handling, storage and disposal of hazardous and biological materials. If violations of environmental, health and safety laws occur, we could be held liable for damages, penalties and costs of remedial actions. These expenses or this liability could have a significant negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We may violate environmental, health and safety laws in the future as a result of human error, equipment failure or other causes. Environmental laws could become more stringent over time, imposing greater compliance costs and increasing risks and penalties associated with violations. We may be subject to potentially conflicting and changing regulatory agendas of political, business and environmental groups. Changes to or restrictions on permitting requirements or processes, hazardous or biological material storage or handling might require an unplanned capital investment or relocation. Failure to comply with new or existing laws or regulations could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### Failure to obtain and maintain regulatory approval in foreign jurisdictions will prevent us from marketing abroad.

Following commercialization of MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in the US, we may market MelaFind<sup>®</sup> internationally. Outside the US, we can market a product only if we receive a marketing authorization and, in some cases, pricing approval, from the appropriate regulatory authorities. The approval procedure varies among countries and can involve additional testing, and the time required to obtain approval may differ from that required to obtain FDA approval.

The foreign regulatory approval process may include all of the risks associated with obtaining FDA approval, in addition to other risks. Foreign regulatory bodies have established varying regulations governing product standards, packaging requirements, labeling requirements, import restrictions, tariff regulations, duties and tax requirements. We may not obtain foreign regulatory approvals on a timely basis, if at all. Foreign regulatory agencies, as well as the FDA, periodically inspect manufacturing facilities both in the US and abroad. Approval by the FDA does not ensure approval by regulatory authorities in other countries, and approval by one foreign regulatory authority does not ensure approval by regulatory authorities or by the FDA. We have not taken any significant actions to obtain foreign regulatory approvals. We may not be able to file for regulatory approvals and may not receive necessary approvals to commercialize MelaFind<sup>®</sup> in any market on a timely basis, or at all. Our inability or failure to comply with varying foreign regulation, or the imposition of new regulations, could restrict our sale of products internationally.

### Our success will depend on our ability to attract and retain our personnel.

We are highly dependent on our senior management, especially Joseph V. Gulfo, M.D., MBA, our President and Chief Executive Officer and Dina Gutkowicz-Krusin, Ph.D., our Director of Clinical Research. Our success will depend on our ability to retain our current management and to attract and retain qualified personnel in the future, including scientists, clinicians, engineers and other highly skilled personnel.

Competition for senior management personnel, as well as scientists, clinicians, engineers, and experienced sales and marketing individuals, is intense, and we may not be able to retain our personnel. The loss of the services of members of our senior management, scientists, clinicians or engineers could prevent the implementation and completion of our objectives, including the development and introduction of MelaFind<sup>®</sup>. The loss of a member of our senior management or our professional staff would require the remaining executive officers to divert immediate and substantial attention to seeking a replacement. Each of our officers may terminate their employment at any time without notice and without cause or good reason.

We expect to expand our operations and grow our research and development, product development and administrative operations. This expansion is expected to place a significant strain on our management, and will require hiring a significant number of qualified personnel. Accordingly, recruiting and retaining such personnel in the future will be critical to our success. There is competition from other companies and research and academic institutions for qualified personnel in the areas of our activities. If we fail to identify, attract, retain and motivate these highly skilled personnel, we may be unable to continue our development and commercialization activities.

#### Our financial results for future periods will be affected by the attainment of milestones.

We have granted to certain employees stock options that vest with the attainment of various performance milestones. Upon the attainment of these milestones we will be required to recognize a stock based compensation expense in an amount based on the fair value of the options. We have also granted options that vest upon attainment of development milestones. Upon the attainment of each of the relevant development milestones there could be a significant compensation charge based on the then fair value of such options.

# If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, our ability to provide accurate financial statements could be impaired and any failure to maintain our internal controls could have an adverse effect on our stock price.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX), as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the NASDAQ Capital Market, have required changes in the corporate governance practices of public companies. Monitoring compliance with the existing rules and implementing changes required by new rules may increase our legal and financial compliance costs, divert management attention from operations and strategic opportunities, and make legal, accounting and administrative activities more time-consuming and costly. On June 30, 2007, our market capitalization exceeded \$75 million. As a result we had our independent registered public accounting firm attest to our compliance with Section 404 of SOX as of December 31, 2007. In 2007, we retained a consultant experienced in SOX that assisted us in the process of instituting changes to our internal procedures to satisfy the requirements of the SOX. We have evaluated our internal control systems in order to allow us to report on, and our independent registered public accounting firm to attest to, our internal controls, as required by Section 404 of the SOX. As a small company with limited capital and human resources, going forward we may need to divert management's time and attention away from our business in order to ensure continued compliance with these regulatory requirements. We may require new information technologies systems, the auditing of our internal controls, and compliance training for our directors, officers and personnel. Such efforts may entail a significant expense. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls as such standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time, we may not be able to ensure that we can conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 of the SOX. Any failure to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls could have an adverse effect on timely and accurate financial reporting and the



### **Risks Relating to our Common Stock**

### An active trading market for our common stock may not be sustained.

An active public market for our common stock may not be sustained. Further, we cannot be certain that the market price of our common stock will not decline below the amount required by NASDAQ to maintain a listing on its Capital Market. Should we fail to meet the minimum standards established by NASDAQ for its Capital Market, we could be de-listed, meaning shareholders might be subject to limited liquidity.

#### Our stock price is likely to be volatile, meaning purchasers of our common stock could incur substantial losses.

Our stock price is likely to be volatile. Between October 28, 2005 (the date of our initial public offering) and May 31, 2008, our stock price has ranged from \$3.84 to \$9.30 per share. The stock market in general and the market for medical technology companies in particular have experienced extreme volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. The following factors, in addition to other risk factors described in this section and general market and economic conditions, may have a significant impact on the market price of our common stock:

- results of our research and development efforts and our clinical trials;
- the timing of regulatory approval for our products;
- failure of any of our products, if approved, to achieve commercial success;
- the announcement of new products or product enhancements by us or our competitors;
- regulatory developments in the US and foreign countries;
- ability to manufacture our products to commercial standards;
- developments concerning our clinical collaborators, suppliers or marketing partners;
- changes in financial estimates or recommendations by securities analysts;
- public concern over our products;
- developments or disputes concerning patents or other intellectual property rights;
- product liability claims and litigation against us or our competitors;
- the departure of key personnel;
- the strength of our balance sheet;
- variations in our financial results or those of companies that are perceived to be similar to us;
- changes in the structure of and third-party reimbursement in the US and other countries;
- changes in accounting principles or practices;
- general economic, industry and market conditions; and
- future sales of our common stock.



A decline in the market price of our common stock could cause you to lose some or all of your investment and may adversely impact our ability to attract and retain employees and raise capital. In addition, stockholders may initiate securities class action lawsuits if the market price of our stock drops significantly. Whether or not meritorious, litigation brought against us could result in substantial costs and could divert the time and attention of our management. Our insurance to cover claims of this sort, if brought, may not be adequate.

# If our directors, executive officers, and principal stockholders choose to act together, they may have the ability to influence all matters submitted to stockholders for approval.

As of May 31, 2008, our directors, executive officers, holders of more than 5% of our common stock, and their affiliates in the aggregate, beneficially owned approximately 42.3% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, these stockholders, subject to any fiduciary duties owed to our other stockholders under Delaware law, could be able to exercise a controlling influence over matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions, and will have significant control over our management and policies. Some of these persons or entities may have interests that are different from yours. For example, these stockholders may support proposals and actions with which you may disagree or which are not in your interests. The concentration of ownership could delay or prevent a change in control of our company or otherwise discourage a potential acquirer from attempting to obtain control of our company, which in turn could reduce the price of our common stock. In addition, these stockholders, some of whom have representatives sitting on our Board of Directors, could use their voting influence to maintain our existing management and directors in office, delay or prevent changes of control of our company, or support or reject other management and board proposals that are subject to stockholder approval, such as amendments to our employee stock plans and approvals of significant financing transactions.

### Our charter documents and Delaware law may inhibit a takeover that stockholders consider favorable and could also limit the market price of our stock.

Provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws and applicable provisions of Delaware law may make it more difficult for or prevent a third party from acquiring control of us without the approval of our board of directors. These provisions:

- set limitations on the removal of directors;
- limit who may call a special meeting of stockholders;
- establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon at stockholder meetings;
- do not permit cumulative voting in the election of our directors, which would otherwise permit less than a majority of stockholders to elect directors;
- prohibit stockholder action by written consent, thereby requiring all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders; and
- provide our board of directors the ability to designate the terms of and issue a new series of preferred stock without stockholder approval.

In addition, Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law generally limits our ability to engage in any business combination with certain persons who own 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock or any of our associates or affiliates who at any time in the past three years have owned 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock.

These provisions may have the effect of entrenching our management team and may deprive you of the opportunity to sell your shares to potential acquirers at a premium over prevailing prices. This potential inability to obtain a control premium could reduce the price of our common stock.

### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus that are not historical facts are forward-looking. These statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, without limitation, our expectations regarding sales, earnings or other future financial performance and liquidity, conduct and completion of clinical trials, product introductions, entry into new geographic regions, and general optimism about future operations or operating results. Some of these statements can be identified by the use of forwardlooking terminology such as "prospects," "outlook," "believes," "estimates," "intends," "may," "will," "should," "anticipates," "expects" or "plans," or the negative or other variation of these or similar words, or by discussion of trends and conditions, strategy or risks and uncertainties.

These forward-looking expectations are based on current assumptions within the bounds of management's knowledge of our business and operations and which management believes are reasonable. These assumptions are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from expectations because of issues and uncertainties such as those listed under the caption "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus and in documents incorporated into this prospectus which, among others, should be considered in evaluating our future financial performance. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements in this prospectus. Readers are advised to consult any further disclosures we may make on related subjects in subsequent reports filed with the SEC.

Additional information on factors that may affect our business and financial results can be found in our filings with the SEC. All forward-looking statements should be considered in light of these risks and uncertainties. We assume no responsibility to update forward-looking statements made in this prospectus.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities under this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, working capital, acquisition or investments in our businesses and capital expenditures. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we intend to invest the net proceeds in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we may sell the offered securities in any one or more of the following ways from time to time:

- through agents;
- to or through underwriters;
- through dealers;
- directly to purchasers; or
- through remarketing firms.

The prospectus supplement with respect to the offered securities will set forth the terms of the offering of the offered securities, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;
- the purchase price of the offered securities and the proceeds to us from such sale;
- any underwriting discounts and commissions or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation;
- any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchange on which such offered securities may be listed.

Any initial public offering price, discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

The distribution of the offered securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

Offers to purchase the offered securities may be solicited by agents designated by us from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities will be named, and any commissions payable by us to such agent will be set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the agent will be acting on a reasonable best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

If underwriters are used in the sale of the offered securities, the offered securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at fixed public offering prices or at varying prices determined by the underwriters at the time of sale. The offered securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or directly by the managing underwriters. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent and will be obligated to purchase all the offered securities of a series if they purchase any of the offered securities.

If a dealer is used in the sale of the offered securities, we will sell the offered securities to the dealer as principal. The dealer may then resell the offered securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale. The name of the dealer and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Offers to purchase the offered securities may be solicited directly by us and the sale thereof may be made by us directly to institutional investors or others. The terms of any such sales will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The offered securities may also be offered and sold by a remarketing firm in connection with a remarketing arrangement upon their purchase. Remarketing firms will act as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. These remarketing firms will offer or sell the offered securities pursuant to the terms of the offered securities. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreements, if any, with us and its compensation will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may authorize underwriters, dealers and agents to solicit from third parties offers to purchase the offered securities under contracts providing for payment and delivery on future dates. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the material terms of these contracts, including any conditions to the purchasers' obligations, and will include any required information about commissions we may pay for soliciting these contracts.

In connection with the sale of the offered securities, agents, underwriters, dealers or remarketing firms may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of the offered securities for whom they act as agents in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the offered securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms that participate in the distribution of the offered securities, and any institutional investors or others that purchase offered securities directly and then resell the securities, may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts or commissions received by them from us and any profit on the resale of the securities by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

The maximum commission or discount to be received by any member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") or independent broker-dealer will not be greater than 8% of the initial gross proceeds received by us for the sale of any securities being registered pursuant to SEC Rule 415.

Agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms may be entitled under relevant agreements entered into with us to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents, underwriters or dealers may be required to make.

Each series of the offered securities will be a new issue and, other than the shares of common stock which are listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market, will have no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom we sell the offered securities for public offering and sale may make a market in the securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We may elect to list any series of offered securities on an exchange, and in the case of common stock, on any additional exchange, but, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will not be obligated to do so. We cannot predict the liquidity of the trading market for any of the offered securities.

In connection with an offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell the offered securities in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of offered securities than they are required to purchase in an offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the offered securities while an offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the underwriters have repurchased offered securities sold by or for the account of that underwriter in stabilizing or short-covering transactions.

These activities by the underwriters may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities. As a result, the price of the offered securities may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected on an exchange or automated quotation system, if the offered securities are listed on that exchange or admitted for trading on that automated quotation system, or in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms, or their affiliates, may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us and our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

### **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

The following information describes our common stock and provisions of our fourth amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our third amended and restated bylaws as in effect as of the date of this prospectus. This description is only a summary.

The following summary of our capital stock is qualified in its entirety by the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on August 8, 2005, including all amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description, and to our fourth restated certificate of incorporation and third amended and restated bylaws, as amended from time to time, all of which are incorporated by reference as exhibits into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. See "Where You Can Find More Information".

### **Common Stock**

We are authorized to issue up to 30,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share. As of May 31, 2008, there were 15,404,224 shares of our common stock outstanding held of record by 188 stockholders.

Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any shares of preferred stock outstanding at the time, the holders of common stock are entitled to the following:

• *Dividends*. The holders of outstanding shares of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends out of assets legally available for the payment of dividends at the times and in the amounts as our board of directors from time to time may determine, subject to any preferential dividend rights of any holder of outstanding shares of any preferred stock that may be authorized.

- *Voting.* Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors. We have not provided for cumulative voting for the election of directors in our fourth restated certificate of incorporation. This means that the holders of a majority of the shares voted can elect all of the directors then standing for election.
- *Preemptive rights, conversion and redemption.* Our common stock is not entitled to preemptive rights and is not subject to conversion or redemption.
- *Liquidation, dissolution and winding-up.* Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and the liquidation preferences of any preferred stock.

Each outstanding share of common stock is, and all shares of common stock to be issued in this offering when they are paid for, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

# Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and Certain Regulatory Requirements That May Have an Anti-Takeover Effect or Entrench Current Management

Our fourth amended and restated certificate of incorporation and third amended and restated bylaws contain certain provisions that are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of our board of directors and the policies formulated by our board of directors. These provisions are also expected to discourage certain types of coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with us. These provisions, as well as certain provisions of contracts to which we are a party, may discourage or hinder attempts to acquire us or remove incumbent directors or management even if some, or a majority, of our stockholders believe that such action is in their best interest.

The provisions in our fourth amended and restated certificate of incorporation and third amended and restated by laws with the intent described above include:

- *Vacancies Filled by the Board*. Vacancies on our board of directors may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors (even if they constitute less than a quorum), or by a sole remaining director.
- *Removal of Directors*. None of our directors may be removed other than for cause.
- *Stockholder Meetings.* Only our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors or our chief executive officer may call special meetings of stockholders. Stockholders cannot call special meetings of stockholders.
- *No Action by Written Consent.* Stockholders may take action only at an annual or special meeting of stockholders. Stockholders may not act by written consent.
- *Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations.* Stockholders must comply with advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors. In general, these provisions will provide that notice of intent to nominate a director or raise matters at such meetings must be received in writing by us not less than 90 nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary of the date of the proxy statement for the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders, and must contain certain information concerning the person to be nominated or the matters to be brought before the meeting and concerning the stockholder submitting the proposal.
- No Cumulative Voting. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors.
- *"Blank Check" Preferred Stock.* We will be authorized to issue, without any further vote or action by the stockholders, up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more classes or series and, with respect to each such class or series, to fix the number of shares constituting the class or series and the designation of the class or series, the voting powers (if any) of the shares of the class or series, and the preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions, of the shares of such class or series.
- *Regulatory Approval*. We are also required to obtain the approval of certain regulatory agencies, such as the FINRA, for certain transactions that could result in a change of control.



### **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

The following statements with respect to the common stock warrants are summaries of, and subject to, the detailed provisions of a stock warrant agreement to be entered into by us and a stock warrant agent to be selected at the time of issue of the common stock warrants. The stock warrant agreement may include or incorporate by reference standard warrant provisions substantially in the form of the Common Stock Warrant Agreement to be filed in an amendment to the registration statement which includes this prospectus or filed in a current report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference in the registration statement which includes this prospectus.

### General

The common stock warrants, evidenced by stock warrant certificates, may be issued under a stock warrant agreement independently or together with any other securities offered by any prospectus supplement and may be attached to or separate from such other offered securities. If stock warrants are offered, the applicable prospectus supplement will describe the designation and terms of the stock warrants, including:

- the offering price, if any;
- the designation and terms of the common stock purchasable upon exercise of the stock warrants;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the stock warrants and the related offered securities will be separately transferable;
- the number of shares of common purchasable upon exercise of one stock warrant and the initial price at which the shares may be purchased upon exercise;
- the date on which the right to exercise the stock warrants will commence and expire;
- a discussion of certain United States Federal income tax considerations;
- the call provisions, if any;
- the currency, currencies or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and exercise price are payable;
- any antidilution provisions of the stock warrants; and
- any other terms of the stock warrants.

The shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the stock warrants will, when issued in accordance with the stock warrant agreement, be fully paid and nonassessable.

### **Exercise of Stock Warrants**

Stock warrants may be exercised by surrendering the stock warrant certificate to the stock warrant agent with the form of election to purchase on the reverse side of the stock warrant certificate properly completed and signed and by payment in full of the exercise price, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The signature must be guaranteed by a bank or trust company, by a broker or dealer which is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. or by a member of a national securities exchange. Upon receipt of the certificates, the stock warrant agent will requisition from the transfer agent for the common stock for issuance and delivery to or upon the written order of the exercising warrantholder, a certificate representing the number of shares of common stock purchased. If less than all of the stock warrants evidenced by any stock warrant certificate are exercised, the stock warrant agent will deliver to the exercising warrantholder a new stock warrant certificate representing the unexercised stock warrants.

### No Rights as Stockholders

Holders of stock warrants will not be entitled, by virtue of being such holders, to vote, to consent, to receive dividends, to receive notice as stockholders with respect to any meeting of stockholders for the election of our directors or any other matter, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as our stockholders.

### **Outstanding Warrants**

Warrants outstanding at May 31, 2008 include a five-year warrant to purchase 75,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$7.00 per share issued to one of our consultants in 2004, and seven-year warrants to purchase an aggregate of 52,646 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$4.52 per share issued in connection with the sale of our Series C redeemable convertible preferred stock.

In connection with our initial public offering which closed on November 2, 2005, we issued 150,000 warrants to the underwriters to purchase shares of our common stock at \$6.25 per share, which became exercisable commencing October 28, 2006, and have a five-year term.

Additionally, in connection with our two private placement financings that closed on November 3, 2006 and August 2, 2007, respectively, the following warrants have been granted and remain outstanding as of May 31, 2008:

- Financing that closed November 3, 2006: warrants to purchase up to 346,857 shares of our common stock were issued. The warrants are five-year warrants with an exercise price of \$6.70 per share; and
- Financing that closed August 3, 2007: warrants to purchase up to 500,041 shares of our common stock were issued. The warrants are fiveyear warrants with an exercise price of \$8.00 per share.

### **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the units that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any units that we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any series of units in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any units offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. However, no prospectus supplement will fundamentally change the terms that are set forth in this prospectus or offer a security that is not registered and described in this prospectus at the time of its effectiveness.

We will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from another report that we file with the SEC, the form of unit agreement that describes the terms of the series of units we are offering, and any supplemental agreements, before the issuance of the related series of units. The following summaries of material terms and provisions of the units are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the unit agreement and any supplemental agreements applicable to a particular series of units. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the particular series of units that we sell under this prospectus, as well as the complete unit agreement and any supplemental agreements that contain the terms of the units.

#### General

We may issue units comprised of common stock and warrants in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of units, including:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;
- any provisions of the governing unit agreement that differ from those described below; and
- any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under "Description of Capital Stock" and "Description of Warrants" will apply to each unit and to any common stock or warrant included in each unit, respectively.

#### **Issuance in Series**

We may issue units in such amounts and in numerous distinct series as we determine.

#### **Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Units**

Each unit agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable unit agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any unit. A single bank or trust company may act as unit agent for more than one series of units. A unit agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable unit agreement or unit, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a unit may, without the consent of the related unit agent or the holder of any other unit, enforce by appropriate legal action its rights as holder under any security included in the unit.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

For the purposes of this offering, Dreier LLP, New York, New York is passing upon the validity of the securities offered by this prospectus.

#### **EXPERTS**

The financial statements incorporated in this prospectus by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2007 have been audited by Eisner LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm as stated in their report incorporated herein by reference, which report has been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Federal securities laws require us to file information with the SEC concerning our business and operations. Accordingly, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference rooms, including those located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's web site at <u>http://www.sec.gov</u>.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the securities being offering under this prospectus. This prospectus, which is a part of that registration statement, does not include all the information contained in the registration statement and its exhibits. For further information with respect to our company and the securities, you should consult the registration statement and its exhibits. Statements contained in this prospectus concerning the provisions of any documents are summaries of those documents, and we refer you to the document filed with the SEC for more information. The registration statement and any of its amendments, including exhibits filed as a part of the registration statement or an amendment to the registration statement, are available for inspection and copying as described above.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" certain information we file with them in this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to the other information we have filed with the SEC. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. Further, all filings we make under the Exchange Act prior to the termination of the offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The following documents filed by us with the SEC and any future filings under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (File No. 000-51481) made prior to the termination of this offering are incorporated by reference:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed March 12, 2008;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008, filed May 8, 2008;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 2, 2008, January 9, 2008, February 12, 2008, May 1, 2008 and June 11, 2008; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, as filed on August 8, 2005 with the SEC, as it may be amended from time to time.



This prospectus may contain information that updates, modifies or is contrary to information in one or more of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Reports we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus may also contain information that updates, modifies or is contrary to information in this prospectus or in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Investors should review these reports as they may disclose a change in our business, prospectus, financial condition or other affairs after the date of this prospectus.

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### Electro-Optical Sciences, Inc. 3 West Main Street, Suite 201 Irvington, New York 10533 Attention: Richard I. Steinhart, Chief Financial Officer (914) 591-3783

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ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCIENCES, INC. \$40,000,000 COMMON STOCK WARRANTS UNITS PROSPECTUS July 7, 2008 [\_\_\_\_] Shares of Common Stock ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCIENCES, INC. PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

### NEEDHAM & COMPANY, LLC

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July \_\_, 2009