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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
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CELSION CORPORATION

3,047,682 Shares of Common Stock

Warrants to Purchase 914,305 Shares of Common Stock

Pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, we are offering 3,047,682 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase up to 914,305 shares of common stock to certain investors. The common stock and warrants will be sold in units, with each unit consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.30 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$4.22 per share of common stock. The shares of common stock and warrants will be issued separately but can only be purchased together in this offering.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol `CLSN`. We have applied to list the shares being sold in this offering on The NASDAQ Capital Market. There can be no assurances that The NASDAQ Capital Market will grant the application. On June 19, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$4.23 per share.

The warrants are not and will not be listed on any national securities exchange.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Please read **Risk Factors beginning on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement, page 4 of the accompanying prospectus and the risk factors described in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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We have retained Rodman & Renshaw, LLC to act as our exclusive placement agent in connection with the units offered by this prospectus supplement. The placement agent has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to sell the securities offered by this prospectus supplement. We have agreed to pay the placement agent the placement agent fees set forth in the table below, which assumes that we sell all of the units we are offering.

	Per Unit		Total	
Public offering price of units	\$	4.2575	\$	12,975,506.12
Placement agent fees(1)	\$	0.2877	\$	876,846.66
Proceeds, before expenses, to us(2)	\$	3.9698	\$	12,098,659.46

(1) In addition, we have agreed to reimburse the placement agent for certain of its expenses as described under Plan of Distribution on page S-13 of this prospectus supplement.

(2) The proceeds shown exclude proceeds that we may receive upon exercise of the warrants.

Delivery of the shares and warrants will take place on or about July 25, 2011, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

Rodman & Renshaw, LLC

This prospectus supplement is dated July 20, 2011

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

We are not making an offer to sell the securities covered by this prospectus supplement in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

The information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering is accurate only as of its respective date, regardless of the time of delivery of the respective document or of any sale of securities covered by this prospectus supplement. You should not assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized

for use in connection with this offering, is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates thereof.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-158402) that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on April 3, 2009 and that was declared effective on April 17, 2009.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information about the shares of our common stock and other securities we may offer from time to time under our shelf registration statement, some of which does not apply to the securities offered by this prospectus supplement. 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 any document incorporated by reference therein, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering before making an investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents referred to in the sections of this prospectus supplement entitled *Where You Can Find More Information* and *Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference*.

In this prospectus supplement, the terms *Celsion Corporation*, *Company*, *we*, *us*, *our* and similar terms refer to Celsion Corporation, a Delaware corporation, unless the context otherwise requires.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information about us, this offering and selected information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding whether to invest in the securities covered by this prospectus supplement. For a more complete understanding of Celsion and this offering, we encourage you to read and consider carefully the more detailed information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the information included in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering, including the information referred to under the heading "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement beginning on page S-5.

Our Company

We are an innovative oncology drug development company focused on the development of therapeutics for those suffering with difficult to treat forms of cancer. We are working to develop and commercialize more efficient, effective, targeted chemotherapeutic oncology drugs based on our proprietary heat-activated liposomal technology. The promise of this drug technology is to maximize efficacy while minimizing side effects common to cancer treatments.

Our lead product, ThermoDox®, is being evaluated in a Phase III clinical trial, which we refer to as the HEAT study, for primary liver cancer and a Phase I/II study for recurrent chest wall breast cancer. ThermoDox® is a liposomal encapsulation of doxorubicin, an approved and frequently used oncology drug for the treatment of a wide range of cancers. Localized mild hyperthermia (greater than 40 degrees Celsius) releases the encapsulated doxorubicin from the liposome enabling high concentrations of doxorubicin to be deposited preferentially in the region of the tumor target.

We have also demonstrated feasibility for a product pipeline of cancer drugs that employ our heat activated liposomal technology in combination with known chemotherapeutics, including docetaxel and carboplatin. We believe that our technology can improve efficacy and safety of anticancer agents whose mechanism of action and safety profile are well understood by the medical and regulatory communities. Our approach provides a comparatively cost effective, low risk approval pathway. Additionally, we have formed a joint research agreement with Philips Healthcare to evaluate the combination of Philips' high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) with ThermoDox® to determine the potential of this combination to treat a broad range of cancers.

For certain markets, we may seek licensing partners to share in the development and commercialization costs. We will also evaluate licensing cancer products from third parties for cancer treatments to expand our development pipeline.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, we entered into a development, product supply and commercialization agreement with Yakult Honsha under which Yakult was granted the exclusive right to commercialize and market ThermoDox® for the Japanese market. We were paid a \$2.5 million up-front licensing fee and we have the potential to receive additional payments from Yakult upon receipt of marketing approval by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare as well as upon the achievement of certain levels of sales and approval for new indications. We will receive double digit escalating royalties on the sale of ThermoDox® in Japan, when and if any such sales occur. We also will be the exclusive supplier of ThermoDox® to Yakult.

Concurrent with a preferred equity financing in January 2011, we amended our development, product supply and commercialization agreement with Yakult to provide for up to \$4.0 million in an accelerated partial payment to us of a future drug approval milestone. The terms of the agreement with Yakult provided for the payment to us of \$2.0 million upon the closing of the preferred equity financing and an additional \$2.0 million conditioned upon the resumption of enrollment of Japanese patients in the Japan cohort of the HEAT study. In consideration of these accelerated milestone payments from Yakult, we have agreed to reduce future drug approval milestone payments by approximately forty percent (40%). All other milestone payments are unaffected.

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In 2005, we made a strategic decision to divest our medical device business. We sold this medical device business to Boston Scientific Corporation in 2007 for net aggregate payments of \$43 million, receiving \$13 million in 2007 and \$15 million in each of 2008 and 2009. Since then, we have raised approximately \$50 million in equity financing providing a total of over \$90 million to support our research and operations.

Recent Developments

On July 20, 2011, we entered into a definitive agreement to complete the issuance and sale of 1,281,031 shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase up to 512,412 shares of common stock to institutional investors as well as a director of the Company and an investor affiliated with another director of the Company in a private placement transaction (the Private Placement). The common stock and warrants will be sold in units at a price of \$4.27, with each unit consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.4 shares of common stock. The warrants will be exercisable immediately at an exercise price of \$4.22 and expire five years after the date of issuance. Concurrent with the issuance and sale of the units, the Company will enter into a registration rights agreement with the investors that will require the Company to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering the resale by the investors of the common stock and the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants within 30 days of the closing of the Private Placement.

On July 6, 2011, we completed the issuance and sale in a registered offering of 2,095,560 shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase up to 628,668 shares of common stock to institutional investors. The common stock and warrants were sold in units at a price of \$3.1675, with each unit consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.3 shares of common stock. The warrants were exercisable immediately at an exercise price of \$3.13 and expire five years from the date of issuance.

On June 2, 2011, we completed the issuance and sale of 3,218,612 shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase up to 3,218,612 shares of common stock to institutional investors as well as certain officers and directors of the Company in a private placement transaction. The common stock and warrants were sold in units, with each unit consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase one share of common stock. Units sold to unaffiliated institutional investors were sold at a negotiated purchase price of \$2.65 per unit and to officers and directors at \$2.895 per unit, the latter representing the consolidated closing bid price per share of common stock plus a warrant premium of \$0.125 per unit. The warrants are exercisable on or after December 2, 2011 at an exercise price of \$2.77 and expire 78 months after the date of issuance. Concurrent with the issuance and sale of the units, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement with the investors that required the Company to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering the resale by the investors of the common stock and the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, which registration statement became effective on June 24, 2011.

On April 6, 2011, we received notice from The NASDAQ Listing Qualifications Department that we were not in compliance with the minimum Market Value of Listed Securities (MVLS) requirement for continued listing on The NASDAQ Capital Market, as set forth in NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(b)(2) (the Rule), which requires a listed company to maintain a minimum MVLS of \$35 million. On May 10, 2011, we received a letter from NASDAQ stating that our MVLS had been \$35 million or greater for the previous ten consecutive business days (from April 26, 2011 to May 9, 2011) and that we had regained compliance with the Rule.

Corporate Information

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We were founded in 1982 and are a Delaware corporation. Our shares of common stock trade on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol CLSN. Our principal executive offices are located at 10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046-2364. Our telephone number is (410) 290-5390 and our website is www.celsion.com. The information available on or through our website is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and should not be relied upon.

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THE OFFERING

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of this offering and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Common stock we are offering	3,047,682 shares.
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	24,929,783 (as more fully described in the notes following this table).
Warrants we are offering	We are offering warrants to purchase 914,305 shares of common stock. Each warrant has an exercise price of \$4.22 per share and is exercisable immediately for a period of 5 years. This prospectus supplement also relates to the offering of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants. There is currently no market for the warrants and none is expected to develop after this offering.
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds received from the sale of the securities for general corporate purposes, including the funding of the clinical development program for our product pipeline of cancer drugs. See Use of Proceeds on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement.
NASDAQ Capital Market listing	CLSN
Risk Factors	Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement.

The number of shares of common stock shown above to be outstanding immediately after this offering is based on 21,882,101 shares outstanding as of July 19, 2011 and excludes as of such date:

- 2,944,045 shares of our common stock subject to outstanding options having a weighted average exercise price of \$3.44 per share;
- 514,043 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance pursuant to our existing stock incentive plan;
- 349,582 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon conversion of outstanding preferred stock, which, assuming the sale and issuance of all shares of common stock offered under this prospectus supplement, will convert into shares of common stock after the consummation of this offering in accordance with the mandatory conversion provisions of such preferred stock;
- 7,014,488 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of outstanding warrants having a weighted average exercise price of \$3.29 per share;

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- 914,305 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants offered hereby;
- 1,281,031 shares of our common stock offered in the Private Placement; and
- 512,412 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants offered in the Private Placement.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to invest in our securities, you should consider carefully the risks discussed below, together with the risks under the heading Risk Factors beginning on page 10 under Part I, Item IA of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on March 28, 2011, and on page 21 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011, filed with the SEC on May 12, 2011, as well as the other information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the information and documents incorporated by reference and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering. If any of the identified risks actually occur, they could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results or prospects and the trading price of our securities. Additional risks and uncertainties that we do not presently know or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects and the trading price of our securities.

Risks Relating to this Offering

We do not generate operating income and will require additional financing in the future. If additional capital is not available, we may have to curtail or cease operations.

Our business currently does not generate the cash necessary to finance our operations. Since our inception, our expenses have substantially exceeded our revenues, resulting in continuing losses and an accumulated deficit of \$101 million at December 31, 2010. We incurred a net loss of \$18.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 and a net loss of \$3.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. We presently have no product revenue. We may need to raise additional capital to fund research and development and to develop and commercialize our products. Our future capital needs depend on many factors, including the scope, duration and expenditures associated with our clinical trials, the outcome of potential licensing transactions, if any, competing technological developments and the regulatory approval process for our products.

We may seek to raise necessary funds through public or private equity offerings, debt financings or additional strategic alliances and licensing arrangements. We may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us, if at all. General market conditions may make it very difficult for us to seek financing from the capital markets. We may be required to relinquish rights to our technologies or products, or grant licenses on terms that are not favorable to us, in order to raise additional funds through alliance, joint venture or licensing arrangements. If adequate funds are not available, we may have to delay, reduce or eliminate one or more of our research or development programs and reduce overall overhead expense. Such events could cause our independent registered public accounting firm to indicate that there may be substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern in future periods.

Our stockholders may experience significant dilution as a result of future equity offerings, conversion of outstanding preferred stock and exercise of outstanding options and warrants.

In order to raise additional capital, we may in the future offer additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock. We cannot assure you that we will be able to sell shares or other securities in any other offering at a price per share that is equal to or greater than the price per share paid by investors in this offering, and investors purchasing shares or other securities in the future could have rights superior to existing stockholders. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our common stock or

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other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock in future transactions may be higher or lower than the price per share in this offering.

Assuming the sale and issuance of all shares of common stock offered under this prospectus supplement, the mandatory conversion provisions of our outstanding 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock will be triggered. The issuance of common stock upon the mandatory conversion of our outstanding 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock will dilute the ownership interests of existing holders of shares of common stock. As of July 19, 2011, 839 shares of our 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock were outstanding which are convertible into 349,582 shares of our common stock.

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In addition, we have a significant number of securities convertible into, or allowing the purchase of, our common stock, including 914,305 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants offered hereby, 512,412 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants to be sold and issued in the Private Placement and 7,014,488 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of other warrants outstanding as of July 19, 2011. As of July 19, 2011, 514,043 shares of common stock were reserved for future issuance under our stock incentive plan. As of that date, there were also options outstanding to purchase 2,944,045 shares of our common stock. You will incur dilution upon exercise of any outstanding stock options or warrants. The issuance of additional shares as a result of any such exercise, or the subsequent sale of securities, could adversely affect the price of our common 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 July 19, 2011, we had 21,882,101 shares of common stock outstanding, all of which shares, other than shares held by our directors and certain officers, were eligible for sale in the public market, subject in some cases to compliance with the requirements of Rule 144, including the volume limitations and manner of sale requirements. In addition, all of the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our preferred stock or exercise of warrants will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration upon issuance.

Our outstanding preferred stock is a senior obligation of ours and ranks senior to our common stock with respect to dividends, distributions and payments upon liquidation, and holders of our outstanding preferred stock have rights that may restrict our ability to operate our business.

Assuming the sale and issuance of all shares of common stock offered under this prospectus supplement, the mandatory conversion provisions of our outstanding 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock will be triggered. In the event the mandatory conversion provisions are not triggered by this offering or the Private Placement, shares of our 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock will remain outstanding. The rights of the holders of our 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock rank senior to our obligations to our common stock holders. Upon our liquidation, the holders of our 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to receive a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, plus all accrued but unpaid dividends at the rate of 8% per annum, prior and in preference to any distribution to the holders of any other class of our equity securities. The existence of such a senior security could have an adverse effect on the value of our common stock. In addition, under the certificate of designations establishing the terms of our 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, we are limited, with certain exceptions, in our ability to incur debt other than in connection with licensing agreements relating to the development of our products and ordinary course equipment leases, capital leases, obligations to vendors and similar exceptions, to issue any series or class of securities that is senior to or on parity with such preferred stock or to take any other actions that may be deemed to adversely affect the rights of holders of such 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock. Such restrictions may have an adverse effect on our ability to operate our business while such preferred stock is outstanding.

We have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from this offering.

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 the 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.

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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

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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 these factors are beyond our control. Broad market fluctuations may lower the market price of our common stock and affect the volume of trading in our stock, regardless of our financial condition, results of operations, business or prospects. It is impossible to assure you that the market price of our shares of common stock will not fall in the future.

We have never paid dividends on our common stock and we do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and growth of our business. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock will be the sole source of gain for the foreseeable future for holders of our common stock.

Our ability to use net operating losses to offset future taxable income may be subject to certain limitations.

We currently have significant net operating losses (NOLs) that may be used to offset future taxable income. In general, under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), a corporation that undergoes an ownership change is subject to limitations on its ability to utilize its pre-change NOLs to offset future taxable income. This offering or future changes in our stock ownership, some of which are outside of our control, could result in an ownership change under Section 382 of the Code, which would significantly limit our ability to utilize NOLs to offset future taxable income.

Investors in this offering will pay a higher price than the book value of our common stock.

Investors in this offering will suffer substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock purchased in this offering. The price per share of our common stock offered hereby is substantially higher than the current book value per share of our common stock. Based on the initial common stock warrant exercise price of \$4.22 per common share and assuming the exercise immediately following completion of the offering of all of the warrants offered hereby into 914,305 shares of common stock, investors exercising warrants offered hereby would suffer immediate and substantial dilution of \$3.81 per share in the net tangible book value of the common stock. See Dilution on page S-9 for a more detailed discussion of the dilution you will incur in this offering.

Risks Relating to the Warrants

There is no public market for the warrants to purchase common stock being offered in this offering.

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There is no established public trading market for the warrants being offered in this offering, and we do not expect a market to develop. In addition, we do not intend to apply for listing of the warrants on any securities exchange. Without an active market, the liquidity of the warrants will be limited.

Holders of our warrants will have no rights as a common stockholder until such holders exercise their warrants and acquire our common stock.

Until you acquire shares of our common stock upon exercise of your warrants, you will have no rights with respect to the shares of our common stock underlying such warrants. Upon exercise of your warrants, you will be entitled to exercise the rights of a common stockholder only as to matters for which the record date occurs after the exercise date.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and releases issued by the SEC and within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act). From time to time, we publish forward-looking statements relating to matters such as anticipated financial performance, business prospects, technological developments, new products, research and development activities and other aspects of our present and future business operations as well as similar matters. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, among others:

- any statements regarding future operations, plans, regulatory filings or approvals, including the plans and objectives of management for future operations or programs or proposed new products or services;
- any statements regarding the performance, or likely performance, or outcomes or economic benefit of any of our research and development activities or proposed or potential clinical trials or new drug filing strategies or timelines, including whether any of our clinical trials will be completed successfully within any specified time period or at all;
- any projections of cash resources, revenue, operating expense or other financial terms;
- any statements regarding pending or future mergers or acquisitions;
- any statements regarding approaches to medical treatment or possible actions by customers, suppliers, strategic partners, potential strategic partners, competitors and regulatory authorities;
- any statements regarding compliance with the listing standards of The NASDAQ Capital Market; and
- any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance, and any statement of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as expect, anticipate, estimate, plan, believe, could, intend, predict, may, should, will and words of similar import regarding the Company's expectations. Forward-looking statements are only predictions

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and actual events or results may differ materially. Although we believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of our current knowledge of our industry, business and operations, we cannot guarantee that actual results will not differ materially from our expectations. In evaluating such forward-looking statements, you should specifically consider various factors, including the risks outlined under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus, and in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and in our most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q, as well as any amendments thereto reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC. The discussion of risks and uncertainties set forth in those filings is not necessarily a complete or exhaustive list of all risks facing the Company at any particular point in time. We operate in a highly competitive, highly regulated and rapidly changing environment, and our business is in a state of evolution. Therefore, it is likely that over time new risks will emerge and the nature and elements of existing risks will change. It is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors or changes therein or to assess either the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any individual risk factor, combination of factors or new or altered factors may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date such forward-looking statements are made. You should carefully read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein or therein by reference as described under the section entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information," and with the understanding that our actual future results may materially differ from what we expect.

Except as required by law, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons why actual results

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could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be approximately \$12.0 million, after deducting the placement agent fees and estimated offering expenses that are payable by us. We currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities pursuant to this offering for general corporate purposes, including the funding of the clinical development of our product pipeline of cancer drugs. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we intend to invest the net proceeds in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock, you will experience dilution to the extent of the difference between the price per share you pay in this offering and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock immediately after this offering.

Our net tangible book value as of March 31, 2011 was approximately (\$5.1 million), or (\$0.37) per share of common stock. Net tangible book value per share is equal to our total tangible assets minus total liabilities, all divided by the number of shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2011. After giving effect to the sale of 3,047,682 shares of common stock by us at a price of \$4.22 per share (after deducting estimated placement agent fees and offering expenses payable by us) and an estimate of the fair value of the warrant liabilities, our as adjusted net tangible book value would have been approximately \$6.9 million, or approximately \$0.41 per share of common stock, as of March 31, 2011. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of approximately \$0.78 per share to existing stockholders and an immediate dilution of approximately \$3.81 per share to new investors. The following table illustrates this calculation on a per share basis.

Purchase price per share		\$	4.22
Net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2011	\$	(0.37)	
Increase per share attributable to this offering	\$	0.78	
As adjusted net tangible book value per share after this offering	\$	0.41	
Dilution per share to new investors	\$	3.81	

The number of shares of common stock shown above to be outstanding immediately after this offering is based on 13,873,636 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2011 and excludes as of such date:

- 2,901,547 shares of our common stock subject to outstanding options having a weighted average exercise price of \$3.34 per share;

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- 586,542 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance pursuant to our existing stock incentive plan;
- 1,870,833 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon conversion of outstanding preferred stock;
- 3,092,409 shares of our common stock that have been reserved for issuance upon exercise of outstanding warrants having a weighted average exercise price of \$3.83 per share;
- 914,305 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants offered hereby;
- 1,281,031 shares of our common stock offered in the Private Placement; and
- 512,412 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants offered in the Private Placement.

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Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to the closing of this offering, the dilution per share to new investors may be more than that indicated above in the event that the actual number of shares sold, if any, is less than the maximum number of shares of our common stock we are offering.

The above illustration of dilution per share to investors participating in this offering assumes no exercise of outstanding options to purchase our common stock or outstanding warrants to purchase shares of our common stock. The exercise of outstanding options and warrants having an exercise price less than the offering price will increase dilution to new investors.

PRICE RANGE OF OUR COMMON STOCK

Our common stock trades on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol CLSN. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the reported high and low closing sale prices per share of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market.

Period	High	Low
Year Ended December 31, 2011		
First Quarter	2.97	2.18
Second Quarter	3.37	2.16
Third Quarter (through July 19, 2011)	4.23	3.13
Year Ended December 31, 2010		
First Quarter	4.69	2.76
Second Quarter	5.44	3.13
Third Quarter	3.42	2.97
Fourth Quarter	3.63	2.01
Year Ended December 31, 2009		
First Quarter	3.60	2.05
Second Quarter	4.85	3.00
Third Quarter	5.18	3.25
Fourth Quarter	3.54	2.74

On July 19, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$4.23 per share.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES WE ARE OFFERING

In this offering, we are offering a maximum of 3,047,682 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase up to 914,305 shares of common stock. This prospectus also relates to the offering of shares of our common stock upon exercise, if any, of the warrants issued in this offering.

The material terms and provisions of our common stock are described under the heading *Description of Capital Stock* starting on page 7 of the accompanying prospectus.

The material terms and provisions of the warrants being offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are summarized below. This summary is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the terms set forth in the common stock purchase warrant to be filed as an exhibit to our Current Report on Form 8-K, which we expect to file with the SEC in connection with this offering.

WARRANTS

The following is a brief summary of the warrants and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the terms set forth in the common stock purchase warrant to be filed as an exhibit to our Current Report on Form 8-K, which we expect to file with the SEC in connection with this offering.

Exercisability. Holders may exercise warrants at any time from and after the date of issuance up to 11:59 p.m., New York time, on the date that is five years after the date of issuance. The warrants are exercisable, at the option of each holder, in whole or in part, by delivering to us a duly executed exercise notice accompanied by payment in full for the number of shares of our common stock purchased upon such exercise (except in the case of a cashless exercise in the circumstances discussed below). The holder of warrants does not have the right to exercise any portion of the warrant if the holder would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise. This percentage may, however, be raised or lowered to an amount not to exceed 9.99% at the option of the holder upon at least 61 days' prior notice from the holder to us.

Cashless Exercise. If, at the time of exercise of any warrant, a registration statement covering the issuance of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrant is not effective or the prospectus contained in the registration statement is not available for the issuance of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrant, the holder may only exercise its warrant on a cashless basis. When exercised on a cashless basis, a portion of the warrant is cancelled in payment of the purchase price payable in respect of the number of shares of our common stock purchasable upon such exercise. Any warrant that is outstanding on the termination date of the warrant shall be automatically exercised via cashless exercise.

Exercise Price. The exercise price of the common stock purchasable upon exercise of the warrants is \$4.22 per share of common stock. The exercise price and the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants is subject to appropriate adjustment in relation to certain events, such as recapitalizations, stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations, reclassifications or similar events affecting our common stock, and also upon any distribution of assets, including cash, stock or other property to our stockholders.

Transferability. Subject to applicable law, the warrants may be transferred at the option of the holder upon surrender of the warrants with the appropriate instruments of transfer.

Purchase Rights, Fundamental Transactions and Change of Control. If we sell or grant any rights to purchase stock, warrants or securities or other property to our stockholders on a pro rata basis, we will provide the holders of warrants with the right to acquire, upon the same terms, the securities subject to such purchase rights as though the warrant had been exercised immediately prior to the declaration of such rights. If we consummate any fundamental transaction, as described in the warrants and generally including any consolidation or merger into another corporation, the consummation of a transaction whereby another entity acquires more than 50% of our outstanding common stock, the sale of all or substantially all of our assets or another transaction in which our common stock is converted into or exchanged for other securities or other consideration, the holders of warrants will thereafter receive upon exercise of the warrants the securities or other consideration to which a holder of the number

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of shares of common stock then deliverable upon the exercise or conversion of such warrants would have been entitled upon such consolidation, merger or other transaction.

Exchange Listing. We do not plan on making an application to list the warrants on The NASDAQ Capital Market, any national securities exchange or other nationally recognized trading system. Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market.

Rights as Stockholder. Except as otherwise provided in the warrants (such as the rights described above of a warrant holder upon our sale or grant of any rights to purchase stock, warrants or securities or other property to our stockholders on a pro rata basis) or by virtue of such holder's ownership of shares of our common stock, the holders of the warrants will not have the rights or privileges of holders of our common stock, including any voting rights, until they exercise their warrants.

Fractional Shares. No fractional shares of common stock will be issued upon the exercise of the warrants. Rather, the Company shall, at its election, either pay a cash adjustment in respect of such fraction in an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the exercise price or round up the number of shares of common stock to be issued to the nearest whole number.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Pursuant to an engagement letter dated as of June 30, 2011, to be amended by amendment dated as of July 21, 2011, between us and Rodman & Renshaw, LLC, we have engaged Rodman & Renshaw, LLC as our exclusive placement agent to solicit offers to purchase the units offered under this prospectus supplement. Rodman & Renshaw, LLC is not purchasing any units for its own account in this offering and is not required to arrange the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of the securities.

Rodman & Renshaw, LLC has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to arrange for the sale of all of the securities in this offering. There is no requirement that any minimum number of units or dollar amount of units be sold in this offering and there can be no assurance that we will sell all or any of the units being offered. We will enter into securities purchase agreements directly with the investors who purchase securities in this offering. The engagement letter provides that the obligations of Rodman & Renshaw, LLC and the investors are subject to certain conditions precedent, including, among other things, the absence of any material adverse change in our business and the receipt of certain opinions, letters and certificates from us or our counsel.

We currently anticipate that the closing of this offering will take place on or about July 25, 2011. On the closing date, the following will occur:

- we will receive funds in the amount of the aggregate purchase price;

- Rodman & Renshaw, LLC, as placement agent, will receive the placement agent fees in accordance with the terms of the engagement letter; and

- we will deliver the shares of common stock and warrants to the investors.

We have agreed to pay Rodman & Renshaw, LLC an aggregate fee equal to 6.75%, or approximately \$848,847, of the gross proceeds from the sale of the units in this offering to all investors, except a certain investor. Pursuant to our engagement letter with Dominick & Dominick LLC, placement agent for the offering of our 8% Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock that closed on January 14, 2011, we will pay Dominick & Dominick LLC a fee of approximately \$28,000 in relation to the participation of such certain investor in this offering.

We have also agreed to reimburse Rodman & Renshaw, LLC for expenses incurred by it in connection with this offering. Such reimbursement will be limited to a maximum of 0.45% of the aggregate gross offering proceeds. Under no circumstances will the fee, commission or discount received by Rodman & Renshaw, LLC or any other member of the Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (FINRA) or independent broker-dealer exceed 8% of the gross proceeds to us in this offering or any other offering in the United States pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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The following table shows the per share and total placement agent fees we will pay in connection with the sale of the units, assuming the purchase of all of the units we are offering.

Per unit placement agent fees	\$	0.2877
Total	\$	876,847

We estimate the total expenses of this offering which will be payable by us, excluding the placement agent fees, will be approximately \$100,000. After deducting the fees due to the placement agent and our estimated offering expenses, we expect the net proceeds from this offering to be approximately \$12.0 million.

We have agreed to indemnify Rodman & Renshaw, LLC and certain other persons against certain liabilities relating to or arising out of Rodman & Renshaw, LLC's activities under the engagement letter. We have also agreed to contribute to payments Rodman & Renshaw, LLC may be required to make in respect of such liabilities. We have agreed to indemnify Rodman & Renshaw, LLC and specified other persons against some civil liabilities, including

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liabilities under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and to contribute to payments that Rodman & Renshaw, LLC may be required to make in respect of such liabilities.

Rodman & Renshaw, LLC may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, and any commissions received by it and any profit realized on the resale of the units sold by it while acting as principal might be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act. As an underwriter, Rodman & Renshaw, LLC would be required to comply with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, including, without limitation, Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5 and Regulation M under the Exchange Act. These rules and regulations may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of common stock and warrants by Rodman & Renshaw, LLC acting as principal. Under these rules and regulations, Rodman & Renshaw, LLC:

- may not engage in any stabilization activity in connection with our securities; and
- may not bid for or purchase any of our securities or attempt to induce any person to purchase any of our securities, other than as permitted under the Exchange Act, until it has completed its participation in the distribution.

Prior to the offering, Rodman & Renshaw, LLC and its affiliates beneficially owned no shares of our common stock.

A copy of the amendment to the engagement letter, the form of securities purchase agreement we entered into with the purchasers and the form of warrant will be included as exhibits to our Current Report on Form 8-K that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the consummation of this offering. A copy of the engagement letter was included as an exhibit to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 6, 2011.

The transfer agent for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company located at 59 Maiden Lane, Plaza Level, New York, New York 10038. Its telephone number is 800-937-5449. We will act as transfer agent for the warrants being offered hereby.

Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol CLSN. The warrants to purchase common stock issued to the investors in this offering are not expected to be eligible for trading on any market.

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CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

All purchasers of common stock and warrants in this offering are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, conversion or exercise, as the case may be, and disposition of the common stock and warrants in their particular situations.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by O Melveny & Myers LLP of Menlo Park, California.

EXPERTS

Stegman & Company, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance on Stegman & Company's report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the information requirements of the Exchange Act. In accordance with the Exchange Act, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Such reports, proxy statements and other information filed by us are available to the public free of charge at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the public reference facilities by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Copies of certain information filed by us with the SEC are also available on our website at www.celsion.com. The information available on or through our website is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and should not be relied upon.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus omit some information contained in the registration statement in accordance with SEC rules and regulations. You should review the information and exhibits in the registration statement for further information about us and the securities being offered hereby. Statements in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus concerning any document we filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or that we otherwise filed with the SEC are not intended to be comprehensive and are qualified by reference to the filings. You should review the complete document to evaluate these statements.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

SEC rules allow us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus much of the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. These documents may include Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as proxy statements.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act (in each case, other than those documents or the portions of those documents deemed to be furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules) until the offering of the securities under the registration statement is terminated or completed:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 filed with the SEC on March 28, 2011;

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- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011 filed with the SEC on May 12, 2011;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 18, 2011, March 22, 2011, April 12, 2011, May 11, 2011, May 27, 2011, June 2, 2011, July 1, 2011, July 6, 2011, July 11, 2011 and July 12, 2011;
- our proxy statement relating to our annual meeting of stockholders filed with the SEC on April 29, 2011; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on May 26, 2000, as amended by a Form 8-A/A dated February 7, 2008, and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Because we are incorporating by reference future filings with the SEC, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are continually updated and later information filed with the SEC may update and supersede some of the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or in any document previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owners, to whom this prospectus supplement is delivered, upon his or her written or oral request, a copy of any or all documents referred to above which have been or may be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus but not delivered with this prospectus supplement. You may request a copy of these documents by writing or telephoning us at the following address.

Celsion Corporation

10220-L Old Columbia Road

Columbia, Maryland 21046-2364

(410) 290-5390

Attention: Gregory Weaver

Senior Vice President & CFO

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PROSPECTUS

CELSION CORPORATION

\$50,000,000

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From time to time, we may offer up to \$50,000,000, in one or more series, any combination of the following securities of our company:

- common stock;
- preferred stock;
- warrants to purchase shares of common stock or preferred stock;
- rights to purchase shares of common stock or preferred stock; or
- units comprised of 2 or more of the foregoing securities.

We will provide the specific terms of these offerings and securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you in connection with these offerings. The prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, as well as any documents incorporated by reference, before buying any of the securities being offered.

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Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol CLSN. The applicable prospectus supplement will contain information, where applicable, as to any other listing, if any, on the NASDAQ Global Market or any securities market or other exchange of the securities covered by the applicable prospectus supplement.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should review carefully the risks and uncertainties described under the heading Risk Factors on page 4 of this Prospectus, in any applicable prospectus supplement and in any related free writing prospectus, and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of any securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

The securities may be sold directly by us to investors, through agents designated from time to time or to or through underwriters or dealers, on a continuous or delayed basis. For additional information on the methods of sale, you should refer to the section entitled Plan of Distribution in this prospectus. If any agents or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities with respect to which this prospectus is being delivered, the names of such agents or underwriters and any applicable fees, commissions, discounts and over-allotment options will be set forth in a prospectus supplement. The price to the public of such securities and the net proceeds that we expect to receive from such sale will also be set forth in a prospectus supplement.

The aggregate market value of our outstanding common equity held by non-affiliates as of March 24, 2009 was approximately \$29.3 million. We have not issued any securities pursuant to Instruction I.B.6. of Form S-3 during the 12 calendar month period that ends on and includes the date hereof.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is April 17, 2009

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer shares of our common stock and preferred stock, and warrants and/or rights to purchase shares of our common or preferred stock, either individually or in units, in one or more offerings, up to a total dollar amount of \$50,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer a type or series of securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain more specific information about the terms of those securities. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. We may also add, update or change in the prospectus supplement (and in any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) any of the information contained in this prospectus or in the documents that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We urge you to carefully read this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein by reference as described under the section entitled *Where You Can Find Additional Information*, in this prospectus before buying any of the securities being offered. **THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO CONSUMMATE A SALE OF SECURITIES UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.**

You should rely only on the information that we have provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representation. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, and only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front of the document and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus, or any sale of a security.

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed, will be filed or will be incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under the section entitled *Where You Can Find Additional Information* in this prospectus.

We obtained statistical data, market data and other industry data and forecasts used throughout, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus from market research, publicly available information and industry publications. Industry publications generally state that they obtain their information from sources that they believe to be reliable, but they do not guarantee the accuracy and completeness of the information. Similarly, while we believe that the statistical data, industry data and forecasts and market research are reliable, we have not independently verified the data, and we do not make any representation as to the accuracy of the information. We have not sought the consent of the sources to refer to their reports appearing or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

This prospectus and the information incorporated herein by reference includes trademarks, service marks and trade names owned by us or other companies. All trademarks, service marks and trade names included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

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Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to Celsion, we, our or similar references mean Celsion Corporation.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in the securities. Before making an investment decision, you should read the entire prospectus and any supplement hereto carefully, including the risk factors section as well as the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements incorporated herein by reference.

Our Company

Celsion Corporation (Celsion or the Company or we) is an innovative oncology drug development company focused on improving treatment for those suffering with highly aggressive and difficult to treat forms of cancer. We are working to develop and commercialize more efficient, effective, targeted chemotherapeutic oncology drugs based on our proprietary heat-activated liposomal technology. The promise of this drug technology is to maximize efficacy while minimizing side-effects common to cancer treatments.

Our lead product ThermoDox® is being evaluated in a Phase III clinical trial for primary liver cancer and a Phase II study for recurrent chest wall breast cancer. ThermoDox® is a liposomal encapsulation of doxorubicin, an approved and frequently used oncology drug for the treatment of a wide range of cancers. Localized mild hyperthermia (40-42 degrees Celsius) releases the entrapped doxorubicin from the liposome enabling high concentrations of doxorubicin to be deposited preferentially in a targeted tumor.

Celsion is also developing a product pipeline of cancer drugs that employ its heat activated liposomal technology. We are developing a liposomal formulation of docetaxel and plan to develop a number of other liposomal formulations for existing chemotherapeutic cancer drugs where we believe that our technology can improve efficacy and safety. We have formed a joint research agreement with Royal Phillips Electronics that is evaluating the combination of Phillips' high intensity focused ultrasound with Celsion's heat activated liposomal technology to develop new cancer drugs.

For certain indications, the Company may seek licensing partners to share in the development and commercialization costs. The Company will also evaluate licensing cancer products from third parties for cancer treatments to expand its development pipeline.

In December 2008, the Company entered into a licensing agreement with Yakult Honsha under which Yakult was granted the exclusive right to commercialize and market ThermoDox® for the Japanese market. Celsion was paid a \$2.5 million up-front licensing fee and Celsion has the potential to receive an additional \$18 million upon receipt of marketing approval by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. Celsion also has the potential to receive additional milestone payments tied to the achievement of certain levels of sales and approval for new indications. Celsion will receive double digit escalating royalties on the sale of ThermoDox® in Japan, if and when any such sales occur. Celsion also will be the exclusive supplier of ThermoDox® to Yakult.

In 2005, the Company made a strategic decision to divest its medical device business. The Company sold this business to Boston Scientific Corporation (Boston Scientific) for \$60 million. In 2008, the Company collected a \$15 million installment payment from the sale of these assets

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and is due to receive the final \$15 million installment payment in June 2009. The results of operations for the medical device business for the year ended December 31, 2007 has been reclassified as a discontinued operation.

Our Executive Offices

Our principal executive offices are located at 10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046. Our telephone number is (410) 290-5390.

The Securities We May Offer

We may offer shares of our common stock and preferred stock, and warrants and/or rights to purchase shares of our common stock and preferred stock, either individually or in units, with a total value of up to \$50,000,000 from time to time under this prospectus at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of any offering. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer a type or series of securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and other important terms of the securities, including, to the extent applicable:

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- designation or classification;
- aggregate offering price;
- rates and times of payment of dividends, if any;
- redemption, conversion, exercise, exchange or sinking fund terms, if any;
- ranking;
- restrictive covenants, if any;
- voting or other rights, if any;
- conversion prices, if any; and
- important United States federal income tax considerations.

The prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus or in documents we have incorporated by reference. However, no prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will offer a security that is not registered and described in this prospectus at the time of the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO CONSUMMATE A SALE OF SECURITIES UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

We may sell the securities directly to investors or to or through agents, underwriters or dealers. We, and our agents or underwriters, reserve the right to accept or reject all or part of any proposed purchase of securities. If we do offer securities to or through agents or underwriters, we will include in the applicable prospectus supplement:

- the names of those agents or underwriters;
- applicable fees, discounts and commissions to be paid to them;
- details regarding over-allotment options, if any; and
- the net proceeds to us.

Common Stock. We may issue shares of our common stock from time to time. The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding shares of preferred stock, the holders of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends as may be declared by our board of directors out of legally available funds. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and the liquidation preferences of any then outstanding shares of preferred stock.

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Preferred Stock. We may issue shares of our preferred stock from time to time, in one or more series. Our board of directors will determine designations, powers (including voting), privileges, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, conversion rights, preemptive rights, terms of redemption or repurchase, liquidation preferences, sinking fund terms and the number of shares constituting any series or the designation of any series. Convertible preferred stock will be convertible into our common stock or exchangeable for our other securities. Conversion may be mandatory or at the holder's option and would be at prescribed conversion rates.

If we sell any series of preferred stock under this prospectus, we will fix the designations, powers (including voting), privileges, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, in the certificate of designation relating to that series. We will file as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports that we file with the SEC, the form of any certificate of designation that describes the terms of the series of preferred stock that we are offering before the issuance of the related series of preferred stock. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplement (and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) related to the series of preferred stock being offered, as well as the complete certificate of designation that contains the terms of the applicable series of preferred stock.

Warrants. We may issue warrants for the purchase of our common stock or preferred stock, in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock or preferred stock, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities. The warrants will be evidenced by warrant certificates issued under one or more warrant agreements, which are contracts between us and an agent for the holders of the warrants. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the warrants. We will file as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, the form of warrant agreement, including a form of warrant certificate, that describes the terms of the series of warrants we are offering before the issuance of the related series of warrants. We urge you to read the prospectus supplement (and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) related to the series of warrants being offered, as well as the complete warrant agreements and warrant certificates that contain the terms of the applicable series of warrants.

Rights. We may issue rights to purchase our common stock or preferred stock, in one or more series. We may issue rights independently or together with other securities, and the rights may be attached or separate from these securities. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the rights. We urge you, however, to read the applicable prospectus supplement (and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) related to the particular series of rights being offered, as well as any agreements that describe the terms of the rights we are offering before the issuance of the related rights.

Units. We may issue, in one or more series, units consisting of our common stock, preferred stock, and/or rights and/or warrants for the purchase of our common stock or preferred stock in any combination. Each series of units will be evidenced by unit certificates that we will issue, and units may be issued under a unit agreement that we enter into with a unit agent. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the units. We will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports that we file with the SEC, the form of unit agreement and any supplemental agreements, including a form of unit certificate, that describe the terms of the series of units we are offering before the issuance of the related series of units. We urge you, however, to read the applicable prospectus supplement (and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) related to the series of units being offered, as well as the complete unit agreement that contains the terms of the units.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully review the risks and uncertainties described under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and under the same and similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial may also significantly impair our business operations.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in any applicable prospectus supplement and in any related free writing prospectus, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and releases issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission and within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In addition, from time to time we may publish forward-looking statements relating to such matters as anticipated financial performance, business prospects, technological developments, new products, research and development activities and other aspects of our present and future business operations and similar matters that also constitute such forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things:

- unforeseen changes in the course of research and development activities and in clinical trials;
- possible changes in cost and timing of development and testing, capital structure, and other financial items;
- changes in approaches to medical treatment;
- introduction of new products by others;
- possible acquisitions of other technologies, assets or businesses;
- possible actions by customers, suppliers, strategic partners, potential strategic partners, competitors and regulatory authorities; and
- those listed under the header Risk Factors contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and under the same and similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as expect , anticipate , estimate , plan , believe , could , intend , predict , may , will , should , will and words of similar import regarding the Company's expectations. Forward-looking statements are only predictions and actual events or results may differ materially. Although we believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of our current knowledge of our industry, business and operations, we cannot guarantee that actual results will not differ materially from our expectations. In evaluating such forward-looking statements, you should specifically consider various factors, including the risks outlined under the heading Risk Factors contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and in our most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q, as well as any amendments thereto reflected

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in subsequent filings with the SEC. The discussion of risks and uncertainties set forth in those filings is not necessarily a complete or exhaustive list of all risks facing the Company at any particular point in time. We operate in a highly competitive, highly regulated and rapidly changing environment, and our business is in a state of evolution. Therefore, it is likely that new risks will emerge, and that the nature and elements of existing risks will change, over time. It is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors or changes therein, or to assess either the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any individual risk factor, combination of factors, or new or altered factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Also, these forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date such forward-looking statements are made. You should carefully read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein by reference as described under the section entitled *Where You Can Find Additional Information*, and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect.

Except as required by law, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons why actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered hereby for general corporate purposes, which may include the further development, manufacture and commercialization of our lead product candidate, ThermoDox®, and to fund research and development of other products, working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate purposes. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds to acquire or invest in businesses, products and technologies that are complementary to our own, as well as for capital expenditures. We have not specifically allocated the proceeds to those purposes as of the date of this prospectus. Pending these uses, we expect to invest the net proceeds in short-term, investment-grade securities. The precise amount and timing of the application of proceeds from the sale of securities will depend on our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds at the time of sale. Allocation of proceeds of a particular series of securities, or the principal reason for the offering if no allocation has been made, will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or in any related free writing prospectus.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 250,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 100,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of which 15,000 shares of Series C Junior Participating Preferred Stock were reserved for issuance under the Stockholder Rights Plan (described below). As of March 31, 2009, there were 10,156,350 shares of our common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

The following summary description of our capital stock is based on the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL) and on the provisions of our certificate of incorporation, as amended (our Certificate of Incorporation), and our bylaws, as amended (our Bylaws). This information is qualified entirely by reference to the applicable provisions of the DGCL and our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. For information on how to obtain copies of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, which are exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, see the section entitled Where You Can Find Additional Information in this prospectus.

Common Stock

Holders of common stock to be registered hereunder are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Subject to any preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board) out of funds legally available therefor. In the event of a dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the Company, holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and any preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock.

Holders of common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock which may be designated and issued in the future.

The Board is classified into three classes, designated as Class I, Class II and Class III, with each class to be elected for three year terms on a staggered basis. At each annual meeting of stockholders, the directors elected to succeed those whose terms are expiring succeed to the same class as the directors they replace and each such new director is elected for a term to expire at the third annual meeting of stockholders after his or her election and when his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

Holders of common stock have rights under the Rights Agreement described below under the caption Anti-Takeover Considerations and Special Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation, Our Bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law - Stockholder Rights Plan.

Preferred Stock

Pursuant to our Certificate of Incorporation, our Board has the authority, without further action by the stockholders (unless such stockholder action is required by applicable law or NASDAQ rules), to designate and issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, to fix the designations, powers (including voting), privileges, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, and to increase or decrease the number of shares of any such series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding.

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We will fix the designations, powers (including voting), privileges, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the preferred stock of each series, as well as the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, in the certificate of designation relating to that series. We will file as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports that we file with the SEC, the form of any certificate of designation that describes the terms of the series of preferred stock we are offering before the issuance of that series of preferred stock. This description will include:

- the title and stated value;

- the number of shares we are offering;

- the liquidation preference per share;

- the purchase price;

- the dividend rate, period and payment date and method of calculation for dividends;

- whether dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends will accumulate;

- the procedures for any auction or remarketing, if any;

- the provisions for a sinking fund, if any;

- the provisions for redemption or repurchase, if applicable, and any restrictions on our ability to exercise those redemption and repurchase rights;

- any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange or market;

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- whether the preferred stock will be convertible into or exchangeable for other securities, and, if applicable, the conversion price, or how it will be calculated, and the conversion period;
- voting rights, if any, of the preferred stock;
- preemptive rights, if any;
- restrictions on transfer, sale or other assignment, if any;
- liability as to further calls or to assessment by the Company, if any;
- a discussion of any material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the preferred stock;
- the relative ranking and preferences of the preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs;
- any limitations on the issuance of any class or series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with the series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of, or restrictions on, the preferred stock.

The DGCL provides that the holders of preferred stock will have the right to vote separately as a class (or, in some cases, as a series) on an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation if the amendment would change the par value or, unless the Certificate of Incorporation provided otherwise, the number of authorized shares of the class or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the class or series so as to adversely affect the class or series, as the case may be. This right is in addition to any voting rights that may be provided for in the applicable certificate of designation.

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Our Board may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of our common stock or other securities. Preferred stock could be issued quickly with terms designed to delay or prevent a change in control of our company or make removal of management more difficult. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of decreasing the market price of our common stock.

Anti-Takeover Considerations and Special Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation, Our Bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law

Stockholder Rights Plan

On August 6, 2002, our Board declared a dividend distribution of one preferred share purchase right (a Purchase Right) for each outstanding share of our common stock. The dividend was payable to the stockholders of record on August 6, 2002 (the Record Date), and with respect to shares of common stock issued thereafter until the Distribution Date (as defined below) and, in certain circumstances, with respect to shares of common stock issued after the Distribution Date. Except as set forth below, when it becomes exercisable, each Purchase Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one ten-thousandth (1/10,000) of a share of Series C Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the Series C Preferred Stock), at a price of \$66.90 per one ten-thousandth (1/10,000) of a share of Series C Preferred Stock (the Purchase Price), subject to adjustment. The description and terms of the Purchase Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as rights agent, dated as of August 15, 2002 (the Effective Date), as amended on January 16, 2003 (collectively, the Rights Agreement).

Initially, the Purchase Rights will be attached to all certificates representing shares of common stock outstanding as of the Record Date, and no separate certificates representing the Purchase Rights (Right Certificates) will be distributed. The Purchase Rights will separate from the common stock upon the earlier to occur of (A) a person or group of affiliated or associated persons having acquired beneficial ownership of fifteen percent (15%) or more of the outstanding shares of common stock or (B) ten (10) days (or such later date as the Board may determine) after the commencement of, or announcement of an intention to make, a tender offer or exchange offer the completion of which would result in a person or group of affiliated or associated persons becoming an Acquiring Person (as defined below) (in either case, the Distribution Date). A person or group whose acquisition of shares of common stock cause a distribution date pursuant to clause (A) above is an Acquiring Person, with certain exceptions set forth in the Rights Agreement. The date on which a person or group is first publicly announced to have become such by the Company or such Acquiring Person or an earlier date on which a majority of the then-sitting members of the Board becomes aware of the existence of such Acquiring Person is referred to below and in the Rights Agreement as the Stock Acquisition Date.

If any person becomes an Acquiring Person, each holder of a Purchase Right will thereafter have the right (the Flip-In Right) to receive, upon exercise, the number of shares of common stock (or, in certain circumstances, one ten-thousandth (1/10,000) of a share of Series C Preferred Stock) or other securities of the Company having a value (immediately before such triggering event) equal to two (2) times the exercise price of the Purchase Right. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after the Flip-In Right is triggered as described above, all Purchase Rights that are, or (under certain circumstances specified in the Rights Agreement) were, beneficially owned by any Acquiring Person or any affiliate or associate thereof will be null and void. The Board has the option, at any time after any person becomes an Acquiring Person but before an Acquiring Person becomes the beneficial owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the Common Stock, to exchange all or part of the then-exercisable Purchase Rights (excluding those that have become void, as described in the immediately preceding sentence) for shares of common stock, at a one-to-one exchange ratio, appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction having occurred since the Effective Date.

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If, at any time after the Stock Acquisition Date, (A) the Company consolidates or merges with another person, (B) any Person merges with and into the Company, with the Company being the surviving corporation and, in connection with such merger, all or part of the common stock is changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other Person (or of the Company) or cash or any other property, or (C) the Company sells or otherwise transfers, in one or more transactions, assets or earning power aggregating fifty percent (50%) or more of its consolidated assets or earning power to any other Person, then each holder of a Purchase Right (except Purchase Rights which previously have been voided as set forth above) shall thereafter have the right (the Flip-Over Right) to receive, upon exercise, common shares of the acquiring company (or, in certain circumstances, its parent), having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the Purchase Right. The holder of a Right will continue to have the Flip-Over Right whether or not such holder exercises or surrenders the Flip-In Right.

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Series C Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of the Purchase Rights will not be redeemable. Each share of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to ten thousand (10,000) votes per share (subject to customary antidilution provisions) on matters submitted to a vote of the shareholders. Each share of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to a minimum preferential quarterly dividend payment of \$100 per share but, if greater, will be entitled to a total dividend per share of ten thousand (10,000) times the dividend declared per share of common stock. In the event of liquidation, the holders of shares of the Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to a minimum preferential liquidation payment per share in an amount equal to the greater of \$66.90 or ten thousand (10,000) times the payment made per share of common stock plus an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions thereon, whether or not declared, to the date of such payment. Finally, in the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which shares of common stock are exchanged, each share of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive ten thousand (10,000) times the amount received per share of common stock. These rights are protected by customary antidilution provisions.

At any time before the earlier to occur of (A) a person becoming an Acquiring Person or (B) the expiration of the Rights, and under certain other circumstances, the Company may redeem the Purchase Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per Purchase Right (the Redemption Price). The Purchase Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date and will expire on August 15, 2012, unless earlier redeemed.

Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

A number of provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws concern matters of corporate governance and the rights of our stockholders. Provisions that grant our Board the ability to issue shares of preferred stock and to set the voting rights, preferences and other terms thereof may discourage takeover attempts that are not first approved by our Board, including takeovers that may be considered by some stockholders to be in their best interests, such as those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares held by stockholders. Certain provisions could delay or impede the removal of incumbent directors even if such removal would be beneficial to our stockholders, such as the classification of our Board and the lack of cumulative voting. Since our board of directors has the power to retain and discharge our officers, these provisions could also make it more difficult for existing stockholders or another party to effect a change in management.

These provisions may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying changes in our control or in our management. These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continued stability in the composition of our board of directors and in the policies they implement, and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened change of our control. These provisions are designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal. The provisions also are intended to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and, as a consequence, they also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our shares that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts.

These provisions also could discourage or make more difficult a merger, tender offer or proxy contest, even if they could be favorable to the interests of stockholders, and could potentially depress the market price of our common stock. Our Board believes that these provisions are appropriate to protect our interests and the interests of our stockholders.

Classification of Board and No Cumulative Voting. Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide for our Board to be divided into three classes, with staggered three-year terms. Only one class of directors is elected at each annual meeting of our stockholders, with the other classes continuing for the remainder of their respective three-year terms. Because our stockholders do not have cumulative voting rights, our stockholders representing a majority of the shares of common stock outstanding will be able to elect all of our directors due to be elected at each annual meeting of our stockholders.

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Meetings of and Actions by Stockholders . Our Bylaws provide that annual meetings of our stockholders may take place at the time and place designated by our Board. A special meeting of our stockholders may be called at any time by the Board, the chairman of the Board or the president. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock or any other class of stock or series thereof having a preference over the common stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, stockholders may take action only at a regular or special meeting of stockholders and not by written consent without a meeting.

Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations . Our Bylaws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before an annual meeting of stockholders or to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders must provide timely notice in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to our principal executive offices not less than 120 days prior to the date specified in the Company's proxy statement released to stockholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. If no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the date of the annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, notice by the stockholder in order to be timely must be received by the Company no later than the close of business on the later of the 120 day prior to the date of such annual meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the meeting was first made. Our Bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions may preclude stockholders from bringing matters before an annual meeting of stockholders or from making nominations for the election of directors at an annual meeting of stockholders.

Filling of Board Vacancies . Our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws provide that vacancies in the Board and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors on the Board may be filled by a majority of the directors remaining in office, even though that number may be less than a quorum of the Board, or by a sole remaining director. A director so elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remaining term of the predecessor he or she replaced and until his or her successor is elected and has qualified, or until his or her earlier resignation, removal or death.

Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation . Our Certificate of Incorporation may be amended, altered, changed or repealed at a meeting of the stockholders of the Company entitled to vote thereon by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding stock entitled to vote thereon and a majority of the outstanding stock of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, in the manner prescribed by the DGCL.

Amendment of the Bylaws . Our Bylaws may be altered, amended, changed, added-to or repealed (i) by the board of directors or (ii) by the stockholders entitled to vote. The bylaws can only be amended if such amendment would not conflict with the Certificate of Incorporation or applicable law. Any bylaw made or altered by the requisite number of stockholders may be altered or repealed by the Board or by the requisite number of stockholders.

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law

We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (Section 203), which prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, with the following exceptions:

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- before such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

- upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction began, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned (i) by persons who are directors and also officers and (ii) employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

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- on or after such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 and 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

In general, Section 203 defines a business combination to include the following:

- any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;
- any sale, lease, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation to or with the interested stockholder;
- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;
- any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock or any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or
- the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loss, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines an interested stockholder as an entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation or any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Its phone number is 1(800)-937-5449. The transfer agent for any series of preferred stock, warrants, rights or units that we may offer under this prospectus will be named and described in the prospectus supplement for that series.

NASDAQ Global Market Listing

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol CLSN.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants for the purchase of our common stock or preferred stock, in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock or preferred stock, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities.

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement or any applicable free writing prospectuses. If we indicate in the prospectus supplement or a free writing prospectus, the terms of any warrants offered under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. However, no prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus shall 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. Specific warrant agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K.

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General

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of warrants being offered, including:

- the offering price and aggregate number of warrants offered;

- the currency for which the warrants may be purchased;

- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;

- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

- the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon the exercise of one warrant and the price at which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;

- if other than for cash, the property and manner in which the exercise price of the warrants may be paid;

- the minimum number of warrants that may be exercisable at any time;

- the effect of any merger, consolidation, sale or other disposition of our business on the warrant agreements and the warrants;

- the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;

- any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;

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- the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and expire;
- the manner in which the warrant agreements and warrants may be modified;
- a discussion of any material or special U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding or exercising the warrants;
- the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of or restrictions on the warrants.

Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or, payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

Exercise of Warrants

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the securities that we specify in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus at the exercise price that we describe in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

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Holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants by delivering the warrant certificate representing the warrants to be exercised together with specified information, and paying the required amount to the warrant agent in immediately available funds, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will set forth on the reverse side of the warrant certificate and in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus the information that the holder of the warrant will be required to deliver to the warrant agent.

Upon receipt of the required payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we will issue and deliver the securities purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, then we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining amount of warrants. If we so indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may surrender securities as all or part of the exercise price for warrants.

Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Warrants

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

Governing Law

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the warrants and warrant agreements will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.

Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Warrants

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

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS

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We may issue rights to purchase our common stock or preferred stock, in one or more series. Rights may be issued independently or together with any other offered security and may or may not be transferable by the person purchasing or receiving the subscription rights. In connection with any rights offering to our stockholders, we may enter into a standby underwriting arrangement with one or more underwriters pursuant to which such underwriters will purchase any offered securities remaining unsubscribed after such rights offering. In connection with a rights offering to our stockholders, we will distribute certificates evidencing the rights and a prospectus supplement to our stockholders on the record date that we set for receiving rights in such rights offering.

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The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will describe the following terms of rights in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the title of such rights;
- the securities for which such rights are exercisable;
- the exercise price for such rights;
- the date of determining the security holders entitled to the rights distribution;
- the number of such rights issued to each security holder;
- the extent to which such rights are transferable;
- if applicable, a discussion of the material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the issuance or exercise of such rights;
- the date on which the right to exercise such rights shall commence, and the date on which such rights shall expire (subject to any extension);
- the conditions to completion of the rights offering;
- any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the rights;
- the extent to which such rights include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities;

- if applicable, the material terms of any standby underwriting or other purchase arrangement that we may enter into in connection with the rights offering; and
- any other terms of such rights, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such rights.

Each right will entitle the holder thereof the right to purchase for cash such amount of shares of common stock or preferred stock, or any combination thereof, at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the rights offered thereby. Rights may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date for such rights set forth in the prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, all unexercised rights will become void.

Rights may be exercised as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the rights offered thereby. Upon receipt of payment and the proper completion and due execution of the rights certificate at the corporate trust office of the rights agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will forward, as soon as practicable, the shares of common stock and/or preferred stock purchasable upon such exercise. We may determine to offer any unsubscribed offered securities directly to persons other than stockholders, to or through agents, underwriters or dealers or through a combination of such methods, including pursuant to standby underwriting arrangements, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue, in one more series, units consisting of our common stock, preferred stock, and/or warrants and/or rights for the purchase of common stock or preferred stock in any combination. 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 or free writing prospectus. The terms of any units offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

We will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports 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 may offer under this prospectus, as well as any related free writing prospectuses, and the complete unit agreement and any supplemental agreements that contain the terms of the units.

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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 or free writing prospectus the terms of the series of units being offered, 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, Description of Warrants, and Description of Rights will apply to each unit and to any common stock, preferred stock, warrant or right included in each unit, respectively.

Issuance in Series

We may issue units in such amounts and in such 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.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3, we are permitted to utilize the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part to sell a maximum amount of securities equal to one-third of the aggregate market value of the outstanding voting and non-voting common equity held by our non-affiliates in any 12 month period. We may, from time to time, offer the securities registered hereby up to this maximum amount.

We may sell the securities, from time to time, to or through underwriters or dealers, through agents or remarketing firms, or directly to one or more purchasers pursuant to:

- underwritten public offerings;

- negotiated transactions;

- block trades;

- at the market offerings, within the meaning of Rule 41 5(a)(4) of the Securities Act, to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange or otherwise, at prevailing market prices;

- through a combination of these methods. We may distribute securities 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.

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A prospectus supplement or supplements will describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including:

- the name or names of the underwriters, if any;
- if the securities are to be offered through the selling efforts of brokers or dealers, the plan of distribution and the terms of any agreement, arrangement, or understanding entered into with broker(s) or dealer(s) prior to the effective date of the registration statement, and, if known, the identity of any broker(s) or dealer(s) who will participate in the offering and the amount to be offered through each;
- the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds we will receive from the sale;
- if any of the securities being registered are to be offered otherwise than for cash, the general purposes of the distribution, the basis upon which the securities are to be offered, the amount of compensation and other expenses of distribution, and by whom they are to be borne;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;

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- any agency fees or underwriting discounts and other items constituting agents or underwriters' compensation;
- any public offering price;
- any discounts, commissions or commissions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers;
- the identity and relationships of any finders, if applicable; and
- any securities exchange or market on which the securities may be listed.

Only underwriters named in the prospectus supplement will be underwriters of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement.

If underwriters are used in the sale, they will acquire the securities for their own account and may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. We may offer the securities to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or by underwriters without a syndicate. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, subject to certain conditions, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement, other than securities covered by any over-allotment option. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may change from time to time. We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe in the prospectus supplement, naming the underwriter, the nature of any such relationship.

We may use a remarketing firm to offer the securities in connection with a remarketing arrangement upon their purchase. Remarketing firms will act as principals for their own account or as agents for us. These remarketing firms will offer or sell the securities pursuant to the terms of the securities. A prospectus supplement will identify any remarketing firm and the terms of its agreement, if any, with us and will describe the remarketing firm's compensation. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters in connection with the securities they remarket.

If we offer and sell securities through a dealer, we or an underwriter will sell the securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale. Any such dealer may be deemed to be an underwriter of the securities offered and sold. The name of the dealer and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may sell securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of securities and we will describe any commissions we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may sell securities directly to one or more purchasers without using underwriters or agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act, and any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profit on their resale of the securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

We may authorize agents or underwriters to solicit offers by certain types of institutional investors to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. We will describe the conditions to these contracts and the commissions we must pay for solicitation of these contracts in the prospectus supplement.

We may provide agents and underwriters with indemnification against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

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We may offer new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters may make a market in these securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice.

We cannot guarantee the liquidity of the trading markets for any securities.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum price. Syndicate-covering or other short-covering transactions involve purchases of the securities, either through exercise of the over-allotment option or in the open market after the distribution is completed, to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a stabilizing or covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

Any underwriters that are qualified market makers on the NASDAQ Global Market may engage in passive market making transactions in the common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act, during the business day prior to the pricing of the offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of the common stock. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may stabilize the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities being offered by this prospectus will be passed upon by Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland. Any underwriter, dealer or agent may be advised about issues relating to any offering by its own legal counsel.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Stegman & Company, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1- 800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the public reference room. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, Celsion Corporation. The SEC's Internet site can be found at www.sec.gov.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document that we have filed separately with the SEC. You should read the information incorporated by reference because it is an important part of this prospectus.

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We incorporate by reference the following information or documents that we have filed with the SEC (Commission File No. 001- 15911):

- our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the SEC on March 27, 2009;
- our current report in Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 19, 2009, as amended by a Form 8-K/A filed on February 20, 2009;
- our current report in Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on March 3, 2009;
- the description of our common stock, which is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on May 26, 2000, as amended by a Form 8-A/A dated February 7, 2008; and
- the description of our Preferred Share Purchase Rights, which are registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on September 9, 2002, as amended by a Form 8-A/A dated February 11, 2003 and a Form 8-A/A dated February 7, 2008.

Any information in any of the foregoing documents will automatically be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that information in this prospectus or in a later filed document that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference modifies or replaces such information.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings (other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items) made with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15 (d) of the Exchange Act, until we file a post-effective amendment that indicates the termination of the offering of the securities made by this prospectus. Information in such future filings updates and supplements the information provided in this prospectus. Any statements in any such future filings will automatically be deemed to modify and supersede any information in any document we previously filed with the SEC that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference to the extent that statements in the later filed document modify or replace such earlier statements.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, without charge upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus, including exhibits which are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents. Requests should be directed to: Celsion Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, MD 21046-2364, telephone (410) 290-5390.

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3,047,682 Shares of Common Stock

Warrants to Purchase 914,305 Shares of Common Stock

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

Rodman & Renshaw, LLC

July 20, 2011
