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**FORM 10-K**

**(Mark One)**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2015**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the Transition Period from                      to**

**Commission File Number: 000-19709**

**BIOLARGO, INC.**  
**(Exact Name of registrant as specified in its Charter)**

**Delaware                                      65-0159115**  
**(State or other jurisdiction              (IRS Employer**  
**of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)**

**3500 W. Garry Ave., Santa Ana, CA**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**92704**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 643-9540**

**Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act: None**

**Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act:**

**Common Stock, \$0.00067 par value**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. Yes No



Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of “accelerated filer and large accelerated filer” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer | Accelerated filer         |
| Non-accelerated filer   | Smaller reporting company |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2015 was approximately \$19,196,841 which is based on 51,883,353 shares of common stock held by non-affiliates and the price at which the common equity was sold on that date.

The number shares outstanding of the issuer’s class of common equity as of March 29, 2016 was 86,271,712; no preferred shares are issued or outstanding as of that date.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Information required by Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are incorporated by reference from the Registrant’s Proxy Statement for its annual meeting to be held June 20, 2016.

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## **PART I**

### **ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

#### **USE OF FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS IN THIS REPORT**

This annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 (the “Annual Report”) contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, predictions regarding:

- our business plan;
- the commercial viability of our technology and products incorporating our technology;
- the effects of competitive factors on our technology and products incorporating our technology;
- expenses we will incur in operating our business;
- our liquidity and sufficiency of existing cash;
- the success of our financing plans; and
- the outcome of pending or threatened litigation.

You can identify these and other forward-looking statements by the use of words such as “may”, “will”, “expects”, “anticipates”, “believes”, “estimates”, “continues”, or the negative of such terms, or other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements also include the assumptions underlying or relating to any of the foregoing statements.

Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth below under the heading “Risk Factors”. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based on information available to us on the date hereof. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

The information contained in this Annual Report is as of December 31, 2015, unless expressly stated otherwise.

As used in this report, the term “we” or “Company” refers to BioLargo, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries, BioLargo Life Technologies, Inc., a California corporation, Odor-No-More, Inc., a California corporation, BioLargo Water USA, Inc., a California corporation, and Clyra Medical Technologies, Inc., a California corporation. On January 10, 2014, we formed a Canadian subsidiary BioLargo Water, Inc., wholly owned by Biolargo Water USA, Inc.

## **Our Business**

We make life better by delivering simple and sustainable solutions to big problems. We create and refine intellectual property that forms a foundation from which to build and create break-through products and technology for licensure to commercial partners. Our products harness the power of iodine – “Nature's Best Solution” – to eliminate contaminants that threaten our water, our health and our quality of life.



We **invent, patent, prove and partner** – to create best-of-class products and technology for commercialization as we build value for our shareholders and deliver benefits to our world.

### *Invent – Three Platform Technologies*

We feature three patent protected platform technologies with diverse product opportunities across multiple industries – the AOS Filter, CupriDyne, and Isan. Each features the use of the all-natural iodine molecule. While they all use iodine, they are quite different in terms of the methods by which they exploit the use of iodine, the form and composition of iodine used, and therefore their function and value proposition can be quite different for each commercial application.

#### *AOS Filter*

The AOS Filter is our invention that combines iodine, water filter materials and electrolysis within a water filter device. Our filter generates extremely high oxidation potential in order to oxidize and break-down, or otherwise eliminate, soluble organic contaminants like acids, solvents, sulfurs, oil and gas by-products, and pharmaceutical by-products which are commonly found in all sorts of contaminated water. It also achieves extremely high rates of disinfection to eliminate infectious biological pathogens like salmonella, listeria and ecoli.

Extremely high oxidation potential is the key. The term ‘oxidation potential’ refers to the measure of the performance in which an oxidant is able to ‘break down’ a material through, in simple terms, the addition of oxygen and the transfer of electrons. Two commonly understood examples of oxidation are, as salt air rusts a shipyard anchor, or as fire is able to dismantle wood and turn it into ash. The key to our AOS Filter is its ability to generate extremely high oxidation potential in a continuous flow device that attacks contaminants in water that flow through the AOS Filter. The extremely high oxidation potential enables the AOS Filter to achieve performance results that researchers at the University of Alberta refer to as, ‘**unprecedented**’. Our AOS Filter embodies a break-through in science which led to BioLargo's co-founding of an ongoing research chair to solve the contaminated water issues associated with the Canadian Oil Sands at the University of Alberta Department of Engineering with the top five oil companies in Canada, the regional water district, and various environmental agencies of the Canadian government. Our work is continually expanding into a number of commercial applications with a key focus on food processing, agriculture and oil and gas. We are also evaluating opportunities in the maritime industry, mining, storm drain recapture / recycling, and drinking water. It is an award-winning invention that is supported with science and engineering financial support and grants from various federal and provincial agencies in Canada. The financial support is expanding along with the work to develop commercially available designs. We believe the AOS Filter has an important and substantial commercial opportunity in every segment of the water treatment industry.

*CupriDyne*®

Our CupriDyne formula is used to deliver iodine within products. It can be delivered in any physical form, and can be combined with other ingredients, like fragrances in our odor control products, and primitive surfactants in our stain and odor products. Additional ingredients can often be added without sacrificing its practical and safe antimicrobial functions as well its oxidation potential. Our product designs include liquids, sprays, gels, powders, coatings and absorbents.

Safe and effective is the key. Each of our product designs delivers nature's broadest spectrum and most potent disinfectant – iodine – safely and precisely to achieve effective broad-spectrum disinfection, unsurpassed odor and moisture control, and effective and gentle wound healing. Our primary ingredients, as well as reaction by-products, are "generally recognized as safe" (G.R.A.S) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as food additives in their basic forms. Its commercial product opportunities are diverse and we have an extensive menu of product designs in various stages of commercialization and licensure development, discussed in detail below in the "Commercial, Household and Personal Care Products" section. We specialize in delivering iodine, nature's broadest spectrum and most potent disinfectant and essential nutrient, in safe, environmentally friendly, non-staining, non-toxic and effective product designs.

CupriDyne is unique. The iodine most of us are familiar with, sold in pharmacies and used by hospitals, has severe limitations – it is considered toxic, causes staining, and contains a limited dose of the active oxidizing ingredient. Our CupriDyne technology, on the other hand, directly addresses many of these shortcomings – it delivers iodine’s oxidizing ingredient (“free iodine”) with precision, ranging from very small doses up to very large doses with more than 20 times the power of traditional iodine. We can deliver iodine so that it is both non-toxic and non-staining, thus extending its usefulness well beyond historical product applications. Our formulations expand the functionality of our products well beyond simple disinfection.

### ***Isan System***

The Isan System is an automated iodine dosing system. It is the winner of a Top 50 Water Technology Award by the Artemis Project and a Dupont Innovation Award. Precise dosing combined with a straight-forward ‘set-it-and-forget-it’ automated computer controlled system is the key. The system features controlled measuring, flow control, dosing and iodine extraction/removal technology as well as an automatic tracking system that precisely delivers iodine in calibrated doses into a water stream or container of water. The Isan system has been proven to substantially reduce the incidence of fungal growth, spoilage, organisms and pathogens in water and on food. The system is able to operate at high flow rates.

First developed in Australia, the Isan system was initially registered with the APVMA (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority) and FSANZ (Food Standards Australia and New Zealand) in Australia and New Zealand. The system has meaningful use and commercial value in any industry that can benefit from a precise use of iodine in water, like; agriculture, food production and processing, manufacturing, industrial water processes, irrigation supply.

### ***Patent - an Expanding Intellectual Property Estate***

We have 16 patents issued and multiple pending. We believe these patents provide a foundation from which to continue building our patent portfolio and we have reasonable basis upon which to rely on our patent protections in the field of art in which we practice. We also rely on trade secrets and technical know-how to establish and maintain additional protection of our intellectual property. As our capital resources permit, we expect to expand our patent protection as we continue to refine our inventions as well as make new discoveries. See the detailed discussion below of our patent portfolio.

### ***Prove - a Continual Process***

We have invested time and money in a wide array of third party testing, side-by-side comparisons and third party verifications to support our most important technical claims. The basic attributes of iodine are well understood by science and industry. We have evidence and experience to substantiate the following bold claims:

o AOS Filter- when compared to the best of class competition we are

100 times more effective

less than 1/20<sup>th</sup> the cost

more than 10 times faster

oCupriDyne

Generally Accepted As Safe (G.R.A.S.) – ingredients and by products are GRAS according to the FDA.

Broad spectrum disinfection (>99.9%)

Potent (less than 1/20<sup>th</sup> the dose of comparable disinfectant [like chlorine] to achieve similar results)

Total odor elimination

Non-toxic and gentle

Increases holding power of absorbents by up to six times

Promotes rapid healing (animal care products)

De-scaling

Eliminates Sulfur, Ammonia, Fatty Acids, Mercaptans

Enhanced flocculation

Nutritive

oIsan System

Precise iodine dosing

Anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-viral

Effective against top five plant pathogens

Promotes extended shelf-life

Enhances root growth and foliage growth for healthier plants

***Partner – a Smart Strategic Decision***

We seek to develop commercial partnerships with other companies who will partner with us and pay us for a negotiated contractual right to use our intellectual property (patents, formulas, designs, claims, know-how, secrets), in order to expand their business for their own commercial purposes. In those instances, we seek a reasonable deposit, a minimum commitment to volume, some territorial rights, and a percentage of sales for a mutually agreeable term and territory. We believe this licensing model will prove successful and meaningful for our company.

We have chosen to focus on business opportunities that we believe have some combination of the following attributes: a compelling commercial advantage, our products out-perform competing products, market segments in which we have the talent and resources or opportunity to succeed in executing our business plans; and uses where we can identify a compelling cost savings or value offering to increase market share.

We choose to pursue a licensing strategy for its obvious and well-understood high margins, potential for explosive revenue potential and capital conserving features. While this business model can also be highly dependent upon macro-economic factors like the relative stability of the national and international economy as well as cyclical nature of business, politics and climate for innovation and competing technical advances, we believe this is the most appropriate strategy for our company. We have learned from difficult and real life experience. When our commercial licensing partners are under financial pressure from macro-economic and political circumstances, including reorganizations, recapitalization, or consolidation, they hold on to capital and are less likely to take any risk for new product offerings. Timing is critically important. Companies facing circumstances beyond their management's control are less likely to embrace any risk of innovation. Therefore, our time delays have negatively impacted our company by causing us to invest more capital, do more work, and advance our technology with nominal cash flow to support our work. However, while these delays have occurred and they were difficult, we have been able to maintain our operations, advance our scientific assets, build on our proven claims, refine our designs and we have continued to build a portfolio of both products and technology that we believe will ultimately enjoy meaningful commercial success.

While we have waited out many of the uncertainties of the macro-economic marketplace, we have advanced our commercial purposes and made investments in various aspects of product design, marketing and distribution, but only at an early stage and small level. In those instances, we consider these efforts to be a prelude to an ultimate licensing strategy. This strategy has been slower than we prefer. However, it has created a substantial level of diversification and breadth of potential revenue streams that we believe can and will generate meaningful revenues as they find traction in the marketplace. As we improve our access to capital, strengthen our balance sheet and can begin to generate meaningful cash flow, we believe those commercial opportunities will generate revenue for years to come as our products find their way into the marketplace.

In many situations, our potential licensing partners would prefer that we advance products all the way through proof of claim, manufacturing, market acceptance, well-established distribution and commercial success. While this is obvious, can be intriguing, and the relative benefits that would accrue to our valuation are clear, the risks of failure are equally high and this strategy would require substantially more capital than we have been able to secure during what many believe has been one of the most economically uncertain times in modern history. Therefore, we have chosen to invest our time and resources where we find leverage to move forward, knowing that our technical claims are proven, they are patented and that each product design has a high probability of success to find a partner and generate meaningful returns on our invested capital as our targeted licensing partners seek to deploy capital assets and begin taking advantage of our offering for their own commercial advancements.

Although our technology has commercial applications within many industries, we are focusing our efforts in four areas: water treatment; industrial odor control applications; commercial, household and personal care products ("CHAPP"); and "advanced wound care."

Within these broad categories, we also narrow our product focus to exploit opportunities that we believe are of high-value to potential customers and that present commercially significant opportunities.

We have a number of examples of strategic alliance or partnering initiatives whereby we are advancing both our science, our patents, our proof of claims, field trials and our commercial opportunities. There are a number of noteworthy examples:

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### *The University of Alberta*

We are engaged in a cooperative research relationship with the University of Alberta and its researchers in Edmonton, Canada. The offices and lab of our Canadian subsidiary, and our staff researchers, are located within the University of Alberta research center at Discovery Place. We are able to utilize the extensive resources of the University and its researchers on a contract for hire basis as needed. We work closely with the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science at the University of Alberta and its Department of Engineering, and partner with the University professors on government and industry sponsored financial awards and grants to support our ongoing research and development as we refine the AOS Filter in preparation of commercial pilots and commercial designs. Generally, the financial awards take on two common themes: first, science and engineering grants in which the University of Alberta is the primary recipient and contracting party with the grant agency to support work on and around our technology; and second, direct grants in which our Canadian subsidiary is the contracting party to support ongoing science and engineering to advance our AOS Filter towards commercialization, sometimes supporting the work of PhD students at the University. In both cases, the financial awards support much, but not all, of the research budget and related costs. Our research arrangement with the University has three high value propositions for BioLargo: (i) a depth of resources and talent to accomplish highly skilled work, (ii) financial aid to support research and development costs, and (iii) independent and credible validation of our technical claims. Grant revenue totaled \$99,122 during the year ended December 31, 2015

### *Clarion Water*

On August 18, 2014, we entered into a manufacturing and distribution license agreement for our Isan® system with Clarion Water, a new operating division of InsulTech Manufacturing, LLC ([www.insultech.com](http://www.insultech.com)), the latter of which has over 20 years of commercial success around the globe representing hundreds of millions in sales of technical products to Fortune 100 companies.

Owned in equal parts by BioLargo, Inc. and Peter Holdings, Ltd. through a joint venture agreement, the Isan system leverages the power of iodine to provide the world's most effective disinfection dosing systems. It has been referred to as one of the most important technical advancements in food safety in the past 20 years. It won a 'top 50 water company award' by the Artemis Project in 2010 and a DuPont Innovation Award for its excellence in science and innovation in 2004.

The Isan system delivers Iodine as a powerful, broad-spectrum biocide that is a logical replacement for chlorine in applications involving irrigation supply and post-harvest sanitation. Through its automated and precise dosing system, the Isan system can help increase the quality and shelf life of fruits, vegetables, and other produce, is effective against a host of bacteria and fungi, and helps producers conform to increasingly stringent food safety regulations such as the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), which addresses food safety through the analysis and control of raw material hazards.

The Isan system has been validated through early stage commercialization and comprehensive testing conducted in Australia and New Zealand. Clarion intends to leverage this early work and focus initial commercialization efforts on the vast opportunities for the technology in improving plant quality and shelf life as well as explore additional opportunities for use in select industrial applications.

Per the terms of our license agreement, Clarion receives the exclusive global manufacturing and distribution rights to the Isan system and use of all historical data to support its commercial focus. Clarion will pay BioLargo royalties on revenue equal to 10% paid quarterly in arrears. As we jointly own the Isan System with Peter Holdings, Ltd., all royalties are shared equally with Peter Holdings. There are no minimum royalty payments for the first two years, but at year three (beginning July 1, 2016) the minimum royalties are \$50,000 per quarter, at year four \$75,000 per quarter, and at year five and onward \$100,000 per quarter. The intellectual property subject to the license agreement includes all intellectual property related to the Isan System, including all patents, trademarks, proprietary knowledge, and other similar know-how or rights relating to or arising out of the Isan System or the patents related to the Isan System. The agreement contains other terms and conditions typically found in intellectual property license agreements.

BioLargo received a royalty advance of \$100,000 upon execution of a letter of intent in February of 2014, which will be applied to royalties received during the first two years of the agreement. Of this advance, \$45,000 was paid to Peter Holdings under our joint venture agreement. BioLargo retains certain marketing rights to help develop clients for Clarion.

In February of 2015, Clarion Water introduced the new and improved Isan System at the world's largest agricultural trade show, the World AG Expo, as part of its commercial launch into the U.S. market.

Since licensing the technology from BioLargo last August, Clarion has completed a comprehensive technical and engineering update to the Isan System, featuring a new automated touch screen user interface, enhanced security, enhanced control features for increased monitoring and sensing, and adding automated functionality providing users unmatched flexibility, reliability and control over this state-of-the-art disinfectant delivery system, and begun commercial trials. In 2015, it filed application with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which application is pending as of the date of this report.

### *Downeast Logistics*

In late 2013, we entered into a cooperative selling and distribution agreement with Downeast Logistics, a certified “Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business” (SDVOSB), as our distribution partner to facilitate our first order to the US Government. Downeast has been instrumental in developing ongoing sales to the United States Military. We have six products with National Stocking Numbers. In March 2015 we secured a \$150,000 “Indefinite Delivery Purchase Order” (IDPO) for the purchase of our Specimen Transport Solidifier pouches by the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The purchase order allows the DLA to purchase the product at agreed-upon prices for the following 12 months. In exchange, the company is awarded the contract to be the exclusive supplier of the designated product under the IDPO. During the period of the contract, approximately \$30,000 in product was ordered.

In March 2016 two of our product lines (consisting of 9 SKUs) of Nature’s Best Science products were awarded a five year U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) supply contract, under schedule 65IIA for medical equipment and supplies. The award opens up access to these products through “GSA Advantage”, the online shopping and ordering system that provides government agencies access to thousands of contractors and millions of supplies (products) and services. We intend to apply for inclusion of additional existing and future products into GSA Advantage.

Downeast Logistics has operated for more than thirteen years, and will continue to offer our products through multiple channels of the US Government. Its designation as a SDVOSB places Downeast Logistics within a group of highly sought after vendors to the US government. Odor-No-More has registered, and is in the process of registering, itself as well as its products with several procurement agencies of the US Government.

***Independent Sales Representatives***

We have a number of independent representatives developing selling channels for our odor control products. We are in customer trials for our smoke-odor eliminating products. The response has been excellent and we have received the highest marks for performance that is superior to the competing products. We continue to support these selling efforts with samples, training, selling materials and competitive bulk pricing. While we cannot predict the timing or outcome of these efforts, we are confident in our products' ability to outperform the competition.

***Industrial Odor Control - Cupridyne Clean***

During 2015 we were invited by a number of potential customers to design a product for the industrial odor control industry segment and to begin trials for our "Cupridyne Clean" product for use as a cleaning and odor control product in large scale operations. We soon discovered multiple opportunities to serve the waste handling industry, waste-water treatment facilities, waste to energy conversion operations, materials recovery facilities, food processing operations, and livestock production facilities with Cupridyne Clean. We are highly encouraged by this early work, the response from customers and the welcome response from new prospects from industry. Since 2015, we have and continue to refine the product design, its claims and marketing and selling plans. Our product web site can be seen at [www.cupridyne.com](http://www.cupridyne.com). Based on our test marketing and trials, we believe that many industries that must contend with odors that include, ammonia, fatty acids, sulfur, or mercaptans are dissatisfied with the current competing odor control products, place a high value on odor control solutions that actually work and are anxious to test and trial new products like our Cupridyne Clean as they search for a solution to these common and troublesome odor problems. We have been told by prospective customers and experts from these markets that effective odor control for these prospective customer groups is in among the top on a list of priorities in their daily operations and their commitment to serve their local communities where they operate. We intend to further develop our products, refine our free trial program that can be combined with a highly motivated customer service and sales program to help break open this market. We plan to attend industry conferences, join trade associations, advertise, and recruit leaders from these industries to help us refine, focus and break through to commercial success. While the success of these efforts cannot be assured, we are confident and highly encouraged to focus and invest time, energy, staff and capital in this area as resources permit.

**Multinationals and Mid-Level Industry Participants**

We began discussions with a number of multi-nationals as well as regional companies in 2014 that are continuing. This list expanded in 2015 and was highlighted by our technical symposium held in August 2015 where we had more than 30 attendees representing industry, academia and funding agencies. We have entered into technical non-disclosure agreements with a wide variety of companies to evaluate our AOS Filter and discuss potential strategic alliances. Many of these continue to monitor our technical progress and have expressed interest in the technology and potential strategic alliances as we finalize our commercially ready design. The claims we have put forth are well received. The focus of discussions in most cases has moved from efficacy, which is accepted, to a business case discussion relative to capital and time to market and the potential return on investment. While these discussions are ongoing, we continue to advance our science and proven claims. We are highly encouraged that our AOS Filter has an important role in commerce.

We believe there are a number of potential partners interested in working with us to exploit the commercial opportunities associated with the AOS Filter technology. These opportunities are limited by common and obvious limitations, capital, the relative state of development and market readiness and, adoption rates in the marketplace. Given the significant value offerings, namely enhanced performance and lower cost, we believe we will be able to find industry partners to assist in commercialization of the AOS Filter and are committed to pursue success in these markets.

**Commercial, Household and Personal Care Products**

CHAPP includes broad product categories and many opportunities for the application of our technology. It is defined by the ability to utilize similar, if not identical, consumption products in multiple market segments. Detergents, single use absorbents, wipes, products that provide odor or disinfection control, and stain removal all fall within this category. Packaging ranges from consumer sizes of a few ounces to bulk packaging for commercial or industrial use. We are currently marketing products in this category under four brands – Odor-No-More, Nature’s Best Solution, Deodorall, and NBS - direct to consumers, through retail stores, and most recently, to the U.S. Government.

We are continuing our efforts to generate “private label” clients. We have fulfilled some small orders for various products that we produced under a third party’s private brand. We are meeting with new potential customers for private label opportunities. We also are in discussions with potential strategic alliance partners to provide large scale manufacturing and distribution should we secure orders for the private label business opportunities. We have a few opportunities that could expand to become large customers for our company. Success in these markets is highly dependent upon the willingness of the potential partners to invest in product support to continue marketing and expanding customer awareness.

Our sales in the CHAPP product category are nominal. Product development, sales, and marketing require significant financial resources that we currently do not have. As such, our progress in this area has been slower than we had hoped. We are marketing the technology for licensure to established companies in this industry segment, as the opportunities present themselves through our various independent agents and our key industry contacts, and we are continuing to expand our proof of claims and product designs for various odor and moisture control applications.

**Advanced Wound Care – Clyra Medical Technologies Subsidiary**

In 2012 we formed a subsidiary Clyra Medical Technologies, Inc. (“Clyra”) to commercialize our technology in the medical products industry, with an initial focus on advanced wound care. Our advanced wound care products combine broad-spectrum antimicrobial capabilities with iodine’s natural and well-understood metabolic pathway to promote healing. Our products are highly differentiated by the gentle nature in which they can perform. We believe these benefits, along with reduced product costs as compared with other antimicrobials, give our products a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

In December 2015, we completed a financing transaction through which \$750,000 was invested into Clyra in exchange for preferred stock comprising 40% of the total issued and outstanding shares. (See Part II, Item 5, for additional information.) The investor committed to fund a \$5,000,000 operating line of credit once Clyra’s initial products receive FDA approval. (Details regarding this transaction are below.)

With new funding in place, Clyra re-initiated product development and testing for its wound gel and wound cleaner products with experts and well established contract manufacturing companies from industry. It intends to apply for FDA 510(k) approval for these two products to be sold into the advanced wound care industry. While no assurances can be made about the ultimate success any FDA applications once filed, given the forward looking nature of such events, Clyra has retained and engaged a team of experts in the area to guide it through the process. Given the timing of the FDA process, and the requirement for approval before product can be sold, we do not anticipate product sales until 2017. In the interim, we will continue to refine our products, their roll out, marketing, and distribution plans. A U.S. patent was recently issued for these products under development and we intend to continue expanding patent coverage as we refine our products, as available. We are also evaluating potential product designs where our current product designs can be used or slightly modified/ enhanced to create new products for new medial related markets like dental, veterinary medicine, over the counter applications and the like.

***Stock Purchase Agreement – Clyra Medical***

On December 30, 2015, Clyra sold 9,830 shares of its Series A Preferred Stock (“Preferred Shares”) to Sanatio Capital, LLC (“Sanatio”) for \$750,000. Sanatio is beneficially owned by Jack B. Strommen. This sale was made in reliance on the exemption from registration contained in Section 4(2) of the Securities Exchange Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder as not involving a public offering of securities. As a result of the sale, Sanatio owns 40% of Clyra’s issued and outstanding shares, BioLargo owns 54%, and the remainder is owned by management.

As set forth in Clyra's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, Preferred Shares accrue an annual dividend of 8% for a period of five years. Although the dividends begin to accrue immediately, Clyra has no obligation to declare a dividend until a product of the company has received a premarket approval by the United States Federal Drug Administration ("FDA"), or for which a premarket notification pursuant to form 510(k) has been submitted and for which the FDA has given written clearance to market the product in the United States (either, "FDA Approval"). After FDA Approval, annually on December 20, and unless prohibited by California law governing distributions to shareholders, Clyra is required to declare and pay any accruing dividends to holders of Preferred Shares then accrued but unpaid.

Holders of Preferred Shares are entitled to preferential payments in the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the company, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid dividends. After such preference, any remaining assets are distributed pro-rata between holders of Clyra common stock and Preferred Shares as if the Preferred Shares had converted to common stock. Holders of Preferred Shares may convert the shares to common stock initially on a one-to-one basis. The conversion formula is subject to change in the event Clyra sells stock at a lower price than the price paid by Sanatio.

In addition to the \$750,000 investment, once Clyra receives FDA Approval for a product, Sanatio has agreed to provide Clyra a \$5,000,000 credit facility for operating, warehouse, inventory and costs necessary to rapidly expand sales (“Line of Credit”). Terms of the Line of Credit are to be negotiated in good faith, be commercially reasonable and mutually agreeable to the parties. Should Sanatio fail to provide the Line of Credit, BioLargo has the right to do so under similar terms and conditions offered to Sanatio, and neither Clyra nor any of its shareholders, affiliates, successors or assigns will have any recourse or remedies against Sanatio for failing to provide the line of credit. If either BioLargo or entity not affiliated with Sanatio provides the Line of Credit (either directly, through an affiliate, or third party), Clyra shall issue such lender a warrant to purchase an amount of Clyra common stock equal to 10% of Clyra's capital stock on a fully-diluted basis, at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of Clyra's common stock on the date of issuance, as determined by its board of directors in good faith.

#### ***Clyra Shareholder Agreement***

BioLargo, Santatio, and other Clyra shareholders entered into an agreement whereby the parties agreed to elect a three-member board of directors, consisting of Clyra's president, BioLargo's president, and a Sanatio representative, who shall initially be Mr. Strommen. The shareholders also agreed to restrict the sale of any stock in the company unless all holders of Preferred Shares are allowed to participate in such transaction and the consideration received pursuant to such transaction is allocated among the parties thereto in the manner specified in its articles of incorporation in effect immediately prior to the sale.

#### ***Amendment to Clyra License Agreement***

By agreement dated December 30, 2015, BioLargo and Clyra amended (the “Amendment”) the December 17, 2012 License Agreement (“License Agreement”) by which BioLargo licensed to Clyra the exclusive world-wide right to make, have made, use, sell, offer for sale, and import products for use within the field of human wound care (as defined in the agreement), expandable to include other medical products. The Amendment changes the events that trigger Clyra's obligation to begin the \$50,000 monthly “initial license fee” payments such that no such payments are due until both (i) a Clyra product has received FDA approval and (ii) the company has generated \$4,000,000 in gross annual revenue. Additionally, the Amendment updated the licensed patents to include recently issued European patents, confirmed that the Sanatio investment transaction wasn't a “default” under the License Agreement, and that Sanatio was made an express third party beneficiary of the agreement.



### ***Investors' Rights Agreement***

BioLargo entered into an “investors’ rights agreements” with Sanatio and Strommen whereby BioLargo committed to file a Form S-1 or S-3 registration statement by September 15, 2016 for all registrable securities issued to investors in connection with BioLargo’s 2015 Unit Offering, and an additional 1,000,000 shares of BioLargo common stock that may be issued to Sanatio or Strommen in the future. The agreement also provides Sanatio and Strommen “piggy back” registration rights.

Additionally, BioLargo granted to Strommen a “right of first refusal” to purchase its holdings in Clyra should it choose to sell those holdings, and a right of “co-sale” in the event such shares are sold to a third party.

### ***Strommen Consulting Agreement***

In addition to the foregoing, Clyra entered into a consulting agreement with Beach House Consulting, LLC, through which Jack B. Strommen will be providing consulting services to the company. Mr. Strommen is a founder and leader of PD Instore ([www.pdinstore.com](http://www.pdinstore.com)), works with some of the world’s leading retailers, and has overseen many national ground-breaking marketing rollouts and initiatives. Mr. Strommen will be assisting the company in its sales and marketing activities once it has FDA Approval on a product, at which point the agreement provides that Mr. Strommen is to receive \$23,437.50 per month for a period of four years.

### **Intellectual Property**

We regard our intellectual property as critical to our ultimate success. Our goal is to obtain, maintain and enforce patent protection for our products and technologies in geographic areas of commercial interest, and to protect our trade secrets and proprietary information through laws and contractual arrangements.

Our Chief Science Officer, Mr. Kenneth R. Code, has been involved in the research and development of the BioLargo technology since 1997. He has participated in the Canadian Federal Scientific Research and Experimental Development program and he was instrumental in the discovery, preparation and filing of the first BioLargo technology patents. He has worked with manufacturers, distributors and suppliers in a wide variety of industries to gain a full appreciation of the potential applications and the methodologies applicable to our BioLargo technology for their manufacture and performance. He continues to research methods and applications to continue to expand the potential uses of our BioLargo technology as well as work to uncover new discoveries that may provide additional commercial applications to help solve real world problems in the field of disinfection.

In 2014 and 2015, we continued improving our technology and creating new uses of our technology through further research and development efforts. During that time, we filed two U.S. patent applications, each comprised of multiple individual claims, and received notice of allowance or were granted five patents by the USPTO. Our technology also includes know-how and trade secrets, which, together with our intellectual property, contribute to our expertise in product design, manufacturing, product claims, safety features and competitive positioning of products that feature our BioLargo technology.

During 2016 we plan to continue to advance our proof of claims, inventions and patent filings.

We incurred \$642,923 in 2014 and \$684,554 in 2015 in expense related to our research and development activities. Our research and development expenditures over the next 12 months could vary significantly and will depend upon our access to capital. Although we are actively pursuing such financing, no such commitment is yet in place. We would invest any such funds primarily on continued testing of our BioLargo technology in certain applications and the development of additional production methods for use of our BioLargo technology in certain applications.

We believe that our suite of intellectual property covers the presently targeted major areas of focus for our licensing strategy. The description of our intellectual property, as present, is as follows:

***Patents***

U.S. Patent 8,846,067 issued on September 30, 2014, which encompasses a method of treating a wound or burn on tissue to reduce microbe growth about a wound comprising applying an antimicrobial composition to the wound or burn on tissue using a proprietary stable iodine gel or liquid. This patent covers our technology as used in products being developed by our subsidiary, Clyra Medical Technologies.

U.S. Patent 8,757,253 issued on June 24, 2014, relating to the moderation of oil extraction waste environments.

U.S. Patent 8,734,559 issued on May 27, 2014, relating to the moderation of animal waste environments.

U.S. Patent 8,679,515 issued on March 25, 2014, titled “Activated Carbon Associated with Alkaline or Alkali Iodide”, which provides protection for our BioLargo® AOS filter.

U.S. Patent 8,642,057 issued on February 14, 2014, titled “Antimicrobial and Antiodor Solutions and Delivery Systems” relating to our liquid antimicrobial solutions, including our gels, sprays and liquids imbedded into wipes and other substrates.

European Patent 2,081,605 issued on January 23, 2014, titled “Process for Reducing Microbial Content.”

U.S. Patent 8,574,610 issued on November 5, 2013, relating to flowable powder compositions, including our cat litter additive.

U.S. Patent 7,943,158, issued on May 17, 2011, titled “Absorbent systems providing antimicrobial activity”, relating to the reduction of microbial content by providing molecular iodine to stabilized reagents.

U.S. Patent 8,257,749 issued on September 4, 2012, relating to the use of our BioLargo technology as protection of against antimicrobial activity in environments that need to be protected or cleansed of microbial or chemical material. These environments include closed and open environments and absorbent sheet materials that exhibit stability until activated by aqueous environments. The field also includes novel particle technology, coating technology or micro-encapsulation technology to control the stability of chemicals that may be used to kill or inhibit the growth of microbes to water vapor or humidity for such applications.

U.S. Patent 8,226,964 issued on July 24, 2012, relating to use of our BioLargo technology as a treatment of residue, deposits or coatings within large liquid carrying structures such as pipes, drains, ducts, conduits, run-offs, tunnels and the like, using iodine, delivered in a variety of physical forms and methods, including using its action to physically disrupt coatings. The iodine's disruptive activity may be combined with other physical removal systems such as pigging, scraping, tunneling, etching or grooving systems or the like.

U.S. Patent 8,021,610, issued on September 20, 2011, titled "System providing antimicrobial activity to an environment", relating to the reduction of microbial content in a land mass.

U.S. Patent 7,867,510, issued on January 11, 2011, titled "Material having antimicrobial activity when wet", relating to articles for delivering stable iodine-generating compositions.

U.S. Patent 6,328,929, issued on December 11, 2001, titled "Method of delivering disinfectant in an absorbent substrate", relating to method of delivering disinfectant in an absorbent substrate.

U.S. Patent 6,146,725, issued on November 14, 2000, titled "absorbent composition", relating to an absorbent composition to be used in the transport of specimens of bodily fluids.

### ***Pending Patent Applications***

In addition to these applications, we have filed patent applications in multiple foreign countries, including the European Union, pursuant to the PCT, and other provisional applications. Subject to adequate financing, we intend to continue to expand and enhance our suite of intellectual property through ongoing focus on product development, new intellectual property development and patent applications, and further third-party testing and validations for specific areas of focus for commercial exploitation. We currently anticipate that additional patent applications will be filed during the next 12 months with the USPTO and the PCT, although we are uncertain of the cost of such patent filings, which will depend upon the number of such applications prepared and filed. The expense associated with seeking patent rights in multiple foreign countries is expensive, and will require substantial ongoing capital resources.

However we cannot give any assurance that adequate capital will be available. Without adequate capital resources, we will be forced to abandon patent applications and irrevocably lose rights to our technologies.

## **Corporate**

BioLargo, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. Since January 23, 2008, our common stock has been quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board (now called the OTCQB – the OTC Markets “Venture Marketplace”) under the trading symbol “BLGO”.

In January 2006, we formed BioLargo Life Technologies, Inc., as a wholly owned subsidiary, to hold our intellectual property. In January 2010, we began operating Odor-No-More, Inc., as a wholly owned subsidiary, to manufacture, market, sell and distribute our Odor-No-More product line. In 2012 we formed Clyra Medical Technologies, Inc. to develop and market medical products based on our technology. As of December 31, 2015, we own 54% of Clyra. In 2013, we formed BioLargo Water USA, Inc., to develop and market our AOS water filter technology. Most recently, in 2014, we formed Canadian corporation BioLargo Water, Inc., as a subsidiary of BioLargo Water USA, Inc.

Our corporate offices are located at 3500 W. Garry Avenue, Santa Ana California 92704. Our telephone number is (949) 643-9540. Our principal corporate website is [www.BioLargo.com](http://www.BioLargo.com). We also maintain a blog at [www.biolargo.blogspot.com](http://www.biolargo.blogspot.com). A number of our products are offered at [www.odornomore.com](http://www.odornomore.com), [www.cupidyne.com](http://www.cupidyne.com), [www.naturesbestsolution.com](http://www.naturesbestsolution.com), and [www.deodorallsport.com](http://www.deodorallsport.com). We also maintain [www.clyramedical.com](http://www.clyramedical.com), and [www.biolargowater.com](http://www.biolargowater.com). The information on our websites and blog is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this Annual Report.

## **Executive Officers**

As of December 31, 2015 our executive officers were:

Dennis P. Calvert: Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board

Charles K. Dargan II: Chief Financial Officer

Kenneth R. Code: Chief Science Officer

Joseph L. Provenzano: Corporate Secretary and Vice President of Operations

Mr. Provenzano also serves as president of our wholly owned subsidiary, Odor-No-More, Inc. Steven V. Harrison is president of our subsidiary Clyra Medical Technologies, Inc. Mr. Calvert is president of our technology holding company, BioLargo Life Technologies, Inc., and of BioLargo Water USA, Inc. Richard Smith is president of our Canadian subsidiary BioLargo Water, Inc.

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2015, we employed nine full-time employees, three of which are Ph.D.s doing research and development in Canada. We also utilize consultants on an as needed basis who provide certain specified services to us.



## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The Company faces a number of significant risks associated with its current plan of operations. These include the following:

***Our limited operating history makes evaluation of our business difficult.***

We have limited historical financial data upon which to base planned operating expenses or forecast accurately our future operating results. Further, our limited operating history will make it difficult for investors and securities analysts to evaluate our business and prospects. Our failure to address these risks and difficulties successfully could seriously harm us.

***We have never generated any significant revenues, have a history of losses, and cannot assure you that we will ever become or remain profitable.***

We have not yet generated any significant revenue from operations and, accordingly, we have incurred net losses every year since our inception. To date, we have dedicated most of our financial resources to research and development, general and administrative expenses and initial sales and marketing activities. We have funded the majority of our activities through the issuance of convertible debt or equity securities. We anticipate net losses and negative cash flow to continue for the foreseeable future until such time as licensing or operating revenue is generated in sufficient amounts to offset operating losses. Our ability to achieve profitability is dependent upon our continuing research and development, product development, and sales and marketing efforts, and our ability to successfully license our technology. There can be no assurance that our revenues will be sufficient for us to become profitable or thereafter maintain profitability. We may also face unforeseen problems, difficulties, expenses or delays in implementing our business plan.

***Our cash requirements are significant. The failure to raise additional capital will have a significant adverse effect on our financial condition and its operations.***

Our cash requirements and expenses will continue to be significant. Our net cash used in continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 was \$1,718,621 and \$1,923,909, respectively. These negative cash flows are primarily related to operating losses and, to a lesser extent, fluctuations in working capital items. We continue to use cash in 2016 as it becomes available and we anticipate that we will require significant additional financing for working capital requirements for the foreseeable future to continue the development, marketing and licensure of our technology and products based on our technology. Although we have been successful in raising funds in the past,



there can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully raise funds in the future, especially in light of current adverse conditions in the capital markets and the weak economy generally. The failure to raise additional capital will have a significant adverse effect on our financial condition, our operations, and our ability to market and sell our products. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on our ability to raise capital.

***From time to time, we issue stock, instead of cash, to pay some of our operating expenses. These issuances are dilutive to our existing stockholders.***

We are party to agreements that provide for the payment of, or permit us to pay at our option, securities in consideration for services provided to us. All such issuances are dilutive to our stockholders because they increase the total number of shares of our common stock issued and outstanding, even though such arrangements assist us with managing our cash flow at a time of increasing operating expenses coupled with decreased and further decreasing liquidity.

***Our stockholders face further potential dilution in any new financing.***

Any additional equity that we raise would dilute the interest of the current stockholders and any persons who may become stockholders before such financing. Given the low price of our common stock, such dilution in any financing of a significant amount could be substantial.

***Our stockholders face further potential adverse effects from the terms of any preferred stock which may be issued in the future.***

In order to raise capital to meet expenses or to acquire a business, our Board of Directors may issue additional stock, including preferred stock. Any preferred stock which we may issue may have voting rights, liquidation preferences, redemption rights and other rights, preferences and privileges. The rights of the holders of our common stock will be subject to, and in many respect subordinate to, the rights of the holders of any such preferred stock. Furthermore, such preferred stock may have other rights, including economic rights, senior to our common stock that could have a material adverse effect on the value of our common stock. Preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, can also have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding voting stock, thereby delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company.

***There are several specific business opportunities we are considering in further development of our business. None of these opportunities is yet the subject of a definitive agreement and most or all of these opportunities will require additional funding obligations on our part, for which funding is not currently in place.***

In furtherance of our business plan, we are presently considering a number of opportunities to promote our business, to further develop and broaden, and to license, our technology with third parties. While discussions are underway with

respect to such opportunities, there are no definitive agreements in place with respect to any of such opportunities at this time. There can be no assurance that any such opportunities being discussed will result in definitive agreements or, if definitive agreements are entered into, that they will be on terms that are favorable to us.

Moreover, should any of these opportunities result in definitive agreements being executed or consummated, we may be required to expend additional monies above and beyond our current operating budget to promote such endeavors. No such financing is in place at this time for such endeavors and we cannot assure you that any such financing will be available, or if it is available whether it will be on terms that are favorable to the company.

***The cost of maintaining our public company reporting obligations is high.***

We are obligated to maintain our periodic public filings and public reporting requirements, on a timely basis, under the Rules and Regulations of the SEC. In order to meet these obligations, we will need to continue to raise capital. If adequate funds are not available, we will be unable to comply with those requirements and could cease to be qualified to have our stock traded in the public market. As a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as related rules adopted by the SEC, has imposed substantial requirements on public companies, including certain corporate governance practices and requirements relating to internal control over financial reporting under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

***We expect to incur future losses and may not be able to achieve profitability.***

Although we are generating limited revenue from the sale of our products, and we expect to generate revenue from new products we are introducing, and eventually from other license or supply agreements, we anticipate net losses and negative cash flow to continue for the foreseeable future until such time as our products are expanded in the marketplace and they gain broader acceptance by resellers and customers. Our current level of sales is not sufficient to support the financial needs of our business. We cannot predict when or if sales volumes will be sufficiently large to cover our operating expenses. We intend to expand our marketing efforts of our products as financial resources are available, and we intend to continue to expand our research and development efforts. Consequently, we will need to generate significant additional revenue or seek additional financings to fund our operations. This has put a proportionate corresponding demand on capital. Our ability to achieve profitability is dependent upon our efforts to deliver a viable product and our ability to successfully bring it to market, which we are currently pursuing. Although our management is optimistic that we will succeed in licensing our technology, we cannot be certain as to timing or whether we will generate sufficient revenue to be able to operate profitably. If we cannot achieve or sustain profitability, we may not be able to fund our expected cash needs or continue our operations. If we are not able to devote adequate resources to promote commercialization of our technology, our business plans will suffer and may fail.

Because we have limited resources to devote to sales, marketing and licensing efforts with respect to our technology, any delay in such efforts may jeopardize future research and development of technologies, and commercialization of our technology. Although our management believes that it can finance commercialization efforts through sales of our securities and possibly other capital sources, if we do not successfully bring our technology to market, our ability to generate revenues will be adversely affected.

***If we are not able to manage our anticipated growth effectively, we may not become profitable.***

We anticipate that expansion will continue to be required to address potential market opportunities for our technology and our products. Our existing infrastructure is limited, is not scalable, and will not support future growth, if any. There can be no assurance that we will have the financial resources to create new infrastructure, or that any such infrastructure will be sufficiently scalable to manage future growth, if any. There also can be no assurance that if we invest in additional infrastructure, we will be effective in expanding our operations or that our systems, procedures or controls will be adequate to support such expansion. In addition, we will need to provide additional sales and support services to our partners if we achieve our anticipated growth with respect to the sale of our technology for various applications. Failure to properly manage an increase in customer demands could result in a material adverse effect on customer satisfaction, our ability to meet our contractual obligations, and on our operating results.

***Some of the products incorporating our technology will require regulatory approval.***

The products in which our technology may be incorporated have both regulated and non-regulated applications. The regulatory approvals for certain applications may be difficult, impossible, time consuming and or expensive to obtain. While our management believes such approvals can be obtained for the applications contemplated, until those approvals from the FDA or the EPA or other regulatory bodies, if required, at the federal and state levels, as may be required are obtained, then we may not be able to generate commercial revenues. Certain specific regulated applications and its use therein require highly technical analysis, additional third party validation and will require regulatory approvals from organizations like the FDA. Certain applications may also be subject to additional state and local agency regulations, increasing the cost and time associated with commercial strategies. Additionally, most products incorporating our technology that may be sold in the European Union (“EU”) will require EU and possibly also individual country regulatory approval. All such approvals, including additional testing, are time-consuming, expensive and do not have assured outcomes of ultimate regulatory approval.

***We need to outsource and rely on third parties for the manufacture of the chemicals, material components or delivery apparatus used in our technology and part of our future success will be dependent on the timeliness and effectiveness of the efforts of these third parties.***

We do not have the required financial and human resources or capability to manufacture the chemicals that comprise our technology. Our business model calls for the outsourcing of the manufacture of these chemicals in order to reduce our capital and infrastructure costs as a means of potentially improving our financial position and the profitability of our business. Accordingly, we must enter into agreements with other companies that can assist us and provide certain capabilities, including sourcing and manufacturing, which we do not possess. We may not be successful in entering into such alliances on favorable terms or at all. Even if we do succeed in securing such agreements, we may not be able to maintain them. Furthermore, any delay in entering into agreements could delay the development and commercialization of our technology or reduce its competitiveness even if they reach the market. Any such delay related to such future agreements could adversely affect our business.

***If any party to which we have outsourced certain functions fails to perform its obligations under agreements with us, the commercialization of our technology could be delayed or curtailed.***

To the extent that we rely on other companies to manufacture the chemicals used in our technology, or sell or market products incorporating our technology, we will be dependent on the timeliness and effectiveness of their efforts. If any of these parties does not perform its obligations in a timely and effective manner, the commercialization of our technology could be delayed or curtailed because we may not have sufficient financial resources or capabilities to continue such efforts on our own.

*We rely on a small number of key supply ingredients in order to manufacture our products*

All of the supply ingredients used to manufacture our products are readily available from multiple suppliers. However, commodity prices for these ingredients can vary significantly and the margins that we are able to generate could decline if prices rise. If our manufacturing costs rise significantly, we may be forced to raise the prices for our products, which may reduce their acceptance in the marketplace.

***If our technology or products incorporating our technology do not gain market acceptance, it is unlikely that we will become profitable.***

The potential markets for products into which our technology can be incorporated are rapidly evolving, and we have many successful competitors. At this time, our technology is unproven in its commercial use, and the use of our technology by others is nominal. The commercial success of products incorporating our technology will depend upon the adoption of our technology by commercial and consumer end users in various fields.

Market acceptance may depend on many factors, including:

- the willingness and ability of consumers and industry partners to adopt new technologies;
- our ability to convince potential industry partners and consumers that our BioLargo technology is an attractive alternative to other technologies for disinfection, sanitization, remediation, reduction of disease transfer and as a protective and safety device against biohazardous materials;
- our ability to obtain the chemicals from third parties that are used in our BioLargo technology, in sufficient quantities with acceptable quality and at an acceptable cost; and
- our ability to license our BioLargo technology in a commercially effective manner.

If products incorporating our technology do not achieve a significant level of market acceptance, demand for our technology itself may not develop as expected and, in such event, it is unlikely that we will become profitable.

***Any revenues that we may earn in the future are unpredictable, and our operating results are likely to fluctuate from quarter to quarter.***

We believe that our future operating results will fluctuate due to a variety of factors, including:

- delays in product development by us or third parties;
- market acceptance of products incorporating our BioLargo technology;
- changes in the demand for, and pricing, of products incorporating our BioLargo technology;
- competition and pricing pressure from competitive products;
- manufacturing delays; and
- expenses related to, and the results of, proceedings relating to our intellectual property.

We expect our operating expenses will continue to fluctuate significantly in 2016 and beyond, as we continue our research and development, and increase our marketing and licensing activities. Although we expect to generate revenues from licensing our technology in the future, revenues may decline or not grow as anticipated and our operating results could be substantially harmed for a particular fiscal period. Moreover, our operating results in some



quarters may not meet the expectations of stock market analysts and investors. In that case, our stock price most likely would decline.

***We have no product distribution experience and we expect to rely on third parties who may not successfully sell our products.***

We have no product distribution experience and currently rely and plan to rely primarily on product distribution arrangements with third parties. We also plan to license our technology to certain third parties for commercialization of certain applications. We expect to enter into additional distribution agreements and licensing agreements in the future, and we may not be able to enter into these additional agreements on terms that are favorable to us, if at all. In addition, we may have limited or no control over the distribution activities of these third parties. These third parties could sell competing products and may devote insufficient sales efforts to our products. As a result, our future revenues from sales of our products, if any, will depend on the success of the efforts of these third parties.

***We may not be able to attract or retain qualified senior personnel.***

We believe we are currently able to manage our current business with our existing management team. However, as we expand the scope of our operations, we will need to obtain the full-time services of additional senior management and other personnel. Competition for highly-skilled personnel is intense, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to attract or retain qualified senior personnel. Our failure to do so could have an adverse effect on our ability to implement our business plan. As we add full-time senior personnel, our overhead expenses for salaries and related items will increase from current levels and, depending upon the number of personnel we hire and their compensation packages, these increases could be substantial.

***If we lose our key personnel or are unable to attract and retain additional personnel, we may be unable to achieve profitability.***

Our future success is substantially dependent on the efforts of our senior management, particularly Dennis P. Calvert, our president and chief executive officer, and Kenneth Reay Code, our chief science officer. The loss of the services of either of these officers or other members of our senior management may significantly delay or prevent the achievement of product development and other business objectives. Because of the scientific nature of our business, we depend substantially on our ability to attract and retain qualified marketing, scientific and technical personnel. There is intense competition among specialized and technologically-oriented companies for qualified personnel in the areas of our activities. If we lose the services of, or do not successfully recruit key marketing, scientific and technical personnel, the growth of our business could be substantially impaired. At present, we do not maintain key man insurance for any of our senior management, although management is evaluating the potential of securing this type of insurance in the future as may be available.

***Nondisclosure agreements with employees and others may not adequately prevent disclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary information.***

In order to protect our proprietary technology and processes, we rely in part on nondisclosure agreements with our employees, potential licensing partners, potential manufacturing partners, testing facilities, universities, consultants, agents and other organizations to which we disclose our proprietary information. These agreements may not effectively prevent disclosure of confidential information and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. In addition, others may independently discover trade secrets and proprietary information, and in such cases we could not assert any trade secret rights against such parties. Costly and time-consuming litigation could be necessary to enforce and determine the scope of our proprietary rights, and failure to obtain or maintain trade secret protection could adversely affect our competitive business position. Since we rely on trade secrets and nondisclosure agreements, in addition to patents, to protect some of our intellectual property, there is a risk that third parties may obtain and improperly utilize our proprietary information to our competitive disadvantage. We may not be able to detect unauthorized use or take appropriate and timely steps to enforce our intellectual property

rights.

***We may become subject to product liability claims.***

As a business which manufactures and markets products for use by consumers and institutions, we may become liable for any damage caused by our products, whether used in the manner intended or not. Any such claim of liability, whether meritorious or not, could be time-consuming and/or result in costly litigation. Although we maintain general liability insurance, our insurance may not cover potential claims of the types described above and may not be adequate to indemnify for all liabilities that may be imposed. Any imposition of liability that is not covered by insurance or is in excess of insurance coverage could harm our business and operating results, and you may lose some or all of any investment you have made, or may make, in our company.

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***Litigation or the actions of regulatory authorities may harm our business or otherwise distract our management.***

Substantial, complex or extended litigation could cause us to incur major expenditures and distract our management. For example, lawsuits by employees, former employees, shareholders, partners, customers, or others, or actions taken by regulatory authorities, could be very costly and substantially disrupt our business. Such lawsuits or actions could from time to time be filed against the Company and/or our executive officers and directors. Such lawsuits and actions are not uncommon, and we cannot assure you that we will always be able to resolve such disputes or actions on terms favorable to the Company.

***If we suffer negative publicity concerning the safety or efficacy of our products, our sales may be harmed.***

If concerns should arise about the safety or efficacy of any of our products that are marketed, regardless of whether or not such concerns have a basis in generally accepted science or peer-reviewed scientific research, such concerns could adversely affect the market for those products. Similarly, negative publicity could result in an increased number of product liability claims, whether or not those claims are supported by applicable law.

***The licensing of our technology or the manufacture, use or sale of products incorporating our technology may infringe on the patent rights of others, and we may be forced to litigate if an intellectual property dispute arises.***

If we infringe or are alleged to have infringed another party's patent rights, we may be required to seek a license, defend an infringement action or challenge the validity of the patents in court. Patent litigation is costly and time consuming. We may not have sufficient resources to bring these actions to a successful conclusion. In addition, if we do not obtain a license, do not successfully defend an infringement action or are unable to have infringed patents declared invalid, we may:

- incur substantial monetary damages;
- encounter significant delays in marketing our current and proposed product candidates;
- be unable to conduct or participate in the manufacture, use or sale of product candidates or methods of treatment requiring licenses;
- lose patent protection for our inventions and products; or
- find our patents are unenforceable, invalid, or have a reduced scope of protection.

Parties making such claims may be able to obtain injunctive relief that could effectively block the company's ability to further develop or commercialize our current and proposed product candidates in the United States and abroad and could result in the award of substantial damages. Defense of any lawsuit or failure to obtain any such license could

substantially harm the company. Litigation, regardless of outcome, could result in substantial cost to, and a diversion of efforts by, the Company.

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***Our patents are expensive to maintain, our patent applications are expensive to prosecute, and thus we are unable to file for patent protection in many countries.***

Our ability to compete effectively will depend in part on our ability to develop and maintain proprietary aspects of our technology and either to operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others or to obtain rights to technology owned by third parties. Pending patent applications relating to our technology may not result in the issuance of any patents or any issued patents that will offer protection against competitors with similar technology. We must employ patent attorneys to prosecute our patent applications both in the United States and internationally. International patent protection requires the retention of patent counsel in multiple foreign countries and the payment of patent application fees in multiple foreign countries on or before filing deadlines set forth by the International Patent Cooperation Treaty (“PCT”). We therefore choose to file patent applications only in foreign countries where we believe the commercial opportunities require it, considering our available financial resources and the needs for our technology. This has resulted, and will continue to result, in the irrevocable loss of patent rights in all but a few foreign jurisdictions.

Patents we receive may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented in the future or the rights created by those patents may not provide a competitive advantage. We also rely on trade secrets, technical know-how and continuing invention to develop and maintain our competitive position. Others may independently develop substantially equivalent proprietary information and techniques or otherwise gain access to our trade secrets.

***We are subject to risks related to future business outside of the United States.***

Over time, we may develop business relationships outside of North America, and as those efforts are pursued, we will face risks related to those relationships such as:

- foreign currency fluctuations;
- unstable political, economic, financial and market conditions;
- import and export license requirements;
- trade restrictions;
- increases in tariffs and taxes;
- high levels of inflation;
- restrictions on repatriating foreign profits back to the United States;
- greater difficulty collecting accounts receivable and longer payment cycles;
- less favorable intellectual property laws;
- Regulatory requirements;
- unfamiliarity with foreign laws and regulations; and
- changes in labor conditions and difficulties in staffing and managing international operations.

***The volatility of certain raw material costs may adversely affect operations and competitive price advantages for products that incorporate our technology.***

Most of the chemicals and other key materials that we use in our business, such as minerals, fiber materials, and packaging materials, are neither generally scarce nor price sensitive, but prices for such chemicals and materials can be cyclical. Super Absorbent Polymer (SAP) beads, which are a petrochemical derivative, have been subject to periodic scarcity and price volatility from time to time during recent years, although prices are relatively stable at present. Should the volume of our sales increase dramatically, we may have difficulty obtaining SAP beads or other raw materials at a favorable price. Supply and demand factors, which are beyond our control, generally affect the price of our raw materials. We try to minimize the effect of price increases through production efficiency and the use of alternative suppliers. If we are unable to minimize the effects of increased raw material costs, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows may be materially adversely affected.

***Our common stock is thinly traded and largely illiquid.***

Our stock is currently quoted on the OTC Markets (OTCQB). Being quoted on the OTCQB has made it more difficult to buy or sell our stock and from time to time has led to a significant decline in the frequency of trades and trading volume. Continued trading on the OTCQB will also likely adversely affect our ability to obtain financing in the future due to the decreased liquidity of the our shares and other restrictions that certain investors have for investing in OTCQB traded securities. While we intend to seek listing on the Nasdaq Stock Market (“Nasdaq”) or another stock exchange when the Company is eligible, there can be no assurance when or if our common stock will be listed on Nasdaq or another stock exchange.

***The market price of our stock is subject to volatility.***

Because our stock is thinly traded, its price can change dramatically over short periods, even in a single day. An investment in our stock is subject to such volatility and, consequently, is subject to significant risk. The market price of our common stock could fluctuate widely in response to many factors, including:

- developments with respect to patents or proprietary rights;
- announcements of technological innovations by us or our competitors;
- announcements of new products or new contracts by us or our competitors;
- actual or anticipated variations in our operating results due to the level of development expenses and other factors;
- changes in financial estimates by securities analysts and whether any future earnings of ours meet or exceed such estimates;
- conditions and trends in our industry;
- new accounting standards;
- general economic, political and market conditions and other factors; and
- the occurrence of any of the risks described in this Report.

***You may have difficulty selling our shares because they are deemed “penny stocks”.***

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