

Harvard Bioscience Comments on the Passing of Christopher Lyles

HOLLISTON, Mass., March 6, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (Nasdaq:HBIO), a global developer, manufacturer, and marketer of a broad range of tools to advance life science research and regenerative medicine is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Christopher Lyles. Mr. Lyles was a recent recipient of a tracheal transplant regenerated in a Harvard Bioscience InBreath Bioreactor. Currently, we do not know the cause of Mr. Lyle's death. Our thoughts are with his family at this time. His family has released the following statement:

"We, the family of Christopher Lyles, sorrowfully inform you that Christopher passed away this morning, March 5, 2012. Christopher was a recipient and strong advocate of stem cell therapy. We do not want his journey to be in vain. We hope his bravery will pave the way for further research and development and acceptance of stem cell based therapies in the United States. We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers throughout Christopher's trailblazing journey."

About Harvard Bioscience

Harvard Bioscience ("HBIO") is a global developer, manufacturer and marketer of a broad range of specialized products, primarily apparatus and scientific instruments, used to advance life science research and regenerative medicine. We sell our products to thousands of researchers in over 100 countries primarily through our 850 page catalog (and various other specialty catalogs), our website, through distributors, including GE Healthcare, Thermo Fisher Scientific and VWR, and via our field sales organization. HBIO has sales and manufacturing operations in the United States, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Germany and Spain with additional facilities in France and Canada. For more information, please visit www.harvardbioscience.com.

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