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Amendment no. 1 to FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

2834 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 30-0645032 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Proposed maximum					
	aggregate offering Amount of					
Title of each class of securities to be registered		price(1)	reg	istration fee		
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (2)	\$	14,950,000	\$	1,861.28		
Warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock (3)						
Common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants to purchase Common Stock (2)		14,950,000		1,861.28		
Underwriters' Warrant to purchase shares of Common Stock (3)						
Common stock issuable upon exercise of underwriter's warrant to purchase Common Stock (4)		934,375		116.33		
Total	\$	30,834,375	\$	3,838.88 (5)		

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act. Includes the offering price of additional shares of Common Stock and warrants to purchase Common Stock that the underwriter has the option to purchase.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, the securities being registered hereunder include such indeterminable number of additional shares of common stock as may be issued after the date hereof as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (3) No additional registration fee is payable pursuant to Rule 457(g) under the Securities Act.
- (4) Represents warrants to purchase a number of shares of common stock equal to 5% of the number of shares of Common Stock being offered at an exercise price equal to 125% of the public offering price.
- (5) \$1,861.28 previously paid by Registrant.

The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated January 16, 2018

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS



9,154,930 Shares of Common Stock

Warrants to Purchase up to 9,154,930 Shares of Common Stock

We are offering 9,154,930 shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase up to 9,154,930 shares of common stock and the shares of common stock that are issuable from time to time upon exercise of the warrants. The shares of common stock and the warrants will be sold in fixed combination, with one warrant to purchase one share of common stock accompanying each share of common stock sold. On January 12, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$1.42 per share. The public offering price per share of common stock and accompanying warrant will be determined between us and the underwriter at the time of pricing, and may be at a discount to the then current market price.

Each warrant will have an exercise price of \$ per share of common stock, will be exercisable upon issuance and will expire five years from the date of issuance. The shares of common stock and the warrants are immediately separable and will be issued separately, but must be purchased together in this offering.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "DFFN." There is no established trading market for the warrants and we do not expect a market to develop. In addition, we do not intend to list the warrants on the Nasdaq Capital Market, any other national securities exchange or any other trading system.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 4 of this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus for a discussion of risks that should be considered in connection with an investment in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share and			
	Warrant (1)	Total		
Public offering price	\$	\$		
Underwriting discounts and commissions(2)	\$	\$		
Proceeds, before expenses, to us (3)	\$	\$		

- (1) The purchase price per fixed combination of one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase one share of common stock is allocated as \$____ per share and \$____ per warrant.
- (2) In addition, we have agreed to reimburse the underwriter for certain expenses and to issue common stock purchase warrants to the underwriter. See "Underwriting" for additional information.
- (3) We estimate the total expenses of this offering payable by us, excluding the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$350,000.

The offering is being underwritten on a firm commitment basis. We have granted the underwriter an option for a period of 30 days from the date of this prospectus to purchase up 1,373,239 additional shares of our common stock (15% of the number of shares issued in this offering) at a price per share equal to the public offering price per share and/or up to 1,373,239 additional warrants (15% of the warrants issued in the offering), at the public offering price per warrant, in any combination thereof, less the underwriting discounts and commissions.

The securities are expected to be delivered to purchasers on or about , 2018.

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H.C. Wainwright & Co.

The date of this prospectus is , 2018

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate at any date other than the date indicated on the cover page of this prospectus or the filing date of any document incorporated by reference, regardless of its time of delivery. We are offering to sell shares of common stock and warrants and seeking offers to buy shares of common stock and warrants only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of the common stock and warrants.

For investors outside the United States: neither we nor the underwriter have done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the shares of common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained in other parts of this prospectus or incorporated by reference into this prospectus from our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). As it is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you should consider before purchasing our securities in this offering and it is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information appearing elsewhere or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should read the entire prospectus, the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and the information incorporated by reference herein in their entirety, including the "Risk Factors" and our financial statements and the related notes contained in and incorporated by reference into this prospectus, before purchasing our securities in this offering. Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to "Diffusion," "we," "our," "us" or similar references mean Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Business Overview

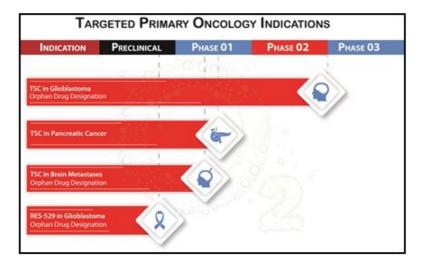
We are a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on extending the life expectancy of cancer patients by improving the effectiveness of current standard-of-care treatments, including radiation therapy and chemotherapy. We are developing our lead product candidate, transcrocetinate sodium, also known as trans sodium crocetinate ("TSC"), for use in the many cancer types in which tumor oxygen deprivation ("hypoxia") is known to diminish the effectiveness of current treatments. TSC is designed to target the cancer's hypoxic micro-environment, re-oxygenate treatment-resistant tissue and make the cancer cells more susceptible to the therapeutic effects of standard-of-care radiation therapy and chemotherapy.

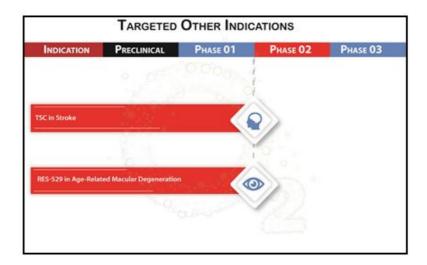
Our lead development programs target TSC against cancers known to be inherently treatment-resistant, with a focus on brain cancers. A Phase 1/2 clinical program, completed in the fourth quarter of 2015, evaluated 59 patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme ("GBM"), a particularly deadly form of primary brain cancer. This open label, historically controlled study demonstrated a favorable safety and efficacy profile for TSC combined with standard of care, including a 36% improvement in overall survival over the control group at two years. A strong efficacy signal was seen in the inoperable patients, where survival of TSC-treated patients at two years was increased by almost four-fold over the controls. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, has provided Diffusion with final protocol guidance for a Phase 3 trial of TSC in this newly diagnosed inoperable GBM patient population. The Company has responded to all outstanding points raised by the FDA and on December 27, 2017 announced the trial has opened for enrollment under the protocol permitted by the FDA. The trial will enroll 236 patients in total, 118 in each arm. Due to its novel mechanism of action, TSC has safely re-oxygenated a range of tumor types in our preclinical and clinical studies. Diffusion believes its therapeutic potential is not limited to one specific tumor type, thereby making it potentially useful to improve standard-of-care treatments of other life-threatening cancers. Given TSC's safety profile and animal data, we can, with appropriate funding, move directly into Phase 2 studies in other cancers. We also believe that TSC has potential application in other indications involving hypoxia, such as neurodegenerative diseases and emergency medicine. For example, a stroke program is now under discussion with doctors from UCLA and the University of Virginia, with whom we have established a joint team dedicated to developing a program to test TSC in the treatment of stroke, with an in-ambulance trial of TSC in stroke under conside

In addition to the TSC programs, we are exploring alternatives regarding how best to capitalize upon our product candidate RES-529, which may include possible out-licensing and other options. RES-529 is a novel PI3K/Akt/mTOR pathway inhibitor which has completed two Phase 1 clinical trials for age-related macular degeneration and has been studied preclinically in oncology, specifically GBM. RES-529 has shown activity in both in vitro and in vivo glioblastoma animal models and has been demonstrated to be orally bioavailable and can cross the blood-brain barrier.

Summary of Current Product Candidate Pipeline

The following tables, as of September 30, 2017, summarize the targeted clinical indications for Diffusion's lead molecule, TSC:





TSC eligible for Phase 2 studies based on preclinical and clinical data from prior Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials, including GBM and Peripheral Artery Disease.

Potential Conversion of Series A Preferred Stock

If we receive at least \$10 million in aggregate gross proceeds from this offering, substantially concurrently with the completion of this offering, our Series A Preferred Stock will mandatorily convert into the applicable number of shares of our common stock pursuant to the terms set forth in our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended. Unless otherwise indicated, all information contained in this prospectus assumes the mandatory conversion of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock into 11,534,649 shares (the "Conversion Shares") of common stock (including accrued dividends paid in kind and the "make-whole" adjustment feature thereof) pursuant to the terms thereof, which will occur substantially concurrently with the completion of this offering provided that we receive at least \$10 million in aggregate gross proceeds from this offering. See "Description of Capital Stock."

For purposes of calculating an assumed number of Conversion Shares we have assumed a public offering price of \$1.42 per share (the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 12, 2018) and that the Series A Preferred Stock is converted on January 16, 2018.

There is no assurance that we will receive \$10 million of aggregate gross proceeds from this offering, in which case the Series A Preferred Stock would not mandatorily convert into shares of common stock. See "Risk Factors -- If we do not receive at least \$10 million of aggregate gross proceeds from this offering, the Series A Preferred Stock will remain outstanding."

Corporate Information

We are a Delaware corporation that was incorporated in June 2015. Prior to June 2015, we were a Nevada corporation. We maintain our principal executive offices at 1317 Carlton Avenue, Suite 200, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Our telephone number there is (434) 220-0718. The address of our website is www.diffusionpharma.com. The information set forth on, or connected to, our website is expressly not incorporated by reference into, and does not constitute a part of, this prospectus.

We are a "smaller reporting company" as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and have elected to take advantage of certain of the scaled disclosure available for smaller reporting companies in this prospectus as well as our filings under the Exchange Act.

THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by us in this offering 9,154,930 shares. Warrants offered by us Warrants to purchase up to 9,154,930 shares, which may be exercised beginning on their date of issuance. The warrants are exercisable until the five year anniversary of the original issuance date. The warrants have an exercise per share of common stock, subject to adjustment. There is no established trading market for the warrants and we do not expect a market to develop. In addition, we do not intend to list the warrants on the Nasdag Capital Market, any other national securities exchange or any other trading system. For more information, see the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock" on page 20 of this prospectus. This prospectus also relates to the offering of the common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants. Option to purchase additional shares and warrants The underwriter has a 30-day option to purchase up to an amount of additional shares of our common stock equal to 15% of the number of shares and/or 15% of the number of warrants issued in this offering, in any combination thereof, at a price equal to the public offering price per share and per warrant, respectively, less the underwriting discounts and commissions. Use of proceeds

se of proceeds We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund research and development of our lead product candidate, TSC, including clinical trial

activities, and for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds."

Risk factors

You should read the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus for a discussion of certain of the factors to consider carefully before deciding to purchase any

shares of our common stock in this offering.

National Securities Exchange Listing

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol

"DEFN"

"DFFN.

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 14,503,976 shares of common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and excludes as of that date:

- 213,879 shares issuable upon conversion of convertible promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$0.6 million;
- 2,545,989 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options under the Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2015 Equity Plan"), at a weighted-average exercise price of \$7.34 per share;
- 13,555,887 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants issued in connection with the Series A Preferred Stock private placement, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$2.22 per share;
- 447,721 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of other outstanding warrants, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$44.52 per share;
- 114,291 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under the 2015 Equity Plan:
- · shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants offered hereby; and
- shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the underwriter's warrant.

Unless otherwise indicated, all information contained in this prospectus assumes (i) no exercise by the underwriter of its option to purchase additional shares of common stock and/or warrants and (ii) the mandatory conversion of all outstanding Series A Preferred Stock (including accrued dividends paid in kind and the "make-whole" adjustment feature thereof), which will occur substantially concurrently with the completion of this offering provided that we receive aggregate gross proceeds of at least \$10 million from this offering. See "Description of Capital Stock."

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock and warrants involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below, together with the other information contained in this prospectus, including our financial statements and the related notes appearing at the end of this prospectus, before making your decision to invest in shares of our common stock and warrants. We cannot assure you that any of the events discussed in the risk factors below will not occur. These risks could have a material and adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows, and our future prospects would likely be materially and adversely affected. If that were to happen, the trading price of our common stock and warrants could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. In addition, you should also carefully consider the other risks described under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Risks Related to this Offering

We have significant discretion over the use of the net proceeds from this offering.

Our net proceeds from this offering are expected to be approximately \$11.5 million. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to fund research and development of our lead product candidate, TSC, including clinical trial activities, and for general corporate purposes. Accordingly, our management will have broad discretion as to the application of such proceeds. The proceeds shall be used to carry out our business plan, pay salaries to our employees, and satisfy all our expenses, foreseeable and unforeseeable. As is the case with any business, it should be expected that certain expenses unforeseeable to management at this juncture will arise in the future. There can be no assurance that management's use of proceeds generated through this offering will prove optimal or translate into revenue or profitability for the Company. Investors are urged to consult with their attorneys, accountants and personal investment advisors prior to making any decision to invest in the Company.

Even if this offering is successful, we will need to raise additional capital in the future to continue operations, which may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all. Failure to obtain this necessary capital when needed may force us to delay, limit or terminate our product development efforts or other operations.

To date, we have not sold, or received approval to sell, any pharmaceutical products. We do not expect to sell any pharmaceutical products for at least the next several years, if at all. Our net losses were approximately \$18.0 million, and \$6.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we had incurred cumulative net losses totaling approximately \$63.3 million and \$60.2 million, respectively. Moreover, we expect that our net losses will continue and may increase for the foreseeable future. We may not be able to achieve projected results if we generate lower revenues (if any) or receive lower investment income than expected, or we incur greater expenses than expected, or all of the above. We may never generate sufficient product revenue (if any) to become profitable. We also expect to have quarter-to-quarter fluctuations in revenues, expenses, and losses, some of which could be significant.

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$11.5 million from the sale of the securities offered by us in this offering, based on the assumed public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant (the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on January 12, 2018), and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. In the event of a decrease in the net proceeds to us from this offering as a result of a decrease in the assumed public offering price or the number of shares offered by us, we may need to raise additional capital sooner than we anticipate or may need to scale back or eliminate certain of our development programs.

We will need to raise more money to complete our planned clinical trials, continue the research and development necessary to bring our products to market and to establish marketing and additional manufacturing capabilities. We may seek additional funds through public and private stock offerings, government contracts and grants, arrangements with corporate collaborators, borrowings under lines of credit or other sources. However, we may not be able to raise additional funds on favorable terms, or at all. Conditions in the credit markets and the financial services industry may make equity and debt financing more difficult to obtain, and may negatively impact our ability to complete financing transactions. To the extent that we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, our stockholders may experience significant dilution. Any debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants, such as limitations on our ability to incur additional indebtedness and other operating restrictions that could adversely impact our ability to conduct our business.

If we are unable to obtain additional funds, we may have to scale back our development of new products, reduce our workforce, license to others products or technologies that we otherwise would seek to commercialize ourselves or, ultimately, cease operations. The amount of money we may need would depend on many factors, including:

- The costs and progress of our research and development programs;
- The scope and results of our preclinical studies and clinical trials;
- · The amount of our legal expenses and any settlement or damages payments associated with litigation; and
- The time and costs involved in: obtaining necessary regulatory approvals; filing, prosecuting and enforcing patent claims; scaling up our manufacturing capabilities; and the commercial arrangements we may establish.

An investment in our securities is speculative and there can be no assurance of any return on any such investment.

An investment in our securities is speculative and there is no assurance that investors will obtain any return on their investment. Investors will be subject to substantial risks involved in an investment in the Company, including the risk of losing their entire investment.

If you purchase our common stock and warrants in this offering, you will incur immediate and substantial dilution in the book value of your shares, including as a result of the "make-whole" feature of the Series A Preferred Stock.

The public offering price in this offering is substantially higher than the net tangible book value per share of our common stock. Investors purchasing common stock in this offering will pay a price per share that substantially exceeds the book value of our tangible assets after subtracting our liabilities. As a result, investors purchasing common stock in this offering will incur immediate dilution of \$0.87 per share, based on the assumed public offering price of \$1.42 per share. This dilution also reflects the reclassification of \$16.3 million common stock warrant liability to stockholders' equity as a result of the amendment of our certificate of incorporation on November 1, 2017 with respect to the dividend feature of the Series A Preferred Stock and the issuance of additional shares to the holders of our Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to the "make-whole" feature thereof (assuming the public offering price is less than \$2.02 per share). See "Description of Capital Stock."

As a result of the dilution to investors purchasing shares in this offering, investors may receive significantly less than the purchase price paid in this offering, if anything, in the event of our liquidation. For a further description of the dilution that you will incur as a result of purchasing shares in this offering, see "Dilution."

There may be future sales of our securities or other dilution of our equity, which may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We are generally not restricted from issuing additional common stock, including any securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, common stock. The market price of our common stock could decline as a result of sales of common stock or securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, common stock after this offering or the perception that such sales could occur.

If we cannot continue to satisfy the Nasdaq Capital Market continued listing standards and other Nasdaq rules, our common stock could be delisted, which would harm our business, the trading price of our common stock, our ability to raise additional capital and the liquidity of the market for our common stock.

Our common stock is currently listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market. To maintain the listing of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market, we are required to meet certain listing requirements, including, among others, either: (i) a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share, a market value of publicly held shares (excluding shares held by our executive officers, directors and 10% or more stockholders) of at least \$1 million and stockholders' equity of at least \$2.5 million; or (ii) a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share, a market value of publicly held shares (excluding shares held by our executive officers, directors and 10% or more stockholders) of at least \$1 million and a total market value of listed securities of at least \$35 million.

There is no assurance that we will continue to meet the minimum closing price requirement and other listing requirements. In the event that our common stock is delisted from Nasdaq and is not eligible for quotation or listing on another market or exchange, trading of our common stock and warrants could be conducted only in the over-the-counter market or on an electronic bulletin board established for unlisted securities such as the Pink Sheets or the OTC Bulletin Board. In such event, it could become more difficult to dispose of, or obtain accurate price quotations for, our common stock and warrants, and there would likely also be a reduction in our coverage by securities analysts and the news media, which could cause the price of our common stock to decline further.

If we do not receive aggregate gross proceeds of at least \$10 million from this offering, the Series A Preferred Stock will remain outstanding.

If we receive aggregate gross proceeds of at least \$10 million from this offering, substantially concurrently with the completion of this offering, the Series A Preferred Stock will mandatorily convert into the applicable number of shares of our common stock pursuant to the terms set forth in our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended ("Certificate of Incorporation"). See "Description of Capital Stock." However, if at least \$10 million of aggregate gross proceeds are not received from this offering, the Series A Preferred Stock will not mandatorily convert into shares of our common stock and the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock will rank senior to the shares of common stock in the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. In the event of a Liquidation Event (as defined in the Certificate of Incorporation), the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, out of the assets of the Company or proceeds thereof legally available therefor, an amount in cash equal to 100% of the stated value of the Series A Preferred Stock before any payment or distribution of the assets of the Company is made or set apart for the holders of the common stock.

The warrants are a risky investment. You may not be able to recover your investment in the warrants, and the warrants may expire worthless.

Whether the warrants will have any value will depend on, among other things, the development of our clinical product candidates, our ability to commercialize our product candidates if approved, our business development efforts and market conditions generally, which conditions will depend on factors related and unrelated to the success of our product candidates and our business development efforts, and cannot be predicted at this time.

If our common stock price does not increase to an amount sufficiently above the exercise price of the warrants during the period the warrants are exercisable, you will be unable to recover any of your investment in the warrants. There can be no assurance that any of the factors that could impact the trading price of our common stock will result in the trading price increasing to an amount that will exceed the exercise price or the price required for you to achieve a positive return on your investment in the warrants.

Holders of the warrants will have no voting rights as common stockholders until they acquire our common stock.

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

Significant holders or beneficial holders of our common stock may not be permitted to exercise warrants that they hold.

The warrants being offered hereby will prohibit a holder from exercising its warrants if doing so would result in such holder (together with such holder's affiliates and any other persons acting as a group together with such holder or any of such holder's affiliates) beneficially owning more than 4.99% of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the exercise, provided that, at the election of a holder and notice to us, such beneficial ownership limitation shall be 9.99% of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the exercise. As a result, if you hold a significant amount of our securities, you may not be able to exercise your warrants for shares of our common stock, in whole or in part, at a time when it would be financially beneficial for you to do so.

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

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 to list the warrants on any national securities exchange or other trading system, including the Nasdaq Capital Market. Without an active market, the liquidity of the warrants will be limited.

Changes in tax laws and regulations or in our operations may impact our effective tax rate and may adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

Changes in tax laws in any of the jurisdictions in which we operate, or adverse outcomes from tax audits that we may be subject to in any of the jurisdictions in which we operate, could result in an unfavorable change in our effective tax rate, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

In that regard, the U.S. government recently enacted comprehensive tax legislation that includes significant changes to the taxation of business entities, including corporations. These changes include, among others, a permanent reduction to the corporate income tax rate, and a partial limitation on the deductibility of business interest expense. Notwithstanding the reduction in the corporate income tax rate, the overall impact of this tax reform is uncertain, and our business and financial condition could be adversely affected. This prospectus does not discuss any such tax legislation or the manner in which it might affect purchasers of our common stock. We urge our stockholders to consult with their legal and tax advisors with respect to any such legislation and the potential tax consequences of investing in our common stock.

We may be limited in our ability to utilize, or may not be able to utilize, net operating loss carryforwards to reduce our future tax liability as a result of this offering.

As disclosed in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, under Section 382 of Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), if a corporation undergoes an "ownership change," generally defined as a greater than 50% change (by value) in its equity ownership over a three-year period, the corporation's ability to use its pre-change net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards and other pre-change tax attributes (such as research tax credits) to offset its post-change income may be limited.

We believe that our recent merger, and other transactions that have occurred, including the offering of our Series A Preferred Stock, triggered an "ownership change" limitation that significantly limited our ability to utilize our NOL carryforwards. This offering may, alone or in conjunction with other changes in our stock ownership that we cannot control, result in an additional ownership change for purposes of Section 382. If we undergo an additional ownership change, our ability to use our NOL carryforwards would become subject to certain limitations, although the extent of such limitations cannot presently be known. We may also experience ownership changes in the future as a result of subsequent changes in our stock ownership, which may be outside of our control. As a result, if we earn net taxable income, our ability to use our NOL carryforwards determined on the date of our ownership change to offset U.S. federal taxable income may be subject to limitations, which could potentially result in increased future tax liability to us.

Investment in the warrants and our common stock has numerous tax consequences.

There are numerous tax consequences to investors as a result of their investment in the Company. We encourage investors to seek advice from competent tax advisors as to the consequences of an investment in our warrants and common stock (See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences").

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the other information and documents incorporated by reference herein include forward-looking statements. We may, in some cases, use terms such as "believes," "estimates," "expects," "plans," "intends," "may," "could," "might," "will," "should," "approximately" or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes to identify these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements appear in and are incorporated by reference into a number of places throughout this prospectus and include statements regarding our intentions, beliefs, projections, outlook, analyses or current expectations concerning, among other things, our ongoing and planned preclinical development and clinical trials, the timing of and our ability to make regulatory filings and obtain and maintain regulatory approvals for our product candidates, our intellectual property position, the degree of clinical utility of our products, particularly in specific patient populations, our ability to develop commercial functions, expectations regarding clinical trial data, our results of operations, cash needs, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth and strategies, the industry in which we operate and the trends that may affect the industry or us.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events, competitive dynamics and industry change, and depend on the economic circumstances that may or may not occur in the future or may occur on longer or shorter timelines than anticipated. Although we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, we caution you that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate may differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in and incorporated by reference into this prospectus. In addition, even if our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in and incorporated by reference into this prospectus, they may not be predictive of results or developments in future periods.

Actual results could differ materially from our forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including risks related to:

- our ability to obtain additional financing, including the overhang and restrictive provisions of the Series A convertible preferred stock and related warrants:
- · our estimates regarding expenses, future revenues, capital requirements and needs for additional financing;
- our ability to continue as a going concern;
- obtaining and maintaining intellectual property protection for our product candidates and our proprietary technology;
- the success and timing of our preclinical studies and clinical trials;
- the difficulties in obtaining and maintaining regulatory approval of our products and product candidates, and the labeling under any approval we may
 obtain;
- our failure to recruit or retain key scientific or management personnel or to retain our executive officers;
- the accuracy of our estimates of the size and characteristics of the potential markets for our product candidates and our ability to serve those markets;
- regulatory developments in the United States and foreign countries;
- our ability to operate our business without infringing the intellectual property rights of others;
- recently enacted and future legislation regarding the healthcare system;
- our ability to satisfy the continued listing requirements of the Nasdaq Capital Market or any other exchange that our securities may trade on in the future:

- our plans and ability to develop and commercialize our product candidates;
- · the rate and degree of market acceptance of any of our product candidates;
- the success of competing products that are or may become available; and
- the performance of third parties, including contract research organizations and manufacturers.

You should also read carefully the factors described in the "Risk Factors" section contained in this prospectus and incorporated by reference herein from our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2017, as amended, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our other public filings to better understand the risks and uncertainties inherent in our business and underlying any forward-looking statements. As a result of these factors, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus will prove to be accurate. Furthermore, if our forward-looking statements prove to be inaccurate, the inaccuracy may be material. In light of the significant uncertainties in these forward-looking statements, you should not regard these statements as a representation or warranty by us or any other person that we will achieve our objectives and plans in any specified time frame, or at all.

Any forward-looking statements that we make in or incorporate by reference into this prospectus speak only as of the date of such statement, and, except as required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to update such statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Comparisons of results for current and any prior periods are not intended to express any future trends or indications of future performance, unless expressed as such, and should only be viewed as historical data.

For all forward-looking statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$11.5 million (or approximately \$13.3 million if the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares of common stock and/or warrants is exercised in full) from the sale of the securities offered by us in this offering, based on the assumed combined public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant (the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 12, 2018), and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

A \$0.10 increase (decrease) in the assumed combined public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us from this offering by approximately \$1.1 million, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

Similarly, a one million share increase (decrease) in the number of shares of common stock and accompanying warrants offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us by approximately \$1.3 million, assuming the assumed combined public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant remains the same, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We currently intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund research and development of our lead product candidate, TSC, including clinical trial activities, and for general corporate purposes. See "Risk Factors" for a discussion of certain risks that may affect our intended use of the net proceeds from this offering, including that we will need to raise additional capital in the future to complete the development of TSC and our other product candidates.

Our expected use of net proceeds from this offering represents our current intentions based upon our present plans and business condition. As of the date of this prospectus, we cannot currently allocate specific percentages of the net proceeds that we may use for the purposes specified above, and we cannot predict with certainty all of the particular uses for the net proceeds to be received upon the completion of this offering, or the amounts that we will actually spend on the uses set forth above. The amounts and timing of our actual use of the net proceeds will vary depending on numerous factors, including our ability to obtain additional financing, the progress, cost and results of our preclinical and clinical development programs, and whether we are able to enter into future licensing or collaboration arrangements. We may find it necessary or advisable to use the net proceeds for other purposes, and our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds, and investors will be relying on our judgment regarding the application of the net proceeds from this offering.

Pending the use of the net proceeds from this offering, we intend to invest the net proceeds in short-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing securities or certificates of deposit.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth cash and capitalization as of September 30, 2017:

- on an actual historical basis for Diffusion;
- on a pro forma basis to give effect to the reclassification of \$16.3 million common stock warrant liability to stockholders' equity as a result of the amendment of our certificate of incorporation on November 1, 2017 with respect to the dividend feature of the Series A Preferred Stock and resulting accounting adjustments;
- on a pro forma, as adjusted basis to give effect to:
 - o the assumed issuance and sale of shares of common stock and warrants in this offering at the assumed public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant (but excluding shares of common stock to be issued and any proceeds received upon exercise of the warrants)(the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 12, 2018), after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions, and estimated offering expenses payable by us; and
 - o the mandatory conversion of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock into shares (the "Conversion Shares") of common stock (including accrued dividends paid in kind and the "make-whole" adjustment feature thereof) pursuant to the terms thereof, which will occur substantially concurrently with the completion of this offering assuming we receive aggregate gross proceeds of at least \$10 million, assuming a public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and accompanying warrant (the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 12, 2018) and that this offering is completed on January 16, 2018.

	F	Actual as of						
	Se	ptember 30,	Pro Forma					
		2017 Pro Forma				as Adjusted		
Cash, cash equivalents and certificate of deposit	\$	11,236,164	\$	11,236,164	\$	22,716,164		
Common Stock warrant liability	\$	16,316,054	\$	_	\$	_		
Convertible debt	\$	550,000	\$	550,000	\$	550,000		
Series A - 13,750,000 shares authorized, 8,324,032 issued and outstanding, actual;								
13,750,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding, as adjusted		_		_				
Stockholders' equity:								
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 1,000,000,000 authorized, 14,503,976								
shares issued and outstanding actual; 1,000,000,000 shares authorized, 35,193,555								
shares issued and outstanding pro forma as adjusted		14,504		14,504		35,194		
Additional paid-in capital	\$	69,686,744	\$	82,840,268	\$	95,125,352		
Accumulated deficit	\$	(63,344,552)	\$	(60,182,022)	\$	(60,182,022)		
Total stockholders' equity	\$	6,356,696	\$	22,672,750	\$	34,978,524		
Total capitalization	\$	23,222,750	\$	23,222,750	\$	35,528,524		

The number of shares of common stock outstanding in the table excludes the following, outstanding as of September 30, 2017:

o 213,879 shares issuable upon conversion of convertible promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$0.6 million;

- o 2,545,989 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options under the 2015 Equity Plan, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$7.34 per share;
- o 13,555,887 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants issued in connection with the Series A private placement, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$2.22 per share;
- o 447,721 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of other outstanding warrants, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$44.52 per share;
- o 114,291 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under the 2015 Equity Plan.
- o shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants offered hereby; and
- o shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the underwriter's warrant.

The amounts set forth in the table above also assume no exercise by the underwriter of its option to purchase additional shares of common stock and accompanying warrants.

DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share of our common stock and accompanying warrant and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock upon consummation of this offering. Dilution results from the fact that the public offering price is substantially in excess of the book value per share attributable to the existing stockholders for the presently outstanding stock.

The historical net tangible book value (deficit) of our common stock as of September 30, 2017 was approximately \$(9.2) million, or approximately \$(0.64) per share of common stock. Historical net tangible book value (deficit) per share is determined by dividing the number of outstanding shares of common stock into its total tangible assets (total assets less intangible assets) less total liabilities and preferred shares.

On a pro forma basis, after giving effect to the reclassification of our \$16.3 million common stock warrant liability to stockholders' equity as a result of the amendment of our certificate of incorporation on November 1, 2017 with respect to the dividend feature of the Series A Preferred Stock and resulting accounting adjustments, pro forma net tangible book value (deficit) of our common stock as of September 30, 2017 was approximately \$7.1 million, or approximately \$0.49 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in pro forma net tangible book value of \$1.13 per share.

In addition, assuming the aggregate gross proceeds from this offering are at least \$10 million, all of the outstanding shares of our Series A Preferred Stock will mandatorily convert into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. Further, each holder of Series A Preferred Stock will also receive additional shares of common stock representing (i) paid-in-kind dividends accrued through the date of conversion and (ii) assuming that the public offering price in this offering is less than \$2.02 per share, payment in respect of the "make-whole" feature of the Series A Preferred Stock. For purposes of calculating an assumed number of Conversion Shares, we have assumed a combined public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant (the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 12, 2018) and that this offering is completed on January 16, 2018, which would result in the issuance of, in the aggregate, 11,534,649 shares of common stock in respect of the conversion of our Series A Preferred Stock.

Investors purchasing securities in this offering will incur immediate and substantial dilution. On a pro forma as adjusted basis, after giving effect to the conversion of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, assuming the combined public offering price in this offering is \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant, the closing price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 12, 2018, assuming that this offering is closed on January 16, 2018, and to the sale of common stock and warrants offered in this offering assuming a combined public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant, the closing price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 12, 2018 (but excluding any shares of common stock to be issued and any proceeds to be received upon exercise of the warrants), and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our as adjusted net tangible book value as of September 30, 2017 would have been approximately \$19.4 million, or approximately \$0.55 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value of \$0.06 per share to existing stockholders, and an immediate dilution in the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value of \$0.87 per share to investors purchasing shares of our common stock and warrants in this offering.

The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Assumed combined public offering price per share of common stock and warrant	\$	1.42
Historical net tangible book value (deficit) per share	\$	(0.64)
		4.40
Increase per share attributable to pro forma adjustments		1.13
	ф	0.40
Pro forma net tangible book value (deficit) per share at September 30, 2017	\$	0.49
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to this offering and mandatory conversion of Series A preferred stock		0.06
Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value after this offering	\$	0.55
Dilution per share to investors	\$	0.87

The dilution information discussed above is illustrative only and will change based on the actual public offering price and other terms of this offering determined at pricing. A \$1.00 increase or decrease in the assumed combined public offering price of \$1.42 per share of common stock and warrant would increase or decrease the as adjusted net tangible book value per share by \$0.25 million and the dilution per share to investors participating in this offering by approximately \$0.75 per share, assuming the number of shares of common stock and warrants offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

The discussion and table above assume no exercise of the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares of common stock and warrants. If the underwriter fully exercises its option to purchase 1,373,239 additional shares of common stock and 1,373,239 additional warrants in the offering (but excluding any shares of common stock to be issued and any proceeds to be received upon exercise of the warrants), our as adjusted net tangible book value after this offering, calculated in the manner set forth above, would be approximately \$20.5 million, our as adjusted net tangible book value per share after this offering would be \$0.58 per share, the increase in our as adjusted net tangible book value per share attributable to investors participating in this offering would be \$0.09 per share and the as adjusted dilution per share to new investors in this offering would be \$0.84 per share.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Company Capitalization

Our authorized capital stock consists of 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock and 30,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 13,750,000 of which have been designated as Series A Preferred Stock and the remainder of which remain undesignated. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, a copy of which is filed as an exhibit to our previous filings with the SEC and incorporated herein by reference.

Common Stock

Authorized. We are authorized to issue 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 14,503,976 shares were issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2017. We may amend from time to time our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock. Any such amendment would require the approval of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote thereon.

Voting Rights. For all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share registered in the holder's name on our books. Our common stock does not have cumulative voting rights. At all meetings of the stockholders, except where otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, the presence, in person or by proxy duly authorized, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Except as otherwise provided by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, in all matters other than the election of directors, the affirmative vote of the majority of shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote generally on the subject matter shall be the act of the stockholders. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, directors are elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote generally on the election of directors.

Dividends. Subject to limitations under Delaware law and any preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably those dividends, if any, as may be declared by our Board out of legally available funds.

Liquidation. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in the net assets legally available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all of our debts and other liabilities of our company, subject to any prior rights of any preferred stock then outstanding.

Fully Paid and Non-assessable. All shares of our outstanding common stock are fully paid and non-assessable and any additional shares of common stock that we issue will be fully paid and non-assessable.

Other Rights and Restrictions. Holders of common stock do not have preemptive or subscription rights, and they have no right to convert their common stock into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to common stock. The rights, preferences and privileges of common stockholders are subject to the rights of the stockholders of any series of preferred stock which we may designate in the future. Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws do not restrict the ability of a holder of common stock to transfer the holder's shares of common stock.

Listing. Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "DFFN."

Transfer Agent and Registrar. The transfer agent and registrar for common stock is Computershare Investor Services, LLC, 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts, telephone number: 1-800-942-5909.

Warrants

The material terms and provisions of the warrants being issued in this offering are summarized below. The following description is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the form of warrant which is filed herewith as an exhibit. You should review the form of warrant for a complete description of the terms and conditions applicable to the warrants. See "Information Incorporated by Reference and Available Information" on page 41.

General. Each purchaser of shares will receive a warrant to purchase one share of common stock for each share purchased in the offering.

Exercisability. The warrants may be exercised at any time on or after their date of issuance, will have an exercise price of \$ per share and are exercisable until the fifth year anniversary of the date of issuance. The warrants will be exercisable, at the option of each holder, in whole or in part by delivering a duly executed exercise notice accompanied by payment in full for the number of shares of our common stock purchased upon such exercise. The exercise price of the warrant is subject to adjustment in the event of stock dividends and distributions, stock splits, stock combinations, reclassifications or similar events affecting our common stock.

Exercise Limitations. A holder of a warrant will not have the right to exercise any portion of the warrant if the holder (together with its affiliates) would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% (or, at election of holder, 9.99%) of the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the exercise, as such percentage ownership is determined in accordance with the terms of the warrants. However, any holder may increase or decrease such percentage to any other percentage not in excess of 9.99% upon notice to us provided that any increase shall not be effective until 61 days following notice to us.

Transferability. Subject to applicable laws, the warrants are separately tradeable immediately after issuance at the option of the holders and may be transferred at the option of the holders.

No Listing. There is no established public trading market for the warrants 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 or trading system. Without an active market, the liquidity of the warrants will be limited.

Fundamental Transactions. In the event of an "fundamental transaction," as defined in the warrant agreement and generally including any reorganization, recapitalization or reclassification of our common stock, the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties or assets, our consolidation or merger with or into another person, the acquisition of more than 50% of our outstanding common stock, or any person or group becoming the beneficial owner of 50% of the voting power represented by our outstanding common stock, the holders of the warrants will be entitled to receive upon

exercise of the warrants the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property that the holders would have received had they exercised the warrants immediately prior to such fundamental transaction.

In addition, in the event of a fundamental transaction (subject to certain exceptions), we or any successor entity shall, at the holder's option, purchase the holder's warrants for an amount of cash equal to the value of the warrants as determined in accordance with the Black Scholes option pricing model.

Cashless Exercise. If, at the time a holder exercises its warrant, there is no effective registration statement registering, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for an issuance of the shares underlying the warrant to the holder, and the holder is not able to sell the shares issuable upon exercise of the warrant without limitations on volume pursuant to Rule 144, then in lieu of making the cash payment otherwise contemplated to be made to us upon such exercise in payment of the aggregate exercise price, the holder may elect instead to receive upon such exercise (either in whole or in part) the net number of shares of our common stock determined according to a formula set forth in the warrant. In the event of a cashless exercise, if we fail to timely deliver the shares underlying the warrants, we will be subject to certain buy-in provisions.

Rights as a Stockholder. Except as otherwise provided in the warrant or by virtue of a holder's ownership of shares of our common stock, the holders of the warrants do not have the rights or privileges of holders of our common stock, including any voting rights, until they exercise their warrants.

Amendments. Amendments and waivers of the terms of the warrants require the written consent of the holders of warrants representing not less than two-thirds of the shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants then outstanding and us, as well as any warrant holder that would be disproportionately and materially adversely impacted by the amendment.

No Fractional Shares. No fractional shares or scrip representing fractional shares shall be issued upon the exercise of the warrants. As to any fraction of a share which the holder would otherwise be entitled to purchase upon such exercise, we shall cause the warrant agent to, at our option, pay a cash adjustment in respect of such final fraction in an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the exercise price of the warrant per whole share or round such fractional share up to the nearest whole share.

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

As of September 30, 2017, there were 8,324,032 shares of the Series A Preferred Stock issued and outstanding. The following is a summary of the rights, privileges and preferences of the Series A Preferred Stock, which such summary is qualified in its entirety by the Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Certificate of Designation").

Voting. The holders of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote with the holders of common stock (and any other class or series that may similarly be entitled to vote with the holders of common stock as the Board may authorize and issue) and not as a separate class, at any annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Company, and may act by written consent in the same manner as the holders of common stock. In the event of any such vote or action by written consent, each holder of shares of Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to that number of votes equal to the whole number of shares of common stock into which the aggregate number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock held of record by such Holder are convertible as of the close of business on the record date fixed for such vote or such written consent based on a conversion price, solely for such purpose, equal to the closing price of our common stock on the date such Series A Preferred Stock was issued. In addition, for as long as 50% of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding immediately after the final closing remain outstanding, without the consent of holders of at least a majority of the then outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, the Company may not (a) amend the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws so as to materially and adversely affect any rights of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, (b) increase or decrease (other than by conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock) the authorized number of Series A Preferred Stock to be in excess of the number of shares required to satisfy the Maximum Offering Amount, (c) amend the Series A Certificate of Designation, (d) repay, repurchase or offer to repay, repurchase or otherwise acquire more than a de minimis number of shares of common stock or common stock equivalents or (e) enter into any agreement or understanding with respect to (a) through (d).

Dividends. The Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to an 8.0% cumulative preferred dividend payable semi-annually in shares of common stock or cash (in the Company's sole discretion) that began accruing on the issue date of the Series A Preferred Stock. The dividend will begin to accrue and be cumulative on the first day of each applicable dividend period and shall remain accumulated dividends with respect to such Series A Preferred Stock until paid; provided, that the first dividend payable with respect to any share of Series A Preferred Stock shall not begin to accrue until the date of original issuance of such share of Series A Preferred Stock. Dividends shall accrue whether or not there are profits, surplus or other funds of the Company legally available for the payment of dividends but shall not be payable until legally permissible, as applicable.

Liquidation. The Series A Preferred Stock ranks senior to the common stock and will rank senior to each other class of capital stock of the Company or series of preferred stock of the Company authorized by the Board in the future that does not expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to, or on parity with, the Series A Preferred Stock ("Series A Junior Securities"). In the event of a Liquidation Event (as defined in the Series A Certificate of Designation), the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, out of the assets of the Company or proceeds thereof legally available therefor, an amount in cash equal to 100% of the stated value of the Series A Preferred Stock before any payment or distribution of the assets of the Company is made or set apart for the holders of Series A Junior Securities. In addition, prior to such Liquidation Event, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to notice so that they may exercise their conversion rights prior to such event. If, upon the occurrence of any Liquidation Event, the assets of the Company, or proceeds thereof, distributable after payment in full of the Company's creditors and any securities senior to the Series A Preferred Stock are insufficient to pay in full the aggregate amount of 100% of the stated value to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, the assets of the Company, or the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed ratably among the holders of any Series A Preferred Stock and the holders of any security ranked equally with the Series A Preferred Stock.

Conversion Rate: Each share of Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into a share of common stock at a conversion price equal to the Purchase Price, subject to adjustment as provided in the Certificate of Designation and summarized herein (the "Series A Conversion Price"), at any time after the final closing date at the holder's sole and absolute discretion. Holders may immediately convert their Series A Preferred Stock prior to the occurrence of certain Liquidation Events. Each share of Series A Preferred Stock will mandatorily convert, initially, into a share of common stock (a) on any date that is more than thirty (30) trading days after the original issued date of such share Series A Preferred Stock that the 30 day moving average of the closing price of the common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market (or any other exchange where the common stock is traded) exceeds \$8.00 per share (subject to adjustment in the event of a stock dividend or split), (b) upon the Company's receipt of aggregate gross proceeds from a financing of at least \$10 million or (c) upon the majority vote of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock. The Company is not required to issue any fractional shares of Series A Preferred Stock or common stock in connection with the conversion of Series A Preferred Stock and may, in each case, at the Company's discretion, pay the holder such amount in cash or deliver an additional whole share in lieu thereof. If the Company receives aggregate gross proceeds of at least \$10 million from this offering, the Series A Preferred Stock will mandatorily convert into the applicable number of shares of our common stock.

Limitations of Conversion: The number of shares of common stock issuable upon a conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock that may be acquired by a holder shall be limited to the extent necessary to ensure that, following such conversion (or other issuance), the total number of shares of common stock then beneficially owned by such holder and its affiliates and any other persons whose beneficial ownership of common stock would be aggregated with the Holder's for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities and the Exchange Act, does not exceed 4.99% of the total number of issued and outstanding shares of common stock (including for such purpose the shares of common stock issuable upon such conversion). However, any holder may increase or decrease such percentage to any other percentage not in excess of 9.99% of the total number of shares of common stock then issued and outstanding provided that such increase in percentage shall not be effective until sixty-one (61) days after notice to the Company.

Dilution Protection. In the event the Company, at any time after the first date of issue of the Series A Preferred Stock and while at least one share of Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding: (a) pays a dividend or otherwise make a distribution or distributions on shares of its common stock or any other equity or equity equivalent securities payable in shares of common stock (which, for avoidance of doubt, shall not include any shares of common stock issued by the Company upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock or any debt securities), (b) subdivides outstanding shares of common stock into a larger number of shares, (c) combines (including by way of reverse stock split) outstanding shares of common stock into a smaller number of shares or (d) issues by reclassification of shares of common stock any shares of capital stock of the Company, then in each case the Series A Conversion Price shall be multiplied by a fraction of which (x) the numerator shall be the number of shares of common stock (excluding treasury shares, if any) outstanding immediately before such event and (y) the denominator shall be the number of shares of common stock outstanding immediately after such event. Any adjustment made pursuant to this section shall become effective immediately after the effective date of the applicable event described in subsections (a) through (d) above.

Make-Whole Adjustment. In the event the Company, during the three years immediately following the Initial Closing, subject to certain exceptions, issues in an offering at least \$10 million of common stock or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock at a per share price less than \$2.02 per share (the "Make-Whole Price"), the Company will be required to issue to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock a number of shares of common stock equal to the additional number of shares of common stock that such shares of Series A Preferred Stock would be convertible into if the Series A Conversion Price of the Series A Preferred Stock was equal to 105% of the Make-Whole Price (the "Make-Whole Adjustment"). The Company will only be obligated to issue shares with respect to a Make-Whole Adjustment in the first such subsequent offering, if any, following the final closing of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Warrants and Stock Options Issued and Outstanding Prior to this Offering

In connection with the Series A Preferred Stock private placement, we issued 5-year warrants to purchase 12,376,329 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$2.22 per share to the holders of the Series A Preferred stock and we issued 5-year warrants to purchase of 1,179,558 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$2.22 per share, with such warrants containing a cashless exercise provision to our placement agent in the Series A private placement. As of September 30, 2017, all 13,555,887 warrants issued in connection with the Series A private placement were outstanding and exercisable.

In addition, as of September 30, 2017, other warrants to purchase an aggregate of 447,721 shares of common stock were outstanding and exercisable with per share exercise prices ranging from \$20.00 to \$750.00 per share, a weighted average exercise price of \$44.52 and expiration dates ranging from March 27, 2018 to December 8, 2019.

MARKET PRICE FOR OUR COMMON STOCK

Our common stock trades publicly on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "DFFN." Prior to November 9, 2016, our common stock traded on the OTCQX over-the-counter bulletin board. The following table sets forth the high and low daily sale prices for our common stock, as reported or quoted by the Nasdaq Capital Market or the OTCQX, as applicable, for each calendar quarter during 2018, 2017 and 2016, after giving effect to the 1-for-10 reverse stock split of our common stock on August 17, 2016. The over-the-counter market quotations reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

For the year ended December 31, 2018	High	Low
First Quarter (through January 12, 2018)	2.08	1.16
For the year ended December 31, 2017	High	Low
Fourth Quarter	\$2.97	\$1.06
Third Quarter	\$3.04	\$1.34
Second Quarter	\$4.73	\$2.26
First Quarter	\$15.50	\$2.01
For the year ended December 31, 2016	High	Low
Fourth Quarter	\$7.00	\$1.94
Third Quarter	9.25	5.27
Second Quarter	11.50	8.00
First Quarter	17.00	8.50

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Delaware Anti-Takeover Law

We are subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. Section 203 generally prohibits a public Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or 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 commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding (a) shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers of the corporation and (b) shares issued under employee stock plans under which employee participants do not have the right to determine whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- on or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the board and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Section 203 defines a business combination to include:

any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;

- any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition involving the interested stockholder of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation;
- subject to 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 its stock owned by the interested stockholder; or
- the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation.

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

UNDERWRITING

We have entered into an underwriting agreement dated , 2018, with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC as the sole book-running manager of this offering. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriter and the underwriter has agreed to purchase from us, at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, shares of common stock and warrants to purchase shares of common stock.

A copy of the underwriting agreement has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The shares of common stock and warrants we are offering are being offered by the underwriter subject to certain conditions specified in the underwriting agreement.

We have been advised by the underwriter that it proposes to offer the shares of common stock and warrants directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus. Any shares of common stock and warrants sold by the underwriter to securities dealers will be sold at the public offering price less a selling concession not in excess of \$ per share of common stock and warrant.

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriter's obligation to purchase the shares of common stock and warrants we are offering is subject to conditions contained in the underwriting agreement. The underwriter is obligated to purchase and pay for all of the shares of common stock and warrants offered by this prospectus.

The underwriter has advised us that it does not intend to confirm sales to any accounts over which it exercises discretionary authority.

Underwriting Discounts, Commissions and Expenses

We have agreed to pay an underwriter discount equal to 8% of the aggregate gross proceeds raised in this offering.

The following table shows the public offering price, underwriting discounts and commissions and proceeds, before expenses to us. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares of common stock and warrants.

		To	tal
	Per Share and Warrant	Without Option Exercise	With Full Option Exercise
Public offering price			
Underwriting discounts and commissions			
Proceeds, before expenses, to us			

We estimate the total expenses payable by us for this offering to be approximately \$1.4 million, which amount includes (i) an underwriting discount of \$1.0 million (\$1.2 million if the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares of common stock and warrants is exercised in full), (ii) a management fee equal to 1% of the aggregate gross proceeds raised in this offering, (iii) a \$35,000 non-accountable expense allowance payable to the underwriter, (iv) reimbursement of the accountable expenses of the underwriter equal to \$100,000 including the legal fees of the underwriter being paid by us (none of which has been paid in advance), and (v) other estimated expenses of approximately \$100,000 which include legal, accounting, printing costs and various fees associated with the registration and listing of our shares.

Option to Purchase Additional Securities

We have granted the underwriter the option to purchase up to additional shares of common stock and/or additional warrants to purchase up to ___ shares of common stock (15% of the shares and 15% of the warrants issued in the offering), in any combination thereof, at the public offering price per share of common stock and per warrant, less the underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriter may exercise its option at any time, and from time to time, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus. If any additional shares of common stock and/or warrants are purchased pursuant to the option to purchase additional shares of common stock and warrants, the underwriter will purchase these shares of common stock and/or warrants on the same terms as those on which the shares of common stock and warrants are being offered hereby.

Underwriter Warrants

We have agreed to issue to the underwriter warrants to purchase shares of our common stock which represent 5% of the aggregate number of shares of common stock sold in this offering. The underwriter warrants will have a term of five years from the effective date of this prospectus and an exercise price per share equal to \$ per share, which represents 125% of the public offering price for the shares sold in this offering. Pursuant to FINRA Rule 5110(g), the underwriter warrants and any shares issued upon exercise of the underwriter warrants shall not be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged, or hypothecated, or be the subject of any hedging, short sale, derivative, put or call transaction that would result in the effective economic disposition of the securities by any person for a period of 180 days immediately following the date of effectiveness or commencement of sales of this offering, except the transfer of any security: (i) by operation of law or by reason of our reorganization; (ii) to any FINRA member firm participating in the offering and the officers or partners thereof, if all securities so transferred remain subject to the lock-up restriction set forth above for the remainder of the time period; (iii) if the aggregate amount of our securities held by the underwriter or related persons do not exceed 1% of the securities being offered; (iv) that is beneficially owned on a pro rata basis by all equity owners of an investment fund, provided that no participating member manages or otherwise directs investments by the fund and the participating members in the aggregate do not own more than 10% of the equity in the fund; or (v) the exercise or conversion of any security, if all securities remain subject to the lock-up restriction set forth above for the remainder of the time period.

Right of First Refusal

We have also granted the underwriter, for a period of 12 months from the closing date of this offering, a right of first refusal to act as sole book-running manager for a public offering of equity or debt securities using an underwriter by us or any of our successors or subsidiaries. We have also agreed to a tail fee equal to the cash and warrant compensation in this offering if any investor to which the underwriter introduced us with respect to this offering during the term of its engagement provides us with further capital in a public or private offering or capital raising transaction during the 12-month period following termination of our engagement of the underwriter.

Nasdaq Capital Market Listing

Our common stock is currently traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "DFFN." On January 12, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$1.42 per share.

Lock-up Agreements

Our officers and directors have agreed with the underwriter to be subject to a lock-up period of 90 days following the date of this prospectus. This means that, during the applicable lock-up period, such persons may not offer for sale, contract to sell, sell, distribute, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into, or exercisable or exchangeable for, shares of our common stock. We have also agreed in the underwriting agreement, subject to certain exceptions, to similar lock-up restrictions on the issuance and sale of our securities for 90 days following the closing of this offering. The underwriter may, in its sole discretion and without notice, waive the terms of any of these lock-up agreements.

Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids

The underwriter may engage in syndicate covering transactions, stabilizing transactions and penalty bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of our common stock:

- Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of shares in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Such a naked short position would be closed out by buying shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriter is concerned that there could be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.
- Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the shares so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specific maximum.
- Penalty bids permit the underwriter to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the shares originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a stabilizing or syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions.

These syndicate covering transactions, stabilizing transactions and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market prices of our shares or preventing or retarding a decline in the market prices of our shares. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. Neither we nor the underwriter make any representation or prediction as to the effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. These transactions may be effected on the Nasdaq Capital Market, in the over-the-counter market or on any other trading market and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

In connection with this offering, the underwriter also may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock in accordance with Regulation M during a period before the commencement of offers or sales of shares of our common stock in this offering and extending through the completion of the distribution. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for that security. However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid that bid must then be lowered when specific 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.

Neither we nor the underwriter make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the prices of our securities. In addition, neither we nor the underwriter make any representation that the underwriter will engage in these transactions or that any transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Indemnification

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriter against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments that the underwriter may be required to make for these liabilities.

Other Relationships

The underwriter and its respective affiliates may in the future engage in investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. The underwriter has received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income considerations applicable to the ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock and warrants acquired in this offering. This discussion is for general information only and is not tax advice. Accordingly, all prospective holders of our common stock and warrants should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock and warrants. This discussion is based on current provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code, existing and proposed U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, current administrative rulings and judicial decisions, all as in effect as of the date of this prospectus, all of which are subject to change or to differing interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. Any change could alter the tax consequences described in this prospectus. We assume in this discussion that each holder holds shares of our common stock and warrants as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally property held for investment).

This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a particular holder in light of that holder's individual circumstances, does not address the alternative minimum or Medicare contribution taxes, and does not address any aspects of U.S. state, local or non-U.S. taxes or any U.S. federal taxes other than income tax. This discussion also does not consider any specific facts or circumstances that may apply to a non-U.S. holder and does not address aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be applicable to investors that are subject to special tax rules, including without limitation:

- insurance companies;
- · tax-exempt organizations;
- financial institutions;
- brokers or dealers in securities;
- · regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment trusts;
- pension plans, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts;
- · persons that mark their securities to market;
- controlled foreign corporations;
- passive foreign investment companies;
- "dual resident" corporations;
- persons that receive our common stock or warrants as compensation for the performance of services;
- owners that hold our common stock or warrants as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction, synthetic security or other integrated investment;
- owners that own, or are deemed to own, more than 5% of our capital stock (except to the extent specifically set forth below);
- persons that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar; and
- certain U.S. expatriates.

In addition, this discussion does not address the tax treatment of partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or persons who hold our common stock or warrants through partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A partner in a partnership or other pass-through entity that will hold our common stock or warrants should consult his, her or its own tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of acquiring, holding and disposing of our common stock or warrants through a partnership or other pass-through entity, as applicable.

There can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the IRS, will not challenge one or more of the tax consequences described herein. We have not obtained, nor do we intend to obtain, a ruling from the IRS with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of our common stock or warrants.

Allocation of Purchase Price Between Common Stock and Warrants to Purchase Our Common Stock

Each share of common stock will be issued together with a warrant, and each holder of our common stock and warrants must allocate the purchase price paid by such holder for our common stock and a warrant between the share of common stock and the warrant based on the relative fair market value of each. This allocation will establish a holder's initial tax basis for U.S. federal income tax purposes in their shares of common stock and warrants. We will not be providing holders with such allocation, and it is possible that different holders will reach different determinations regarding such allocation. A holder's allocation of purchase price between common stock and warrants is not binding on the IRS or the courts, and no assurance can be given that the IRS or the courts will agree with a holder's allocation.

Accordingly, each prospective holder should consult their own tax advisor with respect to the risks associated with an allocation of the purchase price between our common stock and the warrants.

U.S. Holders

This section applies to you if you are a "U.S. holder." For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of our common stock and warrants who is for U.S. federal income tax purposes: (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, or any other organization taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof or the District of Columbia; (iii) an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or (iv) a trust if (1) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the trust's substantial decisions or (2) the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

Distributions on Our Common Stock and Warrants

Distributions, if any, on our common stock generally will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. If a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated as a tax-free return of the U.S. holder's investment, up to such U.S. holder's tax basis in the common stock. Any remaining excess will be treated as capital gain, subject to the tax treatment described below in "—Gain on Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Our Common Stock." Dividends paid by us will generally be eligible for the reduced rates of tax for qualified dividend income allowed to individual U.S. holders and for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporate U.S. holders, in each case assuming that certain holding period and other requirements are satisfied.

While it is not free from doubt, we expect that cash distributions paid on the warrants, on an "as-converted" basis, if any, are subject to the same tax consequences as described in the preceding paragraph for the common stock; however, distributions received in respect of a warrant may not qualify for the lower tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the proper treatment of any distributions paid on the warrants.

Conversion of Warrants into Our Common Stock

Except as discussed below with respect to the cashless exercise of a *warrant*, a U.S. holder will not recognize gain or loss on the conversion of warrants into our common stock. A U.S. holder's tax basis in the common stock received upon a conversion will equal the sum of (i) the initial tax basis of the warrants converted and (ii) price paid upon exercise. The U.S. holder's holding period for the common stock received upon exercise of the warrants will begin on the date following the date of exercise of the warrants and will not include the period during which the U.S. holder held the warrants.

The tax consequences of a cashless exercise of a warrant are not clear under current U.S. tax law. A cashless exercise may be tax-free, either because the exercise is not a realization event or because the exercise is treated as a recapitalization for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In this case, a U.S. holder's basis in the common stock received would equal the U.S. holder's basis in the warrant. If the cashless exercise were treated as a recapitalization, the holding period of the common stock would include the holding period of the warrant.

It is possible that a cashless exercise could be treated in part as a taxable exchange in which gain or loss would be recognized with respect to the warrants surrendered to pay the exercise price for warrants converted into common stock. In that event, a U.S. holder could be deemed to have surrendered only those warrants used to satisfy the exercise price for an amount equal to the aggregate fair market value of the exercise price of the total number of warrants to be exercised. The U.S. holder would recognize capital gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount deemed realized and the U.S. holder's tax basis in the warrants surrendered to pay the exercise price. In this case, a U.S. holder's tax basis in the common stock received would equal the sum of the U.S. holder's initial investment in the converted warrants (i.e., the portion of the U.S. holder's purchase price for the shares of common stock that is allocated to the warrants, as described above under "—Allocation of Purchase Price between Common Stock and Warrants") and the exercise price of the warrants converted. A U.S. holder's holding period for the common stock would commence on the date following the date of exercise.

Due to the absence of authority on the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a cashless exercise, there can be no assurance which, if any, of the alternative tax consequences and holding periods described above would be adopted by the IRS or a court of law. Accordingly, U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of a cashless exercise.

If a warrant is allowed to lapse unexercised, a U.S. holder generally will recognize a capital loss equal to such holder's tax basis in the warrant.

Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Our Common Stock or Warrants

Upon the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition of our common stock or warrants, a U.S. holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition and the U.S. holder's tax basis in the common stock or warrants sold or exchanged. Any gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder's holding period for the common stock or warrants exceeded one year at the time of the disposition. Certain U.S. holders (including individuals) are currently eligible for preferential rates of U.S. federal income taxation in respect of long-term capital gains. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to significant limitations.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

In general, information reporting requirements may apply to dividends paid to a U.S. holder on our common stock or the warrants, and to the proceeds of the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common stock and warrants, unless the U.S. holder is an exempt recipient. Backup withholding may apply to such payments if the U.S. holder fails to provide a taxpayer identification number, a certification of exempt status or has been notified by the IRS that it is subject to backup withholding (and such notification has not been withdrawn). Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Non-U.S. Holders

This section applies to you if you are a "non-U.S. holder". For purposes of this discussion, a "non-U.S. holder" means a person who is not a U.S. holder (as defined above under "U.S. Holders").

Distributions on Our Common Stock and Warrants

Distributions, if any, on our common stock generally will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. If a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated as a tax-free return of the non-U.S. holder's investment, up to such non-U.S. holder's tax basis in the common stock. Any remaining excess will be treated as capital gain, subject to the tax treatment described below in "Gain on Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Our Common Stock."

While it is not free from doubt, we expect that cash distributions paid on the warrants, on an "as-converted" basis, if any, are subject to the same tax consequences as described in the preceding paragraph for the common stock. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the proper treatment of any distributions paid on the warrants.

Subject to the discussions below regarding backup withholding and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA, dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder's country of residence, unless such dividends are effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by a non U.S. holder within the U.S (as discussed below). A non-U.S. holder of our common stock or warrants who claims the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder's country of residence generally will be required to provide a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or successor form), as applicable, and satisfy applicable certification and other requirements. Non-U.S. holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding their entitlement to benefits under a relevant income tax treaty. A non-U.S. holder that is eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. withholding tax under an income tax treaty may be able to obtain a refund or credit of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing the required information with the IRS.

Subject to the discussions below regarding backup withholding and FATCA, dividends that are treated as effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by a non-U.S. holder within the United States and, if an applicable income tax treaty so provides, that are attributable to a "permanent establishment" or a "fixed base" maintained by the non-U.S. holder within the United States, are generally exempt from the 30% withholding tax if the non-U.S. holder satisfies applicable certification and disclosure requirements. U.S. effectively connected income, net of specified deductions and credits, is generally taxed at the same graduated U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to United States persons (as defined in the Code). Any U.S. effectively connected income received by a non-U.S. holder that is a corporation may also be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder's country of residence.

Conversion of Warrants into Our Common Stock

The U.S. federal income tax treatment of a non-U.S. holder's exercise of a warrant, or the lapse of a warrant held by a Non-U.S. Holder, generally will correspond to the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the exercise or lapse of a warrant by a U.S. Holder, as described under "U.S. Holders—Conversion of Warrants into Common Stock" above.

Gain on Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Our Common Stock or Warrants

Subject to the discussions below regarding backup withholding and FATCA, in general, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to any U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon such holder's sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of shares of our common stock or warrants unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business and, if an applicable income tax treaty so provides, is attributable to a "permanent establishment" or a "fixed base" maintained by such non-U.S. holder in the United States, in which case the non-U.S. holder generally will be taxed on such gain at the graduated U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to United States persons (as defined in the Code) and, if the non-U.S. holder is a foreign corporation, the branch profits tax described above in "Distributions on Our Common Stock" also may apply to such gain;
- the non-U.S. holder is a nonresident alien individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the
 taxable disposition and certain other conditions are met, in which case the non-U.S. holder will be subject to a 30% tax (or such lower
 rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty between the United States and such holder's country of residence) on the net
 gain derived from the taxable disposition, which may be offset by certain U.S. source capital losses of the non-U.S. holder, if any; or
- we are, or have been, at any time during the five-year period preceding such taxable disposition (or the non-U.S. holder's holding period, if shorter) a "U.S. real property holding corporation," unless our common stock is regularly traded on an established securities market and the non-U.S. holder holds no more than 5% of our outstanding common stock, directly or indirectly, during the shorter of the 5-year period ending on the date of the taxable disposition or the period that the non-U.S. holder held our common stock. If we are determined to be a U.S. real property holding corporation and the foregoing exception does not apply, then a purchaser may withhold 15% of the proceeds payable to a non-U.S. holder from a sale of our common stock or warrants, and the non-U.S. holder generally will be taxed on its net gain derived from the disposition at the graduated U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to United States persons (as defined in the Code). Generally, a corporation is a U.S. real property holding corporation only if the fair market value of its U.S. real property interests equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market value of its worldwide real property interests plus its other assets used or held for use in a trade or business. Although there can be no assurance, we do not believe that we are, or have been, a U.S. real property holding corporation, or that we are likely to become one in the future. No assurance can be provided that our common stock will be regularly traded on an established securities market for purposes of the rules described above.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

We must report annually to the IRS and to each non-U.S. holder the gross amount of the distributions paid on our common stock or warrants to such holder and the tax withheld, if any, with respect to such distributions. Non-U.S. holders may have to comply with specific certification procedures to establish that the holder is not a United States person (as defined in the Code) in order to avoid backup withholding at the applicable rate with respect to dividends on our common stock or warrants. Dividends paid to non-U.S. holders subject to the U.S. withholding tax, as described above in "Distributions on Our Common Stock and Warrants," generally will be exempt from U.S. backup withholding.

Information reporting and backup withholding generally will apply to the proceeds of a disposition of our common stock and warrants by a non-U.S. holder effected by or through the U.S. office of any broker, U.S. or foreign, unless the holder certifies its status as a non-U.S. holder and satisfies certain other requirements, or otherwise establishes an exemption. Generally, information reporting and backup withholding will not apply to a payment of disposition proceeds to a non-U.S. holder where the transaction is effected outside the United States through a non-U.S. office of a broker. However, for information reporting purposes, dispositions effected through a non-U.S. office of a broker with substantial U.S. ownership or operations generally will be treated in a manner similar to dispositions effected through a U.S. office of a broker. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules to them.

Copies of information returns may be made available to the tax authorities of the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides or is incorporated under the provisions of a specific treaty or agreement.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a non-U.S. holder can be refunded or credited against the non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that an appropriate claim is filed with the IRS.

Withholding and Information Reporting Requirements—FATCA

FATCA may impose a U.S. federal withholding tax at a rate of 30% on payments of dividends on, or gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, our common stock or warrants paid to certain foreign entities, unless (i) if the foreign entity is a "foreign financial institution," such foreign entity either certifies that it does not have any "substantial United States owners" (as defined in the Code) or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial United States owner, or (iii) the foreign entity otherwise qualifies from an exemption these rules. Under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations, withholding under FATCA currently applies to payments of dividends paid on our common stock or deemed paid on the warrants and is scheduled to apply to gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of our common stock or warrants made on or after January 1, 2019. A Non-U.S. holder that is not subject to FATCA withholding generally may certify its exempt status by furnishing a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E (or successor form), as applicable. Under certain circumstances, a non-U.S. holder may be eligible for refunds or credits of the tax. Certain intergovernmental agreements between the United States and other countries may modify these rules. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of this legislation on their investment in our common stock and the entities through which they hold our common stock, including, without limitation, the process and deadlines for meeting the applicable requirements to prevent the imposition of the 30% withholding tax under FATCA.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Summary Compensation Table

The table below provides summary compensation information concerning all compensation for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 awarded to the individuals that served as our named executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

								Option		All Other					
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (1)		Salary (1)		y (1) Bonus		Bonus			P	wards (2)	Coı	mpensation(3)	Total
David G. Kalergis	2017	\$ 3	317,677	\$		0	\$	99,966	\$	11,612	\$ 429,255				
Chief Executive Officer	2016	\$ 2	244,144	\$		0	\$	410,240	\$	96,000	\$ 750,384				
John L. Gainer, Ph.D.	2017	\$ 2	265,958	\$		0	\$	82,899	\$	10,508	\$ 359,365				
Chief Scientific Officer	2016	\$ 1	191,740	\$		0	\$	146,209	\$	82,615	\$ 420,564				
Ben L. Shealy	2017	\$ 1	178,400	\$		0	\$	56,323	\$	4,311	\$ 239,034				
Senior Vice President – Finance, Treasurer & Secretary	2016	\$ 1	152,225	\$		0	\$	107,892	\$	62,359	\$ 322,746				

- (1) Represents cash portion of base salary as described below under "--Employment Agreements."
- (2) The amounts shown in this column reflect the grant date fair value of option awards granted during the applicable year, calculated in accordance with the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 ("ASC Topic 718") and determined without regard to forfeitures. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 will be and are disclosed in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- (3) Represents annual cash incentive bonus paid to Messrs. Kalergis, Gainer and Shealy in March 2017 for service in 2016 in the amount of \$96,000, \$79,000 and \$58,000, respectively. Bonuses earned by our named executive officers for the 2017 fiscal year are not known at the time of the filing of this Registration Statement. We expect to know the amount of such bonuses by March 2018. The remaining and other amounts reported in this column for Mr. Shealy and Dr. Gainer represent 401(k) Plan matching contributions by the Company for the applicable year.

Employment Agreements

David G. Kalergis, Chief Executive Officer. Effective September 6, 2016, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Kalergis pursuant to which he serves as our Chief Executive Officer. The employment agreement has an indefinite term. Mr. Kalergis' annual base salary under the agreement for 2017 was \$422,300, and is subject to increase at the discretion of the Board. Mr. Kalergis has the opportunity to earn a target annual bonus of 45 percent of his base salary. The Board may, in its discretion, pay a portion of Mr. Kalergis' annual salary and annual bonus in the form of equity or equity-based compensation, provided that commencing with the year following the year in which a "change of control" (as defined in the employment agreement) occurs, Mr. Kalergis' entire base salary and annual bonus will be paid in cash. For 2017, the cash portion of Mr. Kalergis' base salary was \$317,677. The employment agreement contains certain severance and change of control provisions as described in more detail under the heading "—Post-Termination Severance and Change in Control Arrangements." The employment agreement also contains certain non-competition and non-solicitation provisions (each applicable during employment and for 24 months thereafter), as well as confidentiality and non-disparagement provisions (each applicable during employment and at all times thereafter).

John L. Gainer, Chief Scientific Officer. Effective October 18, 2016, we entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Gainer pursuant to which he serves as our Chief Scientific Officer. The employment agreement has an indefinite term. Dr. Gainer's annual base salary under the agreement for 2017 was \$350,200, and is subject to increase at the discretion of the Board. Dr. Gainer has the opportunity to earn a target annual bonus of 35 percent of his base salary. The Board may, in its discretion, pay a portion of Dr. Gainer's annual salary and annual bonus in the form of equity or equity-based compensation, provided that commencing with the year following the year in which a "change of control" (as defined in the employment agreement) occurs, Dr. Gainer's entire base salary and annual bonus will be paid in cash. For 2017, the cash portion of Dr. Gainer's base salary was \$265,958. The employment agreement contains certain severance and change of control provisions as described in more detail under the heading "—Post-Termination Severance and Change in Control Arrangements." The employment agreement also contains certain non-competition and non-solicitation provisions (each applicable during employment and for 18 months thereafter), as well as confidentiality and non-disparagement provisions (each applicable during employment and at all times thereafter).

Ben L. Shealy, Senior Vice President – Finance, Treasurer and Secretary. Effective October 12, 2016, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Shealy pursuant to which he serves as our Senior Vice President – Finance, Treasurer and Secretary. The employment agreement has an indefinite term. Mr. Shealy's annual base salary under the agreement for 2017 was \$237,900, and is subject to increase at the discretion of the Board. Mr. Shealy has the opportunity to earn a target annual bonus of 25 percent of his base salary. The Board may, in its discretion, pay a portion of Mr. Shealy's annual salary and annual bonus in the form of equity or equity-based compensation, provided that commencing with the year following the year in which a "change of control" (as defined in the employment agreement) occurs, Mr. Shealy's entire base salary and annual bonus will be paid in cash. For 2017, the cash portion of Mr. Shealy's base salary was \$178,400. The employment agreement contains certain severance and change of control provisions as described in more detail under the heading "—Post-Termination Severance and Change in Control Arrangements." The employment agreement also contains certain non-competition and non-solicitation provisions (each applicable during employment and at all times thereafter).

Other Compensatory Arrangements

The Compensation Committee administers the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2015 Equity Plan"), in which our named executive officers participate, the bonus payments made to our named executive officers provided for in the employment agreements discussed above under the heading"—*Employment Agreements*" and any other compensation-related matters as they otherwise determine in their discretion. The shares underlying the option grants made in 2017 to the named executive officers are scheduled to vest in equal parts each month until fully vested on the third anniversary of the grant date. The award agreements also provide that the awards will vest in full immediately upon a Change of Control, as defined in the 2015 Equity Plan.

We also provide our executive officers with annual bonuses payable in cash and or equity, as described and in the amounts for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 described above in the Summary Compensation Table. These bonuses are determined in the discretion of our Compensation Committee based upon pre-established targets and performance goals. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, our named executives performance goals included, among other things, strategic growth and financing initiatives, advancement of the Company's clinical program and further protection and expansion of the Company's intellectual property portfolio.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End

The table below provides information regarding unexercised stock option awards held by each of our named executive officers that remained outstanding at December 31, 2017.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

			Option A	Awaı	rds	
Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable(1)		Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
David G. Kalergis	5/17/2012	29,587	0	\$	2.10	5/17/2022
	10/9/2012	9,132	0	\$	2.10	10/9/2022
	10/9/2012	27,395	0	\$	2.10	10/9/2022
	10/5/2013	12,785	0	\$	3.40	10/5/2023
	10/5/2013	18,264	0	\$	6.10	10/5/2023
	12/1/2014	18,264	0	\$	4.10	12/1/2024
	12/1/2014	12,785	0	\$	4.10	12/1/2024
	10/30/2015	26,387	10,140	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	10/30/2015	23,953	9,207	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	5/16/2016	10,778	9,639	\$	9.60	5/16/2026
	12/8/2016	37,917	67,083	\$	2.74	12/8/2026
	5/10/2017	9,111	31,889	\$	2.96	5/10/2027
John L. Gainer, Ph.D.	5/17/2012	22,649	0	\$	2.10	5/17/2022
	10/9/2012	9,132	0	\$	2.10	10/9/2022
	10/9/2012	18,264	0	\$	2.10	10/9/2022
	10/5/2013	9,132	0	\$	3.40	10/5/2023
	10/5/2013	18,264	0	\$	6.10	10/5/2023
	12/1/2014	18,264	0	\$	4.10	12/1/2024
	12/1/2014	10,958	0	\$	4.10	12/1/2024
	10/30/2015	26,387	10,140	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	10/30/2015	15,834	6,082	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	5/16/2016	4,407	3,927	\$	9.60	5/16/2026
	12/8/2016	12,278	21,722	\$	2.74	12/8/2026
	5/10/2017	7,556	26,444	\$	2.96	5/10/2027
Ben L. Shealy	5/17/2012	42,006	0	\$	2.10	5/17/2022
	10/9/2012	20,090	0	\$	2.10	10/9/2022
	10/5/2013	9,132	0	\$	3.40	10/5/2023
	12/1/2014	10,958	0	\$	4.10	12/1/2024
	10/30/2015	17,153	6,590	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	5/16/2016	4,731	4,228	\$	9.60	5/16/2026
	12/8/2016	5,778	10,222	\$	2.74	12/8/2026
	5/10/2017	5,133	17,967	\$	2.96	5/10/2027

⁽¹⁾ The unvested shares underlying each option grant are scheduled to vest in equal parts each month over the 36 month period following the grant date.

401(k) Retirement Plan

We maintain the Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. 401(k) plan pursuant to which all eligible employees, including our named executive officers, are entitled to make pre-tax and after-tax contributions of their compensation. In addition, the Company makes discretionary matching contributions at the rate of 100% for contributions up to 3% of the participant's eligible compensation and 50% for any additional contributions up to 5% of the participant's eligible compensation. The matching contributions received by our named executive officers in 2016 and 2017 are reported in the "All Other Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table above.

Post-Termination Severance and Change in Control Arrangements

As described under the heading "—Employment Agreements," we have entered into employment agreements with each of Messrs. Kalergis and Shealy and Dr. Gainer that provide for certain severance and change of control benefits, subject to the execution and non-revocation of a release of claims by the executive or his estate (as applicable). Under Mr. Kalergis' employment agreement, if his employment is terminated by us other than for "cause," death or "disability," or by Mr. Kalergis for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the employment agreement), Mr. Kalergis will be entitled to any unpaid bonus earned in the year prior to the termination, a pro-rata portion of the bonus earned during the year of termination, continuation of base salary for 12 months, plus 12 months of COBRA premium reimbursement, provided that if such termination occurs within 60 days before or within 24 months following a "change of control" (as defined in the employment agreement), then Mr. Kalergis will be entitled to receive the same severance benefits as provided above, except that he will receive (a) a payment equal to two times the sum of his base salary and the higher of his target annual bonus opportunity and the bonus payment he received for the year immediately preceding the year in which the termination occurred instead of 12 months of base salary continuation, and (b) a payment equal to 36 times the monthly COBRA premium for him and his eligible dependents instead of 12 months of COBRA reimbursements (the payments in clauses (a) and (b) are paid in a lump sum in some cases and partly in a lump sum and partly in installments over 12 months in other cases). In addition, if Mr. Kalergis' employment is terminated by us without cause or by Mr. Kalergis for good reason, in either case, upon or within 24 months following a change of control, then Mr. Kalergis will be entitled to full vesting of all equity awards received by him from us (with any equity awards that are subject to the satisfaction of performance goals deemed earned at not less than target performance, and with any equity award that is in the form of a stock option or stock appreciation right to remain outstanding and exercisable for 24 months following the termination date (but in no event beyond the expiration date of the applicable option or stock appreciation right)).

Under the employment agreements for Mr. Shealy and Dr. Gainer, in the event that the executive's employment is terminated by us other than for "cause", death or "disability" or upon his resignation for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the applicable employment agreement), the executive will be entitled to any unpaid bonus earned in the year prior to the termination, a pro-rata portion of the bonus earned during the year of termination, continuation of base salary for 9 months, plus 12 months of COBRA premium reimbursement, provided that if such termination occurs within 60 days before or within 24 months following a "change of control" (as defined in the applicable employment agreement), then the executive will be entitled to receive the same severance benefits as provided above, except that he will receive (a) a payment equal to 1.5 times the sum of his base salary and the higher of his target annual bonus opportunity and the bonus payment he received for the year immediately preceding the year in which the termination occurred instead of 9 months of base salary continuation and (b) a payment equal to 18 times the monthly COBRA premium for the executive and his eligible dependents instead of 12 months of COBRA reimbursements (the payments in clauses (a) and (b) are paid in a lump sum in some cases and in installments over 9 or 12 months in other cases). In addition, if the executive's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by the executive for good reason, in either case, upon or within 24 months following a change of control, then the executive will be entitled to full vesting of all equity awards received by the executive from us (with any equity awards that are subject to the satisfaction of performance goals deemed earned at not less than target performance, and with any equity award that is in the form of a stock option or stock appreciation right to remain outstanding and exercisable for 24 months following the termination date (but in no event beyond the expiration date of t

Under the employment agreements for each of Messrs. Kalergis and Shealy and Dr. Gainer, in the event that the executive's employment is terminated due to his death or disability, he (or his estate) will be entitled to any unpaid bonus earned in the year prior to the termination, a pro-rata portion of the bonus earned during the year of termination, 12 months of COBRA premium reimbursement and accelerated vesting of (a) all equity awards received in payment of base salary or an annual bonus and (b) with respect to any other equity award, the greater of the portion of the unvested equity award that would have become vested within 12 months after the termination date had no termination occurred and the portion of the unvested equity award that is subject to accelerated vesting (if any) upon such termination under the applicable equity plan or award agreement (with performance goals deemed earned at not less than target performance, and with any equity award that is in the form of a stock option or stock appreciation right to remain outstanding and exercisable for 12 months following the termination date or, if longer, such period as provided under the applicable equity plan or award agreement (but in no event beyond the expiration date of the applicable option or stock appreciation right)).

Further, under the terms of the stock option agreements with our executives, upon a completion of a "change of control" (as defined in the 2015 Equity Plan), options held by our executives will become immediately vested and remain exercisable through their expiration date regardless of whether the holder remains in the employment or service of the Company. Alternatively, in connection with a change of control, the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, cash out the options.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Overview of Director Compensation Program

As described in more detail under the heading "The Board, Its Committees and Corporate Governance—Compensation Committee—Responsibilities," the Board has delegated to the Compensation Committee the responsibility, among other things, to establish and lead a process for the determination of compensation payable to our non-employee directors. The Compensation Committee makes recommendations regarding compensation payable to our non-employee directors to the entire Board, which then makes final decisions regarding such compensation.

The principal elements of our director compensation program for 2017 included:

- cash compensation in the form of annual cash retainers; and
- long-term equity-based incentive compensation, in the form of stock options.

We do not compensate our employee directors, Mr. Kalergis and Dr. Gainer, separately for serving on the Board. In addition, pursuant to the option agreement between the Company and Mr. Blech described below, Mr. Blech also does not receive the long-term incentive compensation and annual retainers otherwise payable to our non-employee directors.

Cash Compensation

The non-employee members of the Board were entitled to the following cash retainers for services in 2017:

	Annual
Description	Cash Retainer
Board Member	\$ 32,500
Lead Independent Director of the Board	\$ 3,000
Audit Committee Chair	\$ 15,000
Compensation Committee Chair	\$ 10,000
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chair	\$ 7,000
Audit Committee Member (other than Chair)	\$ 6,000
Compensation Committee Member (other than Chair)	\$ 5,000
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Member (other than Chair)	\$ 3,000

The annual cash retainers are paid on a quarterly basis in arrears at the end of each calendar quarter. For example, the retainers paid at the end of the first calendar quarter are for the period from January 1 through March 31. The Compensation Committee has also reserved the right to make all or a portion of such payments in the form of equity rather than cash under certain conditions.

Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Compensation

In addition to cash compensation, our non-employee directors receive long-term equity-based incentive compensation in the form of options to purchase shares of our common stock. Upon a non-employee director's initial appointment to the Board, he or she shall receive a stock option award valued at \$100,000 vesting in equal annual installments over three years. In addition, each non-employee director receives annually a stock option award valued at \$50,000 vesting in equal monthly installments over three years (unless otherwise provided by the Compensation Committee). All such options have a ten-year term and an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date.

See the Director Compensation Table under the heading "—Summary Director Compensation Table for Fiscal 2017" for a summary of all options granted to our non-employee directors during the year ended December 31, 2017. See note 3 to the Director Compensation Table under the heading "—Summary Director Compensation Table for Fiscal 2017" for a summary of all options to purchase shares of our common stock held by our non-employee directors as of December 31, 2017.

Blech Option Agreement

In connection with his appointment to the Board on August 11, 2016 and in lieu of the compensation otherwise payable to our non-employee directors as described above, Mr. Blech was granted on August 31, 2016 a one-time stock option grant to purchase 204,907 shares of our common stock, which shares shall vest in equal quarterly installments over 10 years beginning September 30, 2016 (the "<u>Blech Option Grant</u>"). Mr. Blech generally has agreed not to sell any of the shares issuable upon exercise of the Blech Option Grant until August 11, 2021.

Summary Director Compensation Table for Fiscal 2017

The table below provides summary information concerning the compensation of each individual who served as a director of the Company during the year ended December 31, 2017, other than David G. Kalergis, our Chief Executive Officer, and John L. Gainer, Ph.D., our Chief Scientific Officer, whose compensation is described above under "Summary Compensation Table."

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

Name	 s Earned or d in Cash (\$)	A	Option Awards (\$)(1)	C	All Other ompensation (\$)	Total (\$)(3)
Isaac Blech	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0
Mark T. Giles	\$ 58,000	\$	46,056	\$	0	\$ 104,056
Alan Levin	\$ 58,500	\$	46,056	\$	0	\$ 104,056
Robert Adams	\$ 56,000	\$	46,056	\$	0	\$ 104,056
Robert Ruffolo(2)	\$ 29,000	\$	99,988	\$	0	\$ 128,988

⁽¹⁾ The amounts shown in this column reflect the grant date fair value of option awards granted during 2017, calculated in accordance with the provisions of ASC Topic 718 ("ASC Topic 718"), determined without regard to forfeitures. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model for will be disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The table below provides information regarding unexercised stock option awards held by each of our directors that remained outstanding at December 31, 2017.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

			Option Av	vard	s	
Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable		Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
Isaac Blech	1/7/2014	1,745	0	\$	30.00	1/6/2024
	7/24/2014	8,745	0	\$	39.20	7/23/2022
	10/21/2014	7,500	0	\$	48.00	7/10/2018
	8/31/2016	30,738	174,169(a)	\$	8.75	8/31/2026
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Mark T. Giles	5/17/2012	9,863	0	\$	2.10	5/17/2022
	10/9/2012	9,132	0	\$	2.10	10/9/2022
	10/5/2013	18,264	0	\$	6.10	10/5/2023
	12/1/2014	18,264	0	\$	4.10	12/1/2024
	10/30/2015	26,387	10,140(b)	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	7/21/2016	2,770	3,078(b)		9.00	7/21/2026
	12/8/2016	5,056	8,944(b)		2.74	12/8/2026
	6/15/2017	11,950	11,950(c)	\$	2.40	6/15/2027
Alan Levin	6/15/2015	23,014	4,600(b)	\$	4.10	6/15/2025
	10/30/2015	26,387	10,140(b)	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	7/21/2016	2,770	3,078(b)		9.00	7/21/2026
	12/8/2016	5,056	8,944(b)		2.74	12/8/2026
	6/15/2017	11,950	11,950(c)	\$	2.40	6/15/2027
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Robert Adams	5/17/2012	18,629	0	\$	2.10	5/17/2022
	10/9/2012	9,132	0	\$	2.10	10/9/2022
	10/5/2013	18,264	0	\$	6.10	10/5/2023
	12/1/2014	18,264	0	\$	4.10	12/1/2024
	10/30/2015	26,387	10,140(b)	\$	5.40	10/30/2025
	7/21/2016	2,770	3,078(b)		9.00	7/21/2026
	12/8/2016	5,056	8,944(b)		2.74	12/8/2026
	6/15/2017	11,950	11,950(c)	\$	2.40	6/15/2027
Robert Ruffolo	6/29/2017	0	52,057(d)	\$	2.31	6/29/2027

⁽a) The unvested shares underlying each option grant are scheduled to vest in equal parts each quarter over the 10-year period following the grant date.

⁽²⁾ As Dr. Ruffolo joined the Board in June 2017, his cash fees were pro-rated for fiscal year 2017. The option awards column includes the initial option grant upon his appointment to the Board as described above under "—*Long-Term Equity-Based Compensation.*"

⁽b) The unvested shares underlying each option grant are scheduled to vest in equal parts each month over the 36 month period following the grant date.

⁽c) The unvested shares underlying each option grant are scheduled to vest in equal parts each month over the 12 month period following the grant date.

⁽d) The unvested shares underlying each option grant are scheduled to vest in equal parts each year over the 3-year period following the grant date.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities being offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Dechert LLP, New York, New York. The underwriter is being represented by Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The audit report covering the December 31, 2016 consolidated financial statements contains an explanatory paragraph that states that the Company has suffered recurring losses from operations, has limited resources available to fund current research and development activities, and will require substantial additional financing to continue to fund its research and development activities, which raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of that uncertainty.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act, with respect to the securities being offered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information in the registration statement and its exhibits. For further information with respect to us and the securities offered by this prospectus, we refer you to the registration statement and its exhibits. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or any other document referred to are not necessarily complete, and in each instance, we refer you to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement. Each of these statements is qualified in all respects by this reference.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. You may read and copy any of this information at the Commission's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the Commission at (800) SEC-0330 or (202) 942-8090 for further information on the public reference room. The Commission also maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding issuers, including us, who file electronically with the Commission. The address of that site is www.sec.gov.

We also maintain an Internet website at www.diffusionpharma.com, which can be used to access free of charge, through the investor relations section, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with or furnish it to the Commission and all such reports of ours going forward. The information set forth on, or connected to, our website is expressly not incorporated by reference into, and does not constitute a part of, this prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The Commission allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means we can disclose information to you by referring you to another document we filed with the Commission. We will make those documents available to you without charge upon your oral or written request. Requests for those documents should be directed to Investor Relations Department, Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., 1317 Carlton Avenue, Suite 200, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902, Attention: Secretary, telephone: (434) 220-0718. This prospectus incorporates by reference the following documents (other than any portion of the respective filings furnished, rather than filed, under the applicable Commission rules) that we have filed with the Commission but have not included or delivered with this prospectus:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, as amended, filed with the SEC on March 31, 2017.
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on May 15, 2017, August 14, 2017 and November 13, 2017, respectively.

- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 9, 2017, January 26, 2017 (to the extent not furnished), March 15, 2017, April 3, 2017, April 11, 2017, May 26, 2017, June 16, 2017, July 6, 2017, November 2, 2017, November 20, 2017 and December 29, 2017;
- our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on May 12, 2017; and
- the description of our common stock included in our amended registration statements on Form 8-A filed on November 8, 2016 under the Exchange Act, and any amendment or report we may file with the Commission for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of the offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus (other than current reports or portions thereof furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K).

You may request a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. 1317 Carlton Avenue, Suite 200 Charlottesville, Virginia 22902 (434) 220-0718 Attention: Investor Relations

In accordance with Rule 412 of the Securities Act, any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement.



9,154,930 Shares of Common Stock

Warrants to Purchase up to 9,154,930 Shares of Common Stock

PROSPECTUS

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PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth all costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, paid or payable by us, in connection with the sale of the securities being registered under this registration statement. All amounts shown are estimates except for the SEC registration fee and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA, filing fee.

	Amount
SEC registration fee	\$ 3,839
FINRA filing fee	5,125
Blue-sky qualification fees and expenses	1,500
Legal fees and expenses	200,000
Accounting fees and expenses	125,000
Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses	2,500
Miscellaneous expenses	12,036
Total	\$ 350,000.00

Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"), provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who are, or are threatened to be made, parties to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such person as an officer, director, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was illegal. A Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who are, or are threatened to be made, a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reason of the fact that such person was a director, officer, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests except that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer or director is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him or her against the expenses which such officer or director has actually and reasonably incurred. Article V of our restated certificate of incorporation provides for indemnification of our directors and officers, and Article X of our amended and restated bylaws provides for indemnification of our directors, officers, employees and other agents, to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL. We have entered into indemnification agreements with our officers and directors. In addition, we maintain a policy providing directors' and officers' liability insurance.

Section 102 of the DGCL permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duties as a director, except for liability:

- for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders;
- · for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- · for acts related to unlawful stock repurchases, redemptions or other distributions or payment of dividends; or
- for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws include such a provision. Expenses incurred by any officer or director in defending any such action, suit or proceeding in advance of its final disposition shall be paid by us upon delivery to us of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such director or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that such director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified by us.

Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

Set forth below is information regarding securities issued by us since January 1, 2014 that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. Also included is the consideration, if any, received by us, for such securities and information relating to the Securities Act, or rule of the SEC, under which exemption from registration was claimed.

Private Placement

In March 2017, we conducted a private placement (the "Private Placement"), pursuant to which we issued 12,376,329 shares of Series A Preferred Stock and 5-year warrants to purchase 12,376,329 shares of our common stock at an exercise price equal to \$2.22 per share (the "Warrants"). The aggregate gross proceeds from the Private Placement were \$25.0 million, prior to deducting placement agent fees and expenses payable by us. Maxim Merchant Capital, a division of Maxim Group LLC ("Maxim"), acted as our sole placement agent in the Private Placement. We issued to Maxim and its designees 5-year warrants, to purchase of 1,179,558 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$2.22 per share, with such warrants containing a cashless exercise provision. The securities were issued to accredited investors in reliance upon an exemption pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Please see "Description of Capital Stock" for a description of our common stock, Series A Preferred Stock and Warrants.

As part of the Private Placement, we entered into registration rights agreements with the investors in the Private Placement and Maxim, pursuant to which we agreed to file a registration statement to register for resale the shares of common stock (i) issued and outstanding as a result of, or issuable upon, the conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, (ii) issued and outstanding as a result of, or issuable upon, the exercise of the Warrants sold in the Private Placement and (iii) issuable as payment of dividends accruing on the Series A Preferred Stock. Such registration statement was declared effective on June 1, 2017.

Reverse Merger

On January 8, 2016, we completed our merger (the "Merger") with Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC, a Virginia limited liability company ("Diffusion LLC"). In connection with the Merger, we issued to the former equity holders of Diffusion LLC an aggregate number of shares of our common stock such that, immediately following the Merger and on a fully-diluted basis, the former equity holders of Diffusion LLC owned approximately 84.1% of our common stock and our pre-Merger stockholders owned approximately 15.9% of our common stock. The issuance of common stock in connection with the Merger was exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index attached to this registration statement, which is incorporated by reference herein.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules.

No financial statement schedules are provided because the information called for is not required or is shown either in the financial statements or the notes thereto.

Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (2) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (3) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 promulgated under the Securities Act, (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant, (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (4) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (5) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (6) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Method of Filing

Exhibit

Description

No.		8
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement, by and between the Company and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC	Filed herewith
2.1	<u>Plan of Conversion, dated June 18, 2015</u>	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on June 18, 2015
2.2	Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 15, 2015 among the Company, Arco Merger Sub, LLC and Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC *	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2015
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., as amended	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016
3.2	Bylaws of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., as amended	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015
3.3	Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the initial filing of this Registration Statement on Form S-1 on December 20, 2017
3.5	Certificate of Conversion, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 18, 2015	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on June 18, 2015
4.1	Form of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. Convertible Note Agreement	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on October 3, 2016
4.2	Form of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC Convertible Note Agreement	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015
4.3	Form of Warrant issued to Investors in the 2017 Private Placement by Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2017

4.4	Form of Warrant issued to Investors in the 2014 Private Placement by the Company	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on April 29, 2014
4.5	Warrant, dated October 21, 2014, issued by the Company to Isaac Blech	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
4.6	Warrant, dated April 29, 2014, issued by the Company to Sol J. Barer, Ph.D.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
4.7	Form of Registration Rights Agreement entered into by and among the Company and Investors in the 2017 Private Placement	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the registrant's current report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017
4.8	Form of Registration Rights Agreement entered into by and among the Company and Investors in the 2014 Private Placement	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on April 29, 2014
4.9	Registration Rights Agreement dated November 18, 2013 between the Company and Certain Holders	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on November 22, 2013
4.10	Form of Warrant to be issued to the underwriter in this offering	Filed herewith.
4.11	Form of Warrant to be issued to investors in this offering	Filed herewith.
5.1	Opinion of Dechert LLP	Filed herewith.
10.1	Employment Agreement, dated as of September 6, 2016, by and between David G. Kalergis and Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K as filed on September 8, 2016
10.2	Employment Agreement, dated as of October 12, 2016, by and between Ben L. Shealy and Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K as filed on October 13, 2016
10.3	Employment Agreement, dated as of October 18, 2016, by and between John L. Gainer, Ph.D. and Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016
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10.4	Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K as filed on June 18, 2015
10.5	Amendment No. 1 to Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan**	Incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the registrant's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed on June 10, 2016
10.6	Form of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. Stock Option Award Agreement**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016
10.7	Form of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC Stock Option Award Agreement**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015
10.8	Form of 2015 Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on June 18, 2015
10.9	Form of 2015 Non-Statutory Stock Option Agreement under the Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on June 18, 2015
10.10	Form of Stock Option Agreement between the Company and certain former Executive Officers**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
10.11	Form of Stock Option Agreement between the Company and certain former Directors**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
10.12	Form of Indemnification Agreement between Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. and each of its Directors and Officers**	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015
10.13	<u>Placement Agency Agreement, dated January 27, 2017, by and between Diffusion</u> <u>Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Maxim Merchant Capital, a division of Maxim Group LLC</u>	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2017
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10.14	Amendment to the Placement Agency Agreement, dated March 14, 2017, by and between Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Maxim Merchant Capital, advisor of Maxim Group LLC	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016
10.15	Form of 2017 Private Placement Subscription Agreement	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2017
10.16	Settlement Agreement, dated September 27, 2016, by and among Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC, David Schmidt and the other parties thereto	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on October 3, 2016
10.17	Contingent Value Rights Agreement, dated as of January 8, 2016, by and between Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Computershare, Inc., as Rights Agent	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed on January 8, 2016
10.18	<u>Lease Agreement, dated March 31, 2017, by and between Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. and One Carlton LLC</u>	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the registrant's current report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017
21.1	Subsidiaries of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to the registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm	Filed herewith
23.2	Consent of Dechert LLP	Included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto
24.1	Powers of Attorney	Included on and incorporated by reference from the signature pages to the initial filing of this Registration Statement on Form S-1 on December 20, 2017.

All exhibits and schedules to this agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The registrant will furnish the omitted exhibits and schedules to the SEC upon request by the SEC. A management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, on the 16th day of January, 2018.

Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.

By: /s/ David G. Kalergis

David G. Kalergis

Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
/s/ David G. Kalergis David G. Kalergis	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	January 16, 2018
/s/ Ben L. Shealy Ben L. Shealy	Senior Vice President, Finance, Treasurer and Secretary (Principal Financial & Accounting Officer)	January 16, 2018
* Isaac Blech	Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors	January 16, 2018
* Robert Adams	Director	January 16, 2018
* John L. Gainer, Ph.D.	Director	January 16, 2018
* Mark T. Giles	Director	January 16, 2018
*	Director	January 16, 2018
Alan Levin *	Director	January 16, 2018
Robert R. Ruffolo * By: /s/ David G. Kalergis David G. Kalergis Attorney in fact		

 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AND
 WARRANTS OF

DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

January ___, 2018

H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC
As the Representative of the
Several underwriters, if any, named in Schedule I hereto
c/o H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC
430 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., a company incorporated under the laws of Delaware (collectively with its subsidiaries, including, without limitation, all entities disclosed or described in the Registration Statement as being subsidiaries of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., (the "Company"), hereby confirms its agreement (this "Agreement") with the several underwriters (such underwriters, including the Representative (as defined below), the "Underwriters" and each an "Underwriter") named in Schedule I hereto for which H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC is acting as representative to the several Underwriters (the "Representative" and if there are no Underwriters other than the Representative, references to multiple Underwriters shall be disregarded and the term Representative as used herein shall have the same meaning as Underwriter) on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

It is understood that the several Underwriters are to make a public offering of the Public Securities as soon as the Representative deems it advisable to do so. The Public Securities are to be initially offered to the public at the initial public offering price set forth in the Prospectus. The Representative may from time to time thereafter change the public offering price and other selling terms.

It is further understood that you will act as the Representative for the Underwriters in the offering and sale of the Closing Securities and, if any, the Option Securities (each as defined below) in accordance with this Agreement.

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, for all purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings set forth in this Section 1.1:
 - "Action" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(k).
 - "<u>Affiliate</u>" means with respect to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with such Person as such terms are used in and construed under Rule 405 under the Securities Act.
 - "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.
 - "Business Day" means any day except any Saturday, any Sunday, any day which is a federal legal holiday in the United States or any day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or required by law or other governmental action to close.
 - "Closing" means the closing of the purchase and sale of the Closing Securities pursuant to Section 2.1.
 - "Closing Date" means the hour and the date on the Trading Day on which all conditions precedent to (i) the Underwriters' obligations to pay the Closing Purchase Price and (ii) the Company's obligations to deliver the Closing Securities, in each case, have been satisfied or waived, but in no event later than 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second (2nd) Trading Day following the date hereof or at such earlier time as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company.
 - "Closing Purchase Price" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(b), which aggregate purchase price shall be net of the underwriting discounts and commissions.
 - "Closing Securities" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(a)(ii).
 - "Closing Shares" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(a)(i).
 - "Closing Warrants" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(a)(ii).
 - "Combined Purchase Price" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(b).
 - "Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
 - "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share, and any other class of securities into which such securities may hereafter be reclassified or changed.
 - "Common Stock Equivalents" means any securities of the Company or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Stock, including, without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, right, option, warrant or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Stock.

- "Company Auditor" means KPMG US LLP, with offices located at 1676 International Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102.
- "Company Counsel" means Dechert LLP, with offices located at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.
- "Effective Date" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(f).
- "EGS" means Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP, with offices located at 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10105.
- "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- "Execution Date" shall mean the date on which the parties execute and enter into this Agreement.

"Exempt Issuance" means the issuance of (a) shares of Common Stock or options to employees, officers or directors of the Company pursuant to any stock or option plan duly adopted for such purpose by a majority of the non-employee members of the Board of Directors or a majority of the members of a committee of non-employee directors established for such purpose, (b) securities upon the exercise or exchange of or conversion of any Securities issued hereunder and/or other securities exercisable or exchangeable for or convertible into shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the date of this Agreement, provided that such securities have not been amended since the date of this Agreement to increase the number of such securities or to decrease the exercise price, exchange price or conversion price of such securities or to extend the term of such securities, and (c) securities issued pursuant to acquisitions or strategic transactions approved by a majority of the disinterested directors of the Company, provided that such securities are issued as "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144) and carry no registration rights that require or permit the filing of any registration statement in connection therewith within 90 days following the Closing Date, and provided that any such issuance shall only be to a Person (or to the equity holders of a Person) which is, itself or through its subsidiaries, an operating company or an owner of an asset in a business synergistic with the business of the Company and shall provide to the Company additional benefits in addition to the investment of funds, but shall not include a transaction in which the Company is issuing securities primarily for the purpose of raising capital or to an entity whose primary business is investing in securities.

"FCPA" means the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

"FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

"GAAP" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(i).

"Indebtedness" means (a) any liabilities for borrowed money or amounts owed in excess of \$50,000 (other than trade accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business), (b) all guaranties, endorsements and other contingent obligations in respect of indebtedness of others, whether or not the same are or should be reflected in the Company's consolidated balance sheet (or the notes thereto), except guaranties by endorsement of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection or similar transactions in the ordinary course of business; and (c) the present value of any lease payments in excess of \$50,000 due under leases required to be capitalized in accordance with GAAP.

"Liens" means a lien, charge, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, right of first refusal, preemptive right or other restriction.

"<u>Lock-Up Agreements</u>" means the lock-up agreements that are delivered on the date hereof by each of the Company's officers and directors, in the form of <u>Exhibit F</u> attached hereto.

"Material Adverse Effect" means [(i) a material adverse effect on the legality, validity or enforceability of any Transaction Document, (ii) a material adverse effect on the results of operations, assets, business, prospects or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole or (iii) a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to perform in any material respect on a timely basis its obligations under any Transaction Document.]

"Offering" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(c).

"Option Closing Date" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2(c).

"Option Closing Purchase Price" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2(b), which aggregate purchase price shall be net of the underwriting discounts and commissions.

"Option Securities" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2(a)(ii).

"Option Shares" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2(a)(i).

"Option Warrants" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2(a).

"Over-Allotment Option" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2.

"Person" means an individual or corporation, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, joint stock company, government (or an agency or subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.

"<u>Preliminary Prospectus</u>" means, if any, any preliminary prospectus relating to the Securities included in the Registration Statement or filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b).

"Proceeding" means an action, claim, suit, investigation or proceeding (including, without limitation, an informal investigation or partial proceeding, such as a deposition), whether commenced or threatened.

"Prospectus" means the final prospectus filed for the Registration Statement.

"Prospectus Supplement" means, if any, any supplement to the Prospectus complying with Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act that is filed with the Commission.

"Public Securities" means, collectively, the Closing Securities and, if any, the Option Securities.

"Registration Statement" means, collectively, the various parts of the registration statement prepared by the Company on Form S-1 (File No. 333-222203) with respect to the Securities, each as amended as of the date hereof, including the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement, if any, the Preliminary Prospectus, if any, and all exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference into such registration statement.

"Required Approvals" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(e).

"Rule 424" means Rule 424 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended or interpreted from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same purpose and effect as such Rule.

"SEC Reports" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(i).

"Securities" means the Closing Securities, the Option Securities and the Warrant Shares.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Share Purchase Price" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(b).

"Shares" means, collectively, the shares of Common Stock delivered to the Underwriters in accordance with Section 2.1(a)(i) and Section 2.2(a).

"Subsidiary" means the subsidiaries of the Company set forth on Exhibit 21.1 to the Registration Statement and shall, where applicable, also include any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after the date hereof.

"Trading Day" means a day on which the principal Trading Market is open for trading.

"<u>Trading Market</u>" means any of the following markets or exchanges on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on the date in question: the NYSE American, the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Nasdaq Global Market, the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or the New York Stock Exchange (or any successors to any of the foregoing).

"<u>Transaction Documents</u>" means this Agreement, the Warrants, and any other documents or agreements executed in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder.

"<u>Transfer Agent</u>" means Computershare Investor Services, LLC, with a mailing address of 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021 and any successor transfer agent of the Company.

"Warrant Purchase Price" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.1(b).

"Warrant Shares" means the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants.

"<u>Warrants</u>" means, collectively, the Common Stock purchase warrants delivered to the Underwriters in accordance with Section 2.1(a)(ii) and Section 2.2, which Warrants shall be exercisable immediately and have a term of exercise equal to five (5) years, in the form of <u>Exhibit D</u> attached hereto.

ARTICLE II. PURCHASE AND SALE

2.1 <u>Closing</u>.

- (a) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to sell in the aggregate ______ shares of Common Stock and Warrants to purchase _____ shares of Common Stock, and each Underwriter agrees to purchase, severally and not jointly, at the Closing, the following securities of the Company:
 - (i) the number of shares of Common Stock (the "<u>Closing Shares</u>") set forth opposite the name of each such Underwriter on <u>Schedule I</u> hereof; and

<u>Schedule I</u> hereof (the " <u>Closing Warrants</u> " and, collectively with the Closing Shares, the " <u>Closing Securities</u> "), which Warrants shall have an exercise price of \$, subject to adjustment as provided therein.
(b) The aggregate purchase price for the Closing Securities for each Underwriter shall equal the amount set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter on Schedule I hereto (the "Closing Purchase Price"). The combined purchase price for one Share and a Warrant to purchase one Warrant Share shall be \$ (the "Combined Purchase Price") which shall be allocated as \$ per Share (the "Share Purchase Price") and \$ per Warrant Share (the "Warrant Purchase Price"); and
(c) On the Closing Date, each Underwriter shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Company, via wire transfer, immediately available funds equal to such Underwriter's Closing Purchase Price and the Company shall (i) deliver to, or as directed by, such Underwriter its respective Closing Securities and (ii) deliver the other items required pursuant to Section 2.3 to be delivered at the Closing. Upon satisfaction of the covenants and conditions set forth in Sections 2.3 and 2.4, the Closing shall occur at the offices of EGS or such other location (including remotely by facsimile or other electronic transmission) as the Company and Representative shall mutually agree. The Public Securities are to be offered initially to the public at the offering price set forth on the cover page of the Prospectus (the "Offering").
2.2 <u>Over-Allotment Option</u> .
(a) For the purposes of covering any over-allotments in connection with the distribution and sale of the Closing Securities, the Representative is hereby granted an option (the "Over-Allotment Option") to purchase, in the aggregate, up to shares of Common Stock (the "Option Shares") and Warrants to purchase up to shares of Common Stock (the "Option Warrants" and, collectively with the Option Shares, the "Option Securities") which may be purchased in any combination of Option Shares and/or Option Warrants at the Share Purchase Price and/or Warrant Purchase Price, respectively.
(b) In connection with an exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, (a) the purchase price to be paid for the Option Shares is equal to the product of the Share Purchase Price multiplied by the number of Option Shares to be purchased and (b) the purchase price to be paid for the Option Warrants is equal to the product of the Warrant Purchase Price multiplied by the number of Option Warrants (the aggregate purchase price to be paid on an Option Closing Date, the "Option Closing Purchase Price").
15% of the Closing Shares and 15% of the Closing Warrants.
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(ii) Warrants to purchase up to the number of shares of Common Stock set forth opposite the name of each such Underwriter on

- (c) The Over-Allotment Option granted pursuant to this Section 2.2 may be exercised by the Representative as to all (at any time) or any part (from time to time) of the Option Securities within 30 days after the Execution Date. An Underwriter will not be under any obligation to purchase any Option Securities prior to the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option by the Representative. The Over-Allotment Option granted hereby may be exercised by the giving of oral or written notice to the Company from the Representative, which, if notice is oral, must be confirmed within one (1) Business Day in writing by overnight mail or facsimile or other electronic transmission setting forth the number of Option Shares and/or Option Warrants to be purchased and the date and time for delivery of and payment for the Option Securities (each, an "Option Closing Date"), which will not be later than two (2) full Business Days after the date of the oral or written notice (whichever occurs first) or such other time as shall be agreed upon by the Company and the Representative, at the offices of EGS or at such other place (including remotely by facsimile or other electronic transmission) as shall be agreed upon by the Company and the Representative. If such delivery and payment for the Option Securities does not occur on the Closing Date, each Option Closing Date will be as set forth in the notice. Upon exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, the Company will become obligated to convey to the Underwriters, and, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Underwriters will become obligated to purchase, the number of Option Shares and/or Option Warrants specified in such notice. The Representative may cancel the Over-Allotment Option at any time prior to the expiration of the Over-Allotment Option by written notice to the Company.
- 2.3 <u>Deliveries</u>. The Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered to each Underwriter (if applicable) the following:
- (i) At the Closing Date, the Closing Shares and, as to each Option Closing Date, if any, the applicable Option Shares, which shares shall be delivered via The Depository Trust Company Deposit or Withdrawal at Custodian system for the accounts of the several Underwriters;
- (ii) At the Closing Date, the Closing Warrants and, as to each Option Closing Date, if any, the applicable Option Warrants in certificated form registered in the name or names and in such authorized denominations as the applicable Underwriter may request in writing at least one Business Day prior to the Closing Date and, if any, each Option Closing Date;
- (iii) At the Closing Date, to the Representative only, a Common Stock purchase warrant (the "<u>Underwriter Warrant</u>") to purchase up to a number of shares of Common Stock equal to 5% of the Closing Shares issued on the Closing Date, for the account of the Representative (or its designees), which Underwriter Warrant shall have an exercise price of \$____2, subject to adjustment therein, and registered in the name of the Representative in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u> attached hereto;
- (iv) (x) At the Closing Date, (A) a legal opinion of, and a negative assurance letter from, Company Counsel addressed to the Underwriters, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, and (B) the favorable opinion of, and a negative assurance letter from, intellectual property legal counsel to the Company (which may be internal counsel) addressed to the Underwriters, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative, (y) at each Option Closing Date, if any, bring-down opinions and bring-down negative assurance letters from each of the foregoing;

 $^{^2}$ 125% of the public offering price per share

- (v) Contemporaneously herewith, a cold comfort letter, addressed to the Underwriters and in form and substance satisfactory in all respects to the Representative from the Company Auditor dated, respectively, as of the date of this Agreement and a bring-down letter dated as of the Closing Date and each Option Closing Date, if any;
- (vi) On the Closing Date and on each Option Closing Date, the duly executed and delivered Officer's Certificate, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Representative;
- (vii) On the Closing Date and on each Option Closing Date, the duly executed and delivered Secretary's Certificate, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Representative; and
 - (viii) Contemporaneously herewith, the duly executed and delivered Lock-Up Agreements.
- 2.4 <u>Closing Conditions</u>. The respective obligations of each Underwriter hereunder in connection with the Closing and each Option Closing Date are subject to the following conditions being met:
 - (i) the accuracy in all material respects when made and on the date in question (other than representations and warranties of the Company already qualified by materiality, which shall be true and correct in all respects) of the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein (unless as of a specific date therein);
 - (ii) all obligations, covenants and agreements of the Company required to be performed at or prior to the date in question shall have been performed;
 - (iii) the delivery by the Company of the items set forth in Section 2.3 of this Agreement;
 - (iv) the Registration Statement shall be effective on the date of this Agreement and at each of the Closing Date and each Option Closing Date, if any, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or shall be pending or contemplated by the Commission and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Representative;

- (v) by the Execution Date, if required by FINRA, the Underwriters shall have received clearance from FINRA as to the amount of compensation allowable or payable to the Underwriters as described in the Registration Statement;
- (vi) the Closing Shares, the Option Shares and the Warrant Shares have been approved for listing on the Trading Market, subject to official notice of issuance; and
- (vii) prior to and on each of the Closing Date and each Option Closing Date, if any: (i) there shall have been no material adverse change or development involving a prospective material adverse change in the condition or prospects or the business activities, financial or otherwise, of the Company from the latest dates as of which such information is set forth in the Registration Statement and Prospectus the effect of which, in the judgment of the Representative, is so material and adverse as to make it impractical and unadvisable to proceed with the Closing; (ii) no action suit or proceeding, at law or in equity, shall have been pending or threatened against the Company or any Affiliate of the Company before or by any court or federal or state commission, board or other administrative agency wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding may materially adversely affect the business, operations, prospects or financial condition or income of the Company, except as set forth in the Registration Statement and Prospectus; (iii) no stop order shall have been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings therefor shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and (iv) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto shall contain all material statements which are required to be stated therein in accordance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder and shall conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, and neither the Registration Statement nor the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto shall contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

ARTICLE III. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 3.1 <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company.</u> [Except as set forth in the Registration Statement (including any report, proxy statement, prospectus, schedule, form, statement, certification, document or other information incorporated by reference therein), which information shall be deemed a part hereof and shall qualify any representation or otherwise made herein to the extent of such disclosure,] the Company represents and warrants to the Underwriters as of the time of the pricing of the Offering, on the Execution Date, as of the Closing Date and as of each Option Closing Date, if any, as follows:
 - (a) <u>Subsidiaries</u>. All of the direct and indirect Subsidiaries of the Company required to be disclosed by Item 601(b)(21) of Regulation S-K are set forth in the SEC Reports. The Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the capital stock or other equity interests of each Subsidiary free and clear of any Liens, and all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of each Subsidiary are validly issued and are fully paid, non-assessable and free of preemptive and similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities. If the Company has no Subsidiaries, all other references to the Subsidiaries or any of them in the Transaction Documents shall be disregarded.

- (b) Organization and Qualification. The Company and each of the Subsidiaries is an entity duly incorporated or otherwise organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with the requisite power and authority to own and use its properties and assets and to carry on its business as currently conducted. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in violation nor default of any of the provisions of its respective certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational or charter documents. Each of the Company and the Subsidiaries is duly qualified to conduct business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation or other entity in each jurisdiction in which the nature of the business conducted or property owned by it makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing, as the case may be, would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and no Proceeding has been instituted in any such jurisdiction revoking, limiting or curtailing or seeking to revoke, limit or curtail such power and authority or qualification.
- (c) Authorization; Enforcement. The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents by the Company and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Company and no further action is required by the Company, the Board of Directors or the Company's stockholders in connection herewith or therewith other than in connection with the Required Approvals. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which the Company is a party have been (or upon delivery will have been) duly executed by the Company and, when delivered in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof, will constitute the valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except (i) as limited by general equitable principles and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally, (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies and (iii) insofar as indemnification and contribution provisions may be limited by applicable law.
- (d) No Conflicts. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby do not and will not (i) conflict with or violate any provision of the Company's or any Subsidiary's certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational or charter documents, or (ii) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event that with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) of, any agreement, credit facility, debt or other instrument (evidencing a Company or Subsidiary debt or otherwise) or other understanding to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or by which any property or asset of the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or affected, or (iii) subject to the Required Approvals, conflict with or result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment, injunction, decree or other restriction of any court or governmental authority to which the Company or a Subsidiary is subject (including federal and state securities laws and regulations), or by which any property or asset of the Company or a Subsidiary is bound or affected; except in the case of each of clauses (ii) and (iii), such as would not have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (e) <u>Filings, Consents and Approvals</u>. The Company is not required to obtain any consent, waiver, authorization or order of, give any notice to, or make any filing or registration with, any court or other federal, state, local or other governmental authority or other Person in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents, other than: (i) the filing with the Commission of the Prospectus and (ii) such filings as are required to be made under applicable state securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated by FINRA and the Nasdaq Capital Market (collectively, the "<u>Required Approvals</u>").
- (f) Registration Statement. The Company has filed with the Commission the Registration Statement, including any related Prospectus, for the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act, [which Registration Statement has been prepared by the Company in all material respects in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act.] The Registration Statement has been declared effective by the Commission on _______, 2018 (the "Effective Date"). [The Company has advised the Representative of all further information (financial and other) with respect to the Company required to be set forth therein in the Registration Statement and Prospectus.] Any reference in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein; and any reference in this Agreement to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the date of this Agreement, or the issue date of the Prospectus, as the case may be, deemed to be incorporated therein by reference. All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is "contained," "included," "described," "referenced," "set forth" or "stated" in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement, as the case may be. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the use of the Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement has been issued, and no proceeding for any such purpose is pending or has been initiated or, to the Company's knowledge, is threatened by the Commission. For purposes of this Agreement, "free writing prospectus" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act. The Company will not, without the prior consent of the Representative, prepare, use or refer to, any free writing prospectus.

- (g) <u>Issuance of Securities</u>. The Securities are duly authorized and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the applicable Transaction Documents, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of all Liens imposed by the Company. The Warrant Shares, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Warrants, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of all Liens imposed by the Company. The Company has reserved from its duly authorized capital stock the maximum number of shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to this Agreement and the Warrants. The holder of the Securities will not be subject to personal liability solely by reason of being such holders. The Securities are not and will not be subject to the preemptive rights of any holders of any security of the Company or similar contractual rights granted by the Company. All corporate action required to be taken for the authorization, issuance and sale of the Securities has been duly and validly taken. The Securities conform in all material respects to all statements with respect thereto contained in the Registration Statement.
- Capitalization. The capitalization of the Company is as set forth in the SEC Reports. The Company has not issued any capital stock since its most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act, other than pursuant to the exercise of employee stock options under the Company's stock option plans, the issuance of shares of Common Stock to employees pursuant to the Company's employee stock purchase plans or pursuant to the conversion and/or exercise of Common Stock Equivalents outstanding as of the date of the most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act. [No Person has any right of first refusal, preemptive right, right of participation, or any similar right to participate in the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.] Except as a result of the purchase and sale of the Securities, there are no outstanding options, warrants, scrip rights to subscribe to, calls or commitments of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities, rights or obligations convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or giving any Person any right to subscribe for or acquire, any shares of Common Stock, or contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which the Company or any Subsidiary is or may become bound to issue additional shares of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents. The issuance and sale of the Securities will not obligate the Company to issue shares of Common Stock or other securities to any Person (other than the Underwriters) and will not result in a right of any holder of Company securities to adjust the exercise, conversion, exchange or reset price under any of such securities. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, have been issued in compliance with all federal and state securities laws, and none of such outstanding shares was issued in violation of any preemptive rights or similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities. The authorized shares of the Company conform in all material respects to all statements with respect thereto contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. The offers and sales of the Company's securities were at all relevant times either registered under the Securities Act and the applicable state securities or Blue Sky laws or, based in part on the representations and warranties of the purchasers, exempt from such registration requirements. Except for the Required Approvals, no further approval or authorization of any stockholder, the Board of Directors or others is required for the issuance and sale of the Securities. There are no stockholders agreements, voting agreements or other similar agreements with respect to the Company's capital stock to which the Company is a party or, to the knowledge of the Company, between or among any of the Company's stockholders.

SEC Reports; Financial Statements. The Company has filed all reports, schedules, forms, statements and other documents required to be filed by the Company under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, including pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) thereof, for the two years preceding the date hereof (or such shorter period as the Company was required by law or regulation to file such material) (the foregoing materials, including the exhibits thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein, together with the Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement, being collectively referred to herein as the "SEC Reports") on a timely basis or has received a valid extension of such time of filing and has filed any such SEC Reports prior to the expiration of any such extension. As of their respective dates, the SEC Reports complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable, and none of the SEC Reports, when filed, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The financial statements of the Company included in the SEC Reports comply in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the rules and regulations of the Commission with respect thereto as in effect at the time of filing. Such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved, except as may be otherwise specified in such financial statements or the notes thereto and except that unaudited financial statements may not contain all footnotes required by GAAP, and fairly present in all material respects the financial position of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of and for the dates thereof and the results of operations and cash flows for the periods then ended, subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to normal, year-end audit adjustments. The agreements and documents described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Prospectus Supplement and the SEC Reports conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained therein and there are no agreements or other documents required by the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder to be described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Prospectus Supplement or the SEC Reports or to be filed with the Commission as exhibits to the Registration Statement, that have not been so described or filed. Each agreement or other instrument (however characterized or described) to which the Company is a party or by which it is or may be bound or affected and (i) that is referred to in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Prospectus Supplement or the SEC Reports, or (ii) is material to the Company's business, has been duly authorized and validly executed by the Company, is in full force and effect in all material respects and is enforceable against the Company and, to the Company's knowledge, the other parties thereto, in accordance with its terms, except (x) as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, (y) as enforceability of any indemnification or contribution provision may be limited under the federal and state securities laws, and (z) that the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to the equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought. None of such agreements or instruments has been assigned by the Company, and neither the Company nor, to the best of the Company's knowledge, any other party is in default thereunder and, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no event has occurred that, with the lapse of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default thereunder. To the best of the Company's knowledge, performance by the Company of the material provisions of such agreements or instruments will not result in a violation of any existing applicable law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any governmental agency or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its assets or businesses, including, without limitation, those relating to environmental laws and regulations, except for violations which would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

Material Changes; Undisclosed Events, Liabilities or Developments. Since the date of the latest audited financial statements included within the SEC Reports, except as specifically disclosed in a subsequent SEC Report filed prior to the date hereof, (i) there has been no event, occurrence or development that has had or that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) the Company has not incurred any liabilities (contingent or otherwise) that are material to the Company other than (A) trade payables and accrued expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and (B) liabilities not required to be reflected in the Company's financial statements pursuant to GAAP or disclosed in the SEC Reports, (iii) the Company has not altered its method of accounting, (iv) the Company has not declared or made any dividend or distribution of cash or other property to its stockholders or purchased, redeemed or made any agreements to purchase or redeem any shares of its capital stock, (v) the Company has not issued any equity securities to any officer, director or Affiliate, except pursuant to existing Company stock option plans and (vi) no officer or director of the Company has resigned from any position with the Company. The Company does not have pending before the Commission any request for confidential treatment of information. [Except for the issuance of the Securities contemplated by this Agreement, no event, liability, fact, circumstance, occurrence or development has occurred or exists or is reasonably expected to occur or exist with respect to the Company or its Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, prospects, properties, operations, assets or financial condition that would be required to be disclosed by the Company under applicable securities laws at the time this representation is made or deemed made that has not been publicly disclosed at least 1 Trading Day prior to the date that this representation is made.] Unless otherwise disclosed in an SEC Report filed prior to the date hereof, the Company has not: (i) issued any securities or incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, for borrowed money; or (ii) declared or paid any dividend or made any other distribution on or in respect to its capital stock.

- (k) <u>Litigation</u>. There is no action, suit, inquiry, notice of violation, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties before or by any court, arbitrator, governmental or administrative agency or regulatory authority (federal, state, county, local or foreign) (collectively, an "<u>Action</u>") which (i) adversely affects or challenges the legality, validity or enforceability of any of the Transaction Documents or the Securities or (ii) would, if there were an unfavorable decision, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary, nor any director or officer thereof, is or has been the subject of any Action involving a claim of violation of or liability under federal or state securities laws or a claim of breach of fiduciary duty. There has not been, and to the knowledge of the Company, there is not pending or contemplated, any investigation by the Commission involving the Company or, to the Company's knowledge, any current [or former] director or officer of the Company. The Commission has not issued any stop order or other order suspending the effectiveness of any registration statement filed by the Company or any Subsidiary under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act.
- (l) <u>Labor Relations</u>. No labor dispute exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent with respect to any of the employees of the Company, which would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. None of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' employees is a member of a union that relates to such employee's relationship with the Company or such Subsidiary, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to a collective bargaining agreement, and the Company and its Subsidiaries believe that their relationships with their employees are good. To the knowledge of the Company, no executive officer of the Company or any Subsidiary, is, or is now expected to be, in violation of any material term of any employment contract, confidentiality, disclosure or proprietary information agreement or non-competition agreement, or any other contract or agreement or any restrictive covenant in favor of any third party, and the continued employment of each such executive officer does not subject the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to any liability with respect to any of the foregoing matters. The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with all U.S. federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations relating to employment and employment practices, terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours, except where the failure to be in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (m) <u>Compliance</u>. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary: (i) is in default under or in violation of (and no event has occurred that has not been waived that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would result in a default by the Company or any Subsidiary under), nor has the Company or any Subsidiary received notice of a claim that it is in default under or that it is in violation of, any indenture, loan or credit agreement or any other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties is bound (whether or not such default or violation has been waived), (ii) is in violation of any judgment, decree or order of any court, arbitrator or other governmental authority or (iii) is or has been in violation of any statute, rule, ordinance or regulation of any governmental authority, including without limitation all foreign, federal, state and local laws relating to taxes, environmental protection, occupational health and safety, product quality and safety and employment and labor matters, except in each case as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (n) <u>Regulatory Permits</u>. The Company and the Subsidiaries possess all certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses as described in the SEC Reports, except where the failure to possess such permits would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect (each, a "<u>Material Permit</u>"), and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Material Permit. The disclosures in the Registration Statement concerning the effects of Federal, State, local and all foreign regulation on the Company's business as currently contemplated do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.
- (o) <u>Title to Assets</u>. The Company and the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to, or have valid and marketable rights to lease or otherwise use, all real property and all personal property that is material to the business of the Company and the Subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all Liens, except for (i) Liens as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and the Subsidiaries and (ii) Liens for the payment of federal, state or other taxes, for which appropriate reserves have been made in accordance with GAAP, and the payment of which is neither delinquent nor subject to penalties. Any real property and facilities held under lease by the Company and the Subsidiaries are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with which the Company and the Subsidiaries are in material compliance.
- (p) Intellectual Property. The Company and the Subsidiaries have, or have rights to use, all patents, patent applications, trademarks, trademark applications, service marks, trade names, trade secrets, inventions, copyrights, licenses and other intellectual property rights and similar rights necessary or required for use in connection with their respective businesses as described in the SEC Reports, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (collectively, the "Intellectual Property Rights"). None of, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received a notice (written or otherwise) that any of, the Intellectual Property Rights has expired, terminated or been abandoned, or is expected to expire or terminate or be abandoned, within two (2) years from the date of this Agreement, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received, since the date of the latest audited financial statements included within the SEC Reports, a written notice of a claim or otherwise has any knowledge that the Intellectual Property Rights violate or infringe upon the rights of any Person, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company, all such Intellectual Property Rights are enforceable and there is no existing infringement by another Person of any of the Intellectual Property Rights [that would be material to the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole]. The Company and its Subsidiaries have taken reasonable security measures to protect the secrecy, confidentiality and value of all of their intellectual properties, except where failure to do so would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (q) <u>Insurance</u>. The Company and the Subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which the Company and the Subsidiaries are engaged, including, but not limited to, directors and officers insurance coverage. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business without a significant increase in cost.
- (r) <u>Transactions With Affiliates and Employees</u>. Except as set forth in the SEC Reports, none of the officers or directors of the Company or any Subsidiary and, to the knowledge of the Company, none of the employees of the Company or any Subsidiary is presently a party to any transaction with the Company or any Subsidiary (other than for services as employees, officers and directors), including any contract, agreement or other arrangement providing for the furnishing of services to or by, providing for rental of real or personal property to or from, providing for the borrowing of money from or lending of money to or otherwise requiring payments to or from, any officer, director or such employee or, to the knowledge of the Company, any entity in which any officer, director, or any such employee has a substantial interest or is an officer, director, trustee, stockholder, member or partner, in each case in excess of \$120,000 other than for (i) payment of salary or consulting fees for services rendered, (ii) reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Company and (iii) other employee benefits, including stock option agreements under any stock option plan of the Company.
- Sarbanes-Oxley; Internal Accounting Controls. The Company and the Subsidiaries are in material compliance with any and all applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that are effective as of the date hereof, and any and all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission thereunder that are effective as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date. The Company and the Subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Company and the Subsidiaries have established disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the Company and the Subsidiaries and designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms. The Company's certifying officers have evaluated the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures of the Company and the Subsidiaries as of the end of the period covered by the most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act (such date, the "Evaluation Date"). The Company presented in its most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act the conclusions of the certifying officers about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on their evaluations as of the Evaluation Date. Since the Evaluation Date, there have been no changes in the internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in the Exchange Act) of the Company and its Subsidiaries that have materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the internal control over financial reporting of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

- (t) <u>Certain Fees</u>. Except as set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, no brokerage or finder's fees or commissions are or will be payable by the Company, any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company to any broker, financial advisor or consultant, finder, placement agent, investment banker, bank or other Person with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement To the Company's knowledge, there are no other arrangements, agreements or understandings of the Company or, to the Company's knowledge, any of its stockholders that may affect the Underwriters' compensation, as determined by FINRA. The Company has not made any direct or indirect payments (in cash, securities or otherwise) in connection with the offering of the Securities to: (i) any person, as a finder's fee, consulting fee or otherwise, in consideration of such person raising capital for the Company or introducing to the Company persons who raised or provided capital to the Company; (ii) any FINRA member; or (iii) any person or entity that has any direct or indirect affiliation or association with any FINRA member, within the twelve months prior to the Execution Date. None of the net proceeds of the Offering will be paid by the Company to any participating FINRA member or its affiliates, except as specifically authorized herein.
- (u) <u>Investment Company</u>. The Company is not, and is not an Affiliate of, and immediately after receipt of payment for the Securities will not be or be an Affiliate of, an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company shall conduct its business in a manner so that it will not become an "investment company" subject to registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (v) Registration Rights. No Person has any right to cause the Company or any Subsidiary to effect the registration under the Securities Act of any securities of the Company or any Subsidiary.
- (w) <u>Listing and Maintenance Requirements</u>. The Common Stock is registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and the Company has taken no action designed to, or which to its knowledge is likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration of the Common Stock under the Exchange Act nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission is contemplating terminating such registration. The Company has not, in the 12 months preceding the date hereof, received notice from any Trading Market on which the Common Stock is or has been listed or quoted to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements of such Trading Market. The Company is, and has no reason to believe that it will not in the foreseeable future continue to be, in compliance with all such listing and maintenance requirements. The Common Stock is currently eligible for electronic transfer through the Depository Trust Company or another established clearing corporation and the Company is current in payment of the fees of the Depository Trust Company (or such other established clearing corporation) in connection with such electronic transfer.

- (x) <u>Application of Takeover Protections</u>. [The Company and the Board of Directors have taken all necessary action, if any, in order to render inapplicable any control share acquisition, business combination, poison pill (including any distribution under a rights agreement) or other similar anti-takeover provision under the Company's certificate of incorporation (or similar charter documents) or the laws of its state of incorporation that is or could become applicable as a result of the Underwriters and the Company fulfilling their obligations or exercising their rights under the Transaction Documents.]
- Disclosure; 10b-5. The Registration Statement (and any further documents to be filed with the Commission) contains all exhibits and schedules as required by the Securities Act. Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, if any, at the time it became effective, complied as to form in all material respects with the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations under the Securities Act and did not and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Preliminary Prospectus, Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement, each as of its respective date, comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations. Each of the Preliminary Prospectus, Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement, as amended or supplemented, did not and will not contain as of the date thereof any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. [The SEC Reports, when they were filed with the Commission, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations, and none of such documents, when they were filed with the Commission, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein (with respect to the SEC Reports incorporated by reference in the Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement), in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading; and any further documents so filed and incorporated by reference in the Prospectus or Prospectus Supplement, when such documents are filed with the Commission, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations, as applicable, and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading.] No post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement reflecting any facts or events arising after the date thereof which represent, individually or in the aggregate, a fundamental change in the information set forth therein is required to be filed with the Commission. [There are no documents required to be filed with the Commission in connection with the transaction contemplated hereby that (x) have not been filed as required pursuant to the Securities Act or (y) will not be filed within the requisite time period. There are no contracts or other documents required to be described in the Prospectus or Prospectus Supplement, or to be filed as exhibits or schedules to the Registration Statement, which have not been described or filed as required. The press releases disseminated by the Company during the twelve months preceding the date of this Agreement taken as a whole do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made and when made, not misleading.]

- (z) <u>No Integrated Offering</u>. Neither the Company, nor any of its Affiliates, nor any Person acting on its or their behalf has, directly or indirectly, made any offers or sales of any security or solicited any offers to buy any security, under circumstances that would cause this offering of the Securities to be integrated with prior offerings by the Company for purposes of any applicable shareholder approval provisions of any Trading Market on which any of the securities of the Company are listed or designated, provided that the offering of the Securities is a "public offering" for purposes of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC.
- (aa) Solvency. Based on the consolidated financial condition of the Company as of the Closing Date, after giving effect to the receipt by the Company of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities hereunder, (i) the fair saleable value of the Company's assets exceeds the amount that will be required to be paid on or in respect of the Company's existing debts and other liabilities (including known contingent liabilities) as they mature, (ii) the Company's assets do not constitute unreasonably small capital to carry on its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted including its capital needs taking into account the particular capital requirements of the business conducted by the Company, consolidated and projected capital requirements and capital availability thereof, and (iii) the current cash flow of the Company, together with the proceeds the Company would receive, were it to liquidate all of its assets, after taking into account all anticipated uses of the cash, would be sufficient to pay all amounts on or in respect of its liabilities when such amounts are required to be paid. The Company does not intend to incur debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature (taking into account the timing and amounts of cash to be payable on or in respect of its debt). The Company has no knowledge of any facts or circumstances which lead it to believe that it will file for reorganization or liquidation under the bankruptcy or reorganization laws of any jurisdiction within one year from the Closing Date. The SEC Reports sets forth as of the date hereof all outstanding secured and unsecured Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary, or for which the Company or any Subsidiary has commitments.

- (bb) Tax Status. Except for matters that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, the Company and its Subsidiaries each (i) has made or filed all United States federal, state and local income and all foreign income and franchise tax returns, reports and declarations required by any jurisdiction to which it is subject, (ii) has paid all taxes and other governmental assessments and charges that are material in amount, shown or determined to be due on such returns, reports and declarations (other than any amounts being contested by the Company in good faith) and (iii) has set aside on its books provision reasonably adequate for the payment of all material taxes for periods subsequent to the periods to which such returns, reports or declarations apply. There are no unpaid taxes in any material amount claimed to be due by the taxing authority of any jurisdiction (other than any amounts being contested by the Company in good faith), and, to the Company's knowledge, there is no basis for any such claim. The provisions for taxes payable, if any, shown on the financial statements filed with or as part of the Registration Statement are sufficient for all accrued and unpaid taxes, whether or not disputed, and for all periods to and including the dates of such consolidated financial statements. The term "taxes" mean all federal, state, local, foreign, and other net income, gross receipts, sales, use, ad valorem, transfer, franchise, profits, license, lease, service use, withholding, payroll, employment, excise, severance, stamp, occupation, premium, property, windfall profits, customs, duties or other taxes, fees, assessments, or charges of any kind whatsoever, together with any interest and any penalties, additions to tax, or additional amounts with respect thereto. The term "returns" means all returns, declarations, reports, statements, and other documents required to be filed in respect to taxes.
- (cc) <u>Foreign Corrupt Practices</u>. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary, nor to the knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, any agent or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary, has (i) directly or indirectly, used any funds for unlawful contributions, gifts, entertainment or other unlawful expenses related to foreign or domestic political activity, (ii) made any unlawful payment to foreign or domestic government officials or employees or to any foreign or domestic political parties or campaigns from corporate funds, (iii) failed to disclose fully any contribution made by the Company or any Subsidiary (or made by any person acting on its behalf of which the Company is aware) which is in material violation of law, or (iv) violated in any material respect any provision of FCPA. The Company has taken reasonable steps to ensure that its accounting controls and procedures are sufficient to cause the Company to comply in all material respects with the FCPA.
- (dd) <u>Accountants</u>. To the knowledge and belief of the Company, the Company Auditor (i) is an independent registered public accounting firm as required by the Exchange Act and (ii) shall express its opinion with respect to the financial statements to be included in the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. The Company Auditor has not, during the periods covered by the financial statements included in the Prospectus, provided to the Company any non-audit services, as such term is used in Section 10A(g) of the Exchange Act.

- FDA. As to each product subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended, and the regulations thereunder ("FDCA") that is manufactured, packaged, labeled, tested, distributed, sold, and/or marketed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (each such product, a "Pharmaceutical Product"), such Pharmaceutical Product is being manufactured, packaged, labeled, tested, distributed, sold and/or marketed by the Company in compliance with all applicable requirements under FDCA and similar laws, rules and regulations relating to registration, investigational use, premarket clearance, licensure, or application approval, good manufacturing practices, good laboratory practices, good clinical practices, product listing, quotas, labeling, advertising, record keeping and filing of reports, except where the failure to be in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no pending, completed or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened, action (including any lawsuit, arbitration, or legal or administrative or regulatory proceeding, charge, complaint, or investigation) against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and none of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice, warning letter or other communication from the FDA or any other governmental entity, which (i) contests the premarket clearance, licensure, registration, or approval of, the uses of, the distribution of, the manufacturing or packaging of, the testing of, the sale of, or the labeling and promotion of any Pharmaceutical Product, (ii) withdraws its approval of, requests the recall, suspension, or seizure of, or withdraws or orders the withdrawal of advertising or sales promotional materials relating to, any Pharmaceutical Product, (iii) imposes a clinical hold on any clinical investigation by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (iv) enjoins production at any facility of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (v) enters or proposes to enter into a consent decree of permanent injunction with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or (vi) otherwise alleges any violation of any laws, rules or regulations by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and which, individually or in the aggregate, would have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The properties, business and operations of the Company have been and are being conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the FDA, except where such noncompliance, individually or in the aggregate, would not have or reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has not been informed by the FDA that the FDA will prohibit the marketing, sale, license or use in the United States of any product proposed to be developed, produced or marketed by the Company nor has the FDA expressed any concern as to approving or clearing for marketing any product being developed or proposed to be developed by the Company.
- (ff) Office of Foreign Assets Control. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary nor, to the Company's knowledge, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any Subsidiary is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department.
- (gg) <u>U.S. Real Property Holding Corporation</u>. The Company is not and, to the Company's knowledge, has never been a U.S. real property holding corporation within the meaning of Section 897 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Company shall so certify upon the Representative's reasonable request.

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- (ii) <u>Money Laundering</u>. The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial record-keeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, applicable money laundering statutes and applicable rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "<u>Money Laundering Laws</u>"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any Subsidiary with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, threatened.
- (jj) <u>D&O Questionnaires</u>. To the Company's knowledge, all information contained in the questionnaires completed by each of the Company's directors and officers immediately prior to the Offering as well as in the Lock-Up Agreement provided to the Underwriters is true and correct in all respects and the Company has not become aware of any information which would cause the information disclosed in such questionnaires become inaccurate and incorrect.
- (kk) <u>FINRA Affiliation</u>. No officer, director or, to the Company's knowledge, any beneficial owner of 5% or more of the Company's unregistered securities has any direct or indirect affiliation or association with any FINRA member (as determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of FINRA) that is participating in the Offering. The Company will advise the Representative and EGS if it learns that any officer, director or owner of 5% or more of the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents is or becomes an affiliate or associated person of a FINRA member firm.
- (ll) Officers' Certificate. Any certificate signed by any duly authorized officer of the Company and delivered to the Representative or EGS shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to the Underwriters as to the matters covered thereby.
- (mm) <u>Board of Directors</u>. [The Board of Directors is comprised of the persons set forth under the heading of the Prospectus captioned "Management." The qualifications of the persons serving as board members and the overall composition of the Board of Directors comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules promulgated thereunder applicable to the Company and the rules of the Trading Market. At least one member of the Board of Directors qualifies as a "financial expert" as such term is defined under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules promulgated thereunder and the rules of the Trading Market. In addition, at least a majority of the persons serving on the Board of Directors qualify as "independent" as defined under the rules of the Trading Market.]

ARTICLE IV. OTHER AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES

4.1 <u>Amendments to Registration Statement</u>. The Company has delivered, or will as promptly as practicable deliver, to the Underwriters complete conformed copies of the Registration Statement and of each consent and certificate of experts, as applicable, filed as a part thereof, and conformed copies of the Registration Statement (without exhibits), the Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement, as amended or supplemented, in such quantities and at such places as an Underwriter reasonably requests. Neither the Company nor any of its directors and officers has distributed and none of them will distribute, prior to the Closing Date, any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than the Prospectus, any Prospectus Supplement, the Registration Statement, and copies of the documents incorporated by reference therein. The Company shall not file any such amendment or supplement to which the Representative shall reasonably object in writing.

4.2 <u>Federal Securities Laws</u>.

- (a) <u>Compliance</u>. During the time when a Prospectus is required to be delivered under the Securities Act, the Company will use its [reasonable] best efforts to comply with all requirements imposed upon it by the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, as from time to time in force, so far as necessary to permit the continuance of sales of or dealings in the Securities in accordance with the provisions hereof and the Prospectus. If at any time when a Prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Securities Act, any event shall have occurred as a result of which, in the opinion of counsel for the Company or counsel for the Underwriters, the Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if it is necessary at any time to amend the Prospectus to comply with the Securities Act, the Company will notify the Underwriters promptly and prepare and file with the Commission, subject to Section 4.1 hereof, an appropriate amendment or supplement in accordance with Section 10 of the Securities Act.
- (b) <u>Filing of Final Prospectus</u>. The Company will file the Prospectus (in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative) with the Commission pursuant to the requirements of Rule 424.
- (c) <u>Exchange Act Registration</u>. For a period of three years from the Execution Date, subject to any requirements under applicable law the Company will use its [reasonable] best efforts to maintain the registration of the Common Stock under the Exchange Act.
- (d) <u>Free Writing Prospectuses</u>. The Company represents and agrees that it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an issuer free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 433 of the rules and regulations under the Securities Act, without the prior written consent of the Representative. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Representative is herein referred to as a "<u>Permitted Free Writing Prospectus</u>." The Company represents that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an "issuer free writing prospectus" as defined in rule and regulations under the Securities Act, and has complied and will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 433 of the Securities Act, including timely Commission filing where required, legending and record keeping.

- 4.3 <u>Delivery to the Underwriters of Prospectuses</u>. The Company will deliver to the Underwriters, without charge, from time to time during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act such number of copies of each Prospectus as the Underwriters may reasonably request and, as soon as the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto becomes effective, deliver to the Representative two original executed Registration Statements, including exhibits, and all post-effective amendments thereto and copies of all exhibits filed therewith or incorporated therein by reference and all original executed consents of certified experts.
- 4.4 Effectiveness and Events Requiring Notice to the Underwriters. The Company will use its [reasonable] best efforts to cause the Registration Statement to remain effective with a current prospectus until the later of nine (9) months from the Execution Date and the date on which the Warrants are no longer outstanding, and will notify the Underwriters [and holders of the Warrants] promptly and confirm the notice in writing: (i) of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto; (ii) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of the initiation, or the threatening, of any proceedings for that purpose; (iii) of the issuance by any state securities commission of any proceedings for that purpose; (iv) of the mailing and delivery to the Commission for filing of any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus; (v) of the receipt of any comments or request for any additional information from the Commission; and (vi) of the happening of any event during the period described in this Section 4.4 that, in the judgment of the Company, makes any statement of a material fact made in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus untrue or that requires the making of any changes in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus untrue or that requires the making of any changes in the Registration or any state securities commission shall enter a stop order or suspend such qualification at any time, the Company will make every reasonable effort to obtain promptly the lifting of such order.

4.5 Expenses of the Offering.

General Expenses Related to the Offering. The Company hereby agrees to pay on each of the Closing Date and each Option Closing Date, if any, to the extent not paid at the Closing Date, all expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Agreement, including, but not limited to: (a) all filing fees relating to the registration of the Securities to be sold in the Offering (including the Option Securities) with the Commission; (b) all FINRA Public Offering Filing System fees associated with the review of the Offering by FINRA; (c) all fees and expenses relating to the listing of such Closing Shares, Option Shares and Warrant Shares on the Trading Market and such other stock exchanges as the Company and the Representative together determine; (d) all fees, expenses and disbursements relating to the registration or qualification of such Securities under the "blue sky" securities laws of such states and other foreign jurisdictions as the Representative may reasonably designate (including, without limitation, all actual filing and registration fees, and the actual fees and expenses of Blue Sky counsel, such fees of counsel not to exceed \$5,000 in the aggregate); (e) the costs of all mailing and printing of the underwriting documents (including, without limitation, the Underwriting Agreement, any Blue Sky Surveys and, if appropriate, any Agreement Among Underwriters, Selected Dealers' Agreement, Underwriters' Questionnaire and Power of Attorney), Registration Statements, Prospectuses and all amendments, supplements and exhibits thereto and as many preliminary and final Prospectuses as the Representative may reasonably deem necessary; (f) the costs and expenses of the Company's public relations firm; (g) the costs of preparing, printing and delivering the Securities; (h) fees and expenses of the Transfer Agent for the Securities (including, without limitation, any fees required for same-day processing of any instruction letter delivered by the Company); (i) stock transfer and/or stamp taxes, if any, payable upon the transfer of securities from the Company to the Underwriters; (i) the fees and expenses of the Company's accountants; (k) the fees and expenses of the Company's legal counsel and other agents and representatives; and (l) the Underwriters' costs of mailing prospectuses to prospective investors. The Underwriters may also deduct from the net proceeds of the Offering payable to the Company on the Closing Date, or each Option Closing Date, if any, the expenses set forth herein to be paid by the Company to the Underwriters.

- (b) <u>Expenses of the Representative</u>. The Company further agrees that, in addition to the expenses payable pursuant to Section 4.5(a), on the Closing Date, the Company will (i) pay to the Representative a management fee equal to 1% of the aggregate gross proceeds of the Offering (the "Management Fee") and (ii) reimburse the Representative for its expenses of the Offering in the non-accountable sum of \$35,000 and for its legal and other documented out-of-pocket expenses of the Offering in an amount of up to an aggregate of \$100,000 by deduction from the proceeds of the Offering contemplated herein.
- 4.6 <u>Application of Net Proceeds</u>. The Company will apply the net proceeds from the Offering received by it in a manner consistent with the application described under the caption "Use Of Proceeds" in the Prospectus.
- 4.7 <u>Delivery of Earnings Statements to Security Holders.</u> The Company will make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable, but not later than the first day of the fifteenth full calendar month following the Execution Date, an earnings statement (which need not be certified by independent public or independent certified public accountants unless required by the Securities Act or the Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act, but which shall satisfy the provisions of Rule 158(a) under Section 11(a) of the Securities Act) covering a period of at least twelve consecutive months beginning after the Execution Date, provided that documents filed by the Company with the Commission shall be deemed to be delivered.

- 4.8 <u>Stabilization</u>. Neither the Company, nor, to its knowledge, any of its employees, directors or shareholders (without the consent of the Representative) has taken or will take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that has constituted or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act, or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.
- 4.9 <u>Internal Controls</u>. The Company will maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary in order to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.
- 4.10 <u>Accountants</u>. The Company shall continue to retain a nationally recognized independent certified public accounting firm for a period of at least three years after the Execution Date. The Underwriters acknowledge that the Company Auditor is acceptable to the Underwriters.
- 4.11 <u>FINRA</u>. The Company shall advise the Underwriters (who shall make an appropriate filing with FINRA) if it is aware that any 5% or greater shareholder of the Company becomes an affiliate or associated person of an Underwriter.
- 4.12 No Fiduciary Duties. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriters' responsibility to the Company is solely contractual and commercial in nature, based on arms-length negotiations and that neither the Underwriters nor their affiliates or any selected dealer shall be deemed to be acting in a fiduciary capacity, or otherwise owes any fiduciary duty to the Company or any of its affiliates in connection with the Offering and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company acknowledges that the Underwriters may have financial interests in the success of the Offering that are not limited to the difference between the price to the public and the purchase price paid to the Company by the Underwriters for the shares and the Underwriters have no obligation to disclose, or account to the Company for, any of such additional financial interests. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the Underwriters with respect to any breach or alleged breach of fiduciary duty.
- 4.13 <u>Warrant Shares</u>. If all or any portion of a Warrant is exercised at a time when there is an effective registration statement to cover the issuance of the Warrant Shares or if the Warrant is exercised via cashless exercise at a time when such Warrant Shares would be eligible for resale under Rule 144 by a non-affiliate of the Company, the Warrant Shares issued pursuant to any such exercise shall be issued free of all restrictive legends. If at any time following the date hereof the Registration Statement (or any subsequent registration statement registering the sale or resale of the Warrant Shares) is not effective or is not otherwise available for the sale of the Warrant Shares, the Company shall immediately notify the holders of the Warrants in writing that such registration statement is not then effective and thereafter shall promptly notify such holders when the registration statement is effective again and available for the sale of the Warrant Shares (it being understood and agreed that the foregoing shall not limit the ability of the Company to issue, or any holder thereof to sell, any of the Warrant Shares in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws).

- 4.14 [Board Composition and Board Designations. For a period of three years from the Execution Date, the Company shall ensure that: (i) the qualifications of the persons serving as board members and the overall composition of the Board of Directors comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules promulgated thereunder and with the listing requirements of the Trading Market and (ii) if applicable, at least one member of the Board of Directors qualifies as a "financial expert" as such term is defined under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules promulgated thereunder.]
- 4.15 <u>Securities Laws Disclosure; Publicity.</u> At the request of the Representative, by 9:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the date hereof (or, if this Agreement is entered into after such time on the date hereof, by 9:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the next succeeding Business Day), the Company shall issue a press release disclosing the material terms of the Offering. The Company and the Representative shall consult with each other in issuing any other press releases with respect to the Offering, and neither the Company nor any Underwriter shall issue any such press release nor otherwise make any such public statement without the prior consent of the Company, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed, except if such disclosure is required by law, in which case the disclosing party shall promptly provide the other party with prior notice of such public statement or communication. [The Company will not issue press releases or engage in any other publicity, without the Representative's prior written consent, (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) for a period ending at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the first business day following the 30th day following the Closing Date, other than normal and customary releases issued in the ordinary course of the Company's business.]
- 4.16 <u>Shareholder Rights Plan.</u> Subject to the Underwriters' compliance with their respective obligations to deliver the Closing Shares and Option Shares, if any, to the investors in the Offering, no claim will be made or enforced by the Company or, with the consent of the Company, any other Person, that any Underwriter of the Securities is an "Acquiring Person" under any control share acquisition, business combination, poison pill (including any distribution under a rights agreement) or similar anti-takeover plan or arrangement in effect or hereafter adopted by the Company, or that any Underwriter of Securities could be deemed to trigger the provisions of any such plan or arrangement, by virtue of receiving Securities.
- 4.17 <u>Reservation of Common Stock.</u> As of the date hereof, the Company has reserved and the Company shall continue to reserve and keep available at all times, free of preemptive rights, a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock for the purpose of enabling the Company to issue Option Shares pursuant to the Over-Allotment Option and Warrant Shares pursuant to any exercise of the Warrants.

4.18 <u>Listing of Common Stock</u>. The Company hereby agrees to use best efforts to maintain the listing or quotation of the Common Stock on the Trading Market on which it is currently listed, and concurrently with the Closing, the Company shall apply to list or quote all of the Closing Shares, Option Shares and Warrant Shares on such Trading Market and promptly secure the listing of all of the Closing Shares, Option Shares and Warrant Shares on such Trading Market. The Company further agrees, if the Company applies to have the Common Stock traded on any other Trading Market, it will then include in such application all of the Closing Shares, Option Shares and Warrant Shares and Warrant Shares, and will take such other action as is necessary to cause all of the Closing Shares, Option Shares and Warrant Shares to be listed or quoted on such other Trading Market as promptly as possible. The Company will then take all action reasonably necessary to continue the listing and trading of its Common Stock on a Trading Market and will comply in all respects with the Company's reporting, filing and other obligations under the bylaws or rules of the Trading Market. The Company agrees to maintain the eligibility of the Common Stock for electronic transfer through the Depository Trust Company or another established clearing corporation, including, without limitation, by timely payment of fees to the Depository Trust Company or such other established clearing corporation with such electronic transfer.

4.19 Subsequent Equity Sales.

- (a) From the date hereof until the 90 day anniversary of the Closing Date, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary shall issue, enter into any agreement to issue or announce the issuance or proposed issuance of any shares of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents.
- (b) From the date hereof until the [eighteen (18) month] anniversary of the Closing Date, the Company shall be prohibited from effecting or entering into an agreement to effect any issuance by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents (or a combination of units thereof) involving a Variable Rate Transaction. "Variable Rate Transaction" means a transaction in which the Company (i) issues or sells any debt or equity securities that are convertible into, exchangeable or exercisable for, or include the right to receive, additional shares of Common Stock either (A) at a conversion price, exercise price or exchange rate or other price that is based upon, and/or varies with, the trading prices of or quotations for the shares of Common Stock at any time after the initial issuance of such debt or equity securities or (B) with a conversion, exercise or exchange price that is subject to being reset at some future date after the initial issuance of such debt or equity security or upon the occurrence of specified or contingent events directly or indirectly related to the business of the Company or the market for the Common Stock or (ii) enters into, or effects a transaction under, any agreement, including, but not limited to, an equity line of credit, whereby the Company may issue securities at a future determined price, provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the presence of customary anti-dilution protection shall not, in itself, cause a transaction to be deemed a Variable Rate Transaction. Any Underwriter shall be entitled to obtain injunctive relief against the Company to preclude any such issuance, which remedy shall be in addition to any right to collect damages.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 4.19 shall not apply in respect of an Exempt Issuance, except that no Variable Rate Transaction shall be an Exempt Issuance.

4.20 Research Independence. The Company acknowledges that each Underwriter's research analysts and research departments, if any, are required to be independent from their respective investment banking divisions and are subject to certain regulations and internal policies, and that such Underwriter's research analysts may hold and make statements or investment recommendations and/or publish research reports with respect to the Company and/or the offering that differ from the views of its investment bankers. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against such Underwriter with respect to any conflict of interest that may arise from the fact that the views expressed by their independent research analysts and research departments may be different from or inconsistent with the views or advice communicated to the Company by such Underwriter's investment banking divisions. The Company acknowledges that the Representative is a full service securities firm and as such from time to time, subject to applicable securities laws, may effect transactions for its own account or the account of its customers and hold long or short position in debt or equity securities of the Company.

ARTICLE V. DEFAULT BY UNDERWRITERS

If on the Closing Date or any Option Closing Date, if any, any Underwriter shall fail to purchase and pay for the portion of the Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, which such Underwriter has agreed to purchase and pay for on such date (otherwise than by reason of any default on the part of the Company), the Representative, or if the Representative is the defaulting Underwriter, the non-defaulting Underwriters, shall use their reasonable efforts to procure within 36 hours thereafter one or more of the other Underwriters, or any others, to purchase from the Company such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms set forth herein, the Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters failed to purchase. If during such 36 hours the Representative shall not have procured such other Underwriters, or any others, to purchase the Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, agreed to be purchased by the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, then (a) if the aggregate number of Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, with respect to which such default shall occur does not exceed 10% of the Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, covered hereby, the other Underwriters shall be obligated, severally, in proportion to the respective numbers of Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, which they are obligated to purchase hereunder, to purchase the Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters failed to purchase, or (b) if the aggregate number of Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, with respect to which such default shall occur exceeds 10% of the Closing Securities or Option Securities, as the case may be, covered hereby, the Company or the Representative will have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability on the part of the non-defaulting Underwriters or of the Company except to the extent provided in Article VI hereof. In the event of a default by any Underwriter or Underwriters, as set forth in this Article V, the applicable Closing Date may be postponed for such period, not exceeding seven days, as the Representative, or if the Representative is the defaulting Underwriter, the non-defaulting Underwriters, may determine in order that the required changes in the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. The term "Underwriter" includes any person substituted for a defaulting Underwriter. Any action taken under this Section shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI. INDEMNIFICATION

Indemnification of the Underwriters. Subject to the conditions set forth below, the Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriters, and each dealer selected by each Underwriter that participates in the offer and sale of the Securities (each a "Selected Dealer") and each of their respective directors, officers and employees and each Person, if any, who controls such Underwriter or any Selected Dealer ("Controlling Person") within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever (including but not limited to any and all legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever, whether arising out of any action between such Underwriter and the Company or between such Underwriter and any third party or otherwise) to which they or any of them may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other statute or at common law or otherwise or under the laws of foreign countries, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in (i) any Preliminary Prospectus, if any, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (as from time to time each may be amended and supplemented); (ii) any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities, including any "road show" or investor presentations made to investors by the Company (whether in person or electronically); or (iii) any application or other document or written communication (in this Article VI, collectively called "application") executed by the Company or based upon written information furnished by the Company in any jurisdiction in order to qualify the Securities under the securities laws thereof or filed with the Commission, any state securities commission or agency, Trading Market or any securities exchange; or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, unless such statement or omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company with respect to the applicable Underwriter by or on behalf of such Underwriter expressly for use in any Preliminary Prospectus, if any, the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or in any application, as the case may be. With respect to any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in the Preliminary Prospectus, if any, the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 6.1 shall not inure to the benefit of an Underwriter to the extent that any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense of such Underwriter results from the fact that a copy of the Prospectus was not given or sent to the Person asserting any such loss, liability, claim or damage at or prior to the written confirmation of sale of the Securities to such Person as required by the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, and if the untrue statement or omission has been corrected in the Prospectus, unless such failure to deliver the Prospectus was a result of non-compliance by the Company with its obligations under this Agreement. The Company agrees promptly to notify each Underwriter of the commencement of any litigation or proceedings against the Company or any of its officers, directors or Controlling Persons in connection with the issue and sale of the Public Securities or in connection with the Registration Statement or Prospectus.

- 6.2 Procedure. If any action is brought against an Underwriter, a Selected Dealer or a Controlling Person in respect of which indemnity may be sought against the Company pursuant to Section 6.1, such Underwriter, such Selected Dealer or Controlling Person, as the case may be, shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the institution of such action and the Company shall assume the defense of such action, including the employment and fees of counsel (subject to the reasonable approval of such Underwriter or such Selected Dealer, as the case may be) and payment of actual expenses. Such Underwriter, such Selected Dealer or Controlling Person shall have the right to employ its or their own counsel in any such case, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Underwriter, such Selected Dealer or Controlling Person unless (i) the employment of such counsel at the expense of the Company shall have been authorized in writing by the Company in connection with the defense of such action, or (ii) the Company shall not have employed counsel to have charge of the defense of such action, or (iii) such indemnified party or parties shall have reasonably concluded that there may be defenses available to it or them which are different from or additional to those available to the Company (in which case the Company shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of the indemnified party or parties), in any of which events the reasonable fees and expenses of not more than one additional firm of attorneys selected by such Underwriter (in addition to local counsel), Selected Dealer and/or Controlling Person shall be borne by the Company. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if any Underwriter, Selected Dealer or Controlling Person shall assume the defense of such action as provided above, the Company shall have the right to approve the terms of any settlement of such action which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- Indemnification of the Company. Each Underwriter severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, officers and employees and agents who control the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the foregoing indemnity from the Company to such Underwriter, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions made in any Preliminary Prospectus, if any, the Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto or in any application, [in reliance upon, and in strict conformity with, written information furnished to the Company with respect to such Underwriter] by or on behalf of such Underwriter expressly for use in such Preliminary Prospectus, if any, the Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto or in any such application. In case any action shall be brought against the Company or any other Person so indemnified based on any Preliminary Prospectus, if any, the Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto or any application, and in respect of which indemnity may be sought against such Underwriter, such Underwriter shall have the rights and duties given to the Company, and the Company and each other Person so indemnified shall have the rights and duties given to such Underwriter by the provisions of this Article VI. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 6.3, no Underwriter shall be required to indemnify the Company for any amount in excess of the underwriting discounts and commissions applicable to the Securities purchased by such Underwriter. The Underwriters' obligations in this Section 6.3 to indemnify the Company are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

6.4 Contribution.

Contribution Rights. In order to provide for just and equitable contribution under the Securities Act in any case in which (i) any Person entitled to indemnification under this Article VI makes a claim for indemnification pursuant hereto but it is judicially determined (by the entry of a final judgment or decree by a court of competent jurisdiction and the expiration of time to appeal or the denial of the last right of appeal) that such indemnification may not be enforced in such case notwithstanding the fact that this Article VI provides for indemnification in such case, or (ii) contribution under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise may be required on the part of any such Person in circumstances for which indemnification is provided under this Article VI, then, and in each such case, the Company and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, shall contribute to the aggregate losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses of the nature contemplated by said indemnity agreement incurred by the Company and such Underwriter, as incurred, in such proportions that such Underwriter is responsible for [that portion represented by the percentage that the underwriting discount appearing on the cover page of the Prospectus bears to the initial offering price appearing thereon and the Company is responsible for the balance]; provided, that, no Person guilty of a fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section, each director, officer and employee of such Underwriter or the Company, as applicable, and each Person, if any, who controls such Underwriter or the Company, as applicable, within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter or the Company, as applicable. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 6.4, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting discounts and commissions applicable to the Securities purchased by such Underwriter. The Underwriters' obligations in this Section 6.4 to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(b) <u>Contribution Procedure</u>. Within fifteen days after receipt by any party to this Agreement (or its representative) of notice of the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding, such party will, if a claim for contribution in respect thereof is to be made against another party ("<u>contributing party</u>"), notify the contributing party of the commencement thereof, but the failure to so notify the contributing party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any other party other than for contribution hereunder. In case any such action, suit or proceeding is brought against any party, and such party notifies a contributing party or its representative of the commencement thereof within the aforesaid fifteen days, the contributing party will be entitled to participate therein with the notifying party and any other contributing party similarly notified. Any such contributing party shall not be liable to any party seeking contribution on account of any settlement of any claim, action or proceeding affected by such party seeking contribution without the written consent of such contributing party. The contribution provisions contained in this Section 6.4 are intended to supersede, to the extent permitted by law, any right to contribution under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise available.

ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 <u>Termination</u>.

- (a) Termination Right. The Representative shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time prior to any Closing Date, (i) if any domestic or international event or act or occurrence has materially disrupted, or in its opinion will in the immediate future materially disrupt, general securities markets in the United States; or (ii) if trading on any Trading Market shall have been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading shall have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices for securities shall have been required by FINRA or by order of the Commission or any other government authority having jurisdiction, or (iii) if the United States shall have become involved in a new war or an increase in major hostilities, or (iv) if a banking moratorium has been declared by a New York State or federal authority, or (v) if a moratorium on foreign exchange trading has been declared which materially adversely impacts the United States securities markets, or (vi) if the Company shall have sustained a material loss by fire, flood, accident, hurricane, earthquake, theft, sabotage or other calamity or malicious act which, whether or not such loss shall have been insured, will, in the Representative's opinion, make it inadvisable to proceed with the delivery of the Securities, or (vii) if the Company is in material breach of any of its representations, warranties or covenants hereunder, or (viii) if the Representative shall have become aware after the date hereof of such a material adverse change in the conditions or prospects of the Company, or such adverse material change in general market conditions as in the Representative's judgment would make it impracticable to proceed with the offering, sale and/or delivery of the Securities or to enforce contracts made by the Underwriters for the sale of the Securities.
- (b) <u>Expenses</u>. In the event this Agreement shall be terminated pursuant to Section 7.1(a), within the time specified herein or any extensions thereof pursuant to the terms herein, the Company shall be obligated to pay to the Representative its actual and accountable out of pocket expenses related to the transactions contemplated herein then due and payable, including the fees and disbursements of EGS up to \$65,000 (provided, however, that such expense cap in no way limits or impairs the indemnification and contribution provisions of this Agreement).

- (c) <u>Indemnification</u>. Notwithstanding any contrary provision contained in this Agreement, any election hereunder or any termination of this Agreement, and whether or not this Agreement is otherwise carried out, the provisions of Article VI shall not be in any way effected by such election or termination or failure to carry out the terms of this Agreement or any part hereof.
- Entire Agreement. The Transaction Documents, together with the exhibits and schedules thereto, the Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement, contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect to such matters, which the parties acknowledge have been merged into such documents, exhibits and schedules. [Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Engagement Agreement, dated December 4, 2017 ("Engagement Agreement"), by and between the Company and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC, shall continue to be effective and the terms therein, including, without limitation, Section A.4. with respect to any future offerings, shall continue to survive and be enforceable by the Representative in accordance with its terms, provided that, in the event of a conflict between the terms of the Engagement Agreement and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.]
- 7.3 Notices. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries required or permitted to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of: (a) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number or e-mail attachment at the email address set forth on the signature pages attached hereto at or prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on a Trading Day, (b) the next Trading Day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number or e-mail attachment at the e-mail address as set forth on the signature pages attached hereto on a day that is not a Trading Day or later than 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any Trading Day, (c) the second (2nd) Trading Day following the date of mailing, if sent by U.S. nationally recognized overnight courier service or (d) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given. The address for such notices and communications shall be as set forth on the signature pages attached hereto.
- 7.4 Amendments; Waivers. No provision of this Agreement may be waived, modified, supplemented or amended except in a written instrument signed, in the case of an amendment, by the Company and the Representative. No waiver of any default with respect to any provision, condition or requirement of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a continuing waiver in the future or a waiver of any subsequent default or a waiver of any other provision, condition or requirement hereof, nor shall any delay or omission of any party to exercise any right hereunder in any manner impair the exercise of any such right.
- 7.5 <u>Headings</u>. The headings herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

- 7.6 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and permitted assigns.
- Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of the Transaction Documents shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. Each party agrees that all legal proceedings concerning the interpretations, enforcement and defense of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and any other Transaction Documents (whether brought against a party hereto or its respective affiliates, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, employees or agents) shall be commenced exclusively in the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein (including with respect to the enforcement of any of the Transaction Documents), and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any action, suit or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is improper or is an inconvenient venue for such proceeding. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof via registered or certified mail or overnight delivery (with evidence of delivery) to such party at the address in effect for notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. If either party shall commence an action or proceeding to enforce any provisions of the Transaction Documents, then, in addition to the obligations of the Company under Article VI, the prevailing party in such action, suit or proceeding shall be reimbursed by the other party for its reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses incurred with the investigation, preparation and prosecution of such action or proceeding.
- 7.8 <u>Survival</u>. The representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the Closing and the Option Closing, if any, and the delivery of the Securities.
- 7.9 Execution. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which when taken together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to each other party, it being understood that the parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.
- 7.10 Severability. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, and the parties hereto shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenant or restriction. It is hereby stipulated and declared to be the intention of the parties that they would have executed the remaining terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable.

- 7.11 [Remedies. In addition to being entitled to exercise all rights provided herein or granted by law, including recovery of damages, the Underwriters and the Company will be entitled to specific performance under the Transaction Documents. The parties agree that monetary damages may not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of any breach of obligations contained in the Transaction Documents and hereby agree to waive and not to assert in any action for specific performance of any such obligation the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.]
- 7.12 <u>Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, etc.</u> If the last or appointed day for the taking of any action or the expiration of any right required or granted herein shall not be a Business Day, then such action may be taken or such right may be exercised on the next succeeding Business Day.
- 7.13 <u>Construction</u>. The parties agree that each of them and/or their respective counsel have reviewed and had an opportunity to revise the Transaction Documents and, therefore, the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of the Transaction Documents or any amendments thereto. In addition, each and every reference to share prices and shares of Common Stock in any Transaction Document shall be subject to adjustment for reverse and forward stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and other similar transactions of the Common Stock that occur after the date of this Agreement.
- 7.14 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. IN ANY ACTION, SUIT, OR PROCEEDING IN ANY JURISDICTION BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY AGAINST ANY OTHER PARTY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY, THE PARTIES EACH KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, HEREBY ABSOLUTELY, UNCONDITIONALLY, IRREVOCABLY AND EXPRESSLY WAIVE FOREVER ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY.

(Signature Pages Follow)

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding between the Underwriters and the Company, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this letter shall constitute a binding agreement among the Company and the several Underwriters in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

By:		
Name:		
Title:		

Copy to:

Address for Notice:

Accepted on the date first above written. **H.C. WAINWRIGHT & CO., LLC**

As the Representative of the several Underwriters listed on <u>Schedule I</u>

Ву:_____

Name: Title:

Address for Notice: 430 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022 E-mail: mviklund@hcwco.com

Attention: Mark W. Viklund

Copy to:

Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP 1345 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10105 E-Mail: capmkts@egsllp.com Attention: Robert F. Charron

UNDERWRITER COMMON STOCK PURCHASE WARRANT

DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

Warrant Sh	nares:	, 2018
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<u>Se</u> 1:	ection 1.	<u>Definitions</u> . In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Warrant, the following terms have the meanings indicated in this Section
CC	_	ffiliate" means any Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under commor a Person, as such terms are used in and construed under Rule 405 under the Securities Act.
M tir St tra (o re by	sted or quarket on me) to 4: tock for sading on or a similar or the Hol	old Price" means, for any date, the price determined by the first of the following clauses that applies: (a) if the Common Stock is there oted on a Trading Market, the bid price of the Common Stock for the time in question (or the nearest preceding date) on the Trading which the Common Stock is then listed or quoted as reported by Bloomberg L.P. (based on a Trading Day from 9:30 a.m. (New York City 12 p.m. (New York City time)), (b) if OTCQB or OTCQX is not a Trading Market, the volume weighted average price of the Common Lich date (or the nearest preceding date) on OTCQB or OTCQX as applicable, (c) if the Common Stock is not then listed or quoted for OTCQB or OTCQX and if prices for the Common Stock are then reported in the "Pink Sheets" published by OTC Markets Group, Incommon agency succeeding to its functions of reporting prices), the most recent bid price per share of the Common Stock are (d) in all other cases, the fair market value of a share of Common Stock as determined by an independent appraiser selected in good faith the ders of a majority in interest of the Warrants then outstanding (based on underlying Warrant Shares) and reasonably acceptable to the fees and expenses of which shall be paid by the Company.
¹ Insert the	date that	is the 5 year anniversary of effective date of the registration statement.
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- "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.
- "Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share, and any other class of securities into which such securities may hereafter be reclassified or changed.
- "Common Stock Equivalents" means any securities of the Company or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Stock, including, without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, right, option, warrant or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Stock.
 - "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- "<u>Person</u>" means an individual or corporation, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, joint stock company, government (or an agency or subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.
 - "Registration Statement" means the Company's registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-222203).
 - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- "Subsidiary" means the subsidiaries of the Company set forth on Exhibit 21.1 to the Registration Statement and shall, where applicable, also include any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after the date hereof
 - "Trading Day" means a day on which the Common Stock is traded on a Trading Market.
- "<u>Trading Market</u>" means any of the following markets or exchanges on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on the date in question: the NYSE American, the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Nasdaq Global Market, the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or the New York Stock Exchange (or any successors to any of the foregoing.

"Transfer Agent" means Computershare Investor Services, LLC	C, the current transfer agent of the Company, with a mailing address of 250
Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021 and a facsimile number of $_$, and any successor transfer agent of the Company.

"VWAP" means, for any date, the price determined by the first of the following clauses that applies: (a) if the Common Stock is then listed or quoted on a Trading Market, the daily volume weighted average price of the Common Stock for such date (or the nearest preceding Trading Day) on the Trading Market on which the Common Stock is then listed or quoted as reported by Bloomberg L.P. (based on a Trading Day from 9:30 a.m. (New York City time) to 4:02 p.m. (New York City time)), (b) if OTCQB or OTCQX is not a Trading Market, the volume weighted average price of the Common Stock for such date (or the nearest preceding Trading Day) on OTCQB or OTCQX as applicable, (c) if the Common Stock is not then listed or quoted for trading on OTCQB or OTCQX and if prices for the Common Stock are then reported in the "Pink Sheets" published by OTC Markets Group, Inc. (or a similar organization or agency succeeding to its functions of reporting prices), the most recent bid price per share of the Common Stock so reported, or (d) in all other cases, the fair market value of a share of Common Stock as determined by an independent appraiser selected in good faith by the holders of a majority in interest of the Warrants then outstanding (based on underlying Warrant Shares) and reasonably acceptable to the Company, the fees and expenses of which shall be paid by the Company.

"Warrants" means this Warrant and other Common Stock purchase warrants issued by the Company pursuant to the Registration Statement.

Section 2. Exercise.

Exercise of Warrant. Exercise of the purchase rights represented by this Warrant may be made, in whole or in part, at any time or times on or after the Initial Exercise Date and on or before the Termination Date by delivery to the Company of a duly executed facsimile copy (or e-mail attachment) of the Notice of Exercise in the form annexed hereto (the "Notice of Exercise"). Within the earlier of (i) two (2) Trading Days and (ii) the number of Trading Days comprising the Standard Settlement Period (as defined in Section 2(d)(i) herein) following the date of exercise as aforesaid, the Holder shall deliver the aggregate Exercise Price for the shares specified in the applicable Notice of Exercise by wire transfer or cashier's check drawn on a United States bank unless the cashless exercise procedure specified in Section 2(c) below is specified in the applicable Notice of Exercise. No ink-original Notice of Exercise shall be required, nor shall any medallion guarantee (or other type of guarantee or notarization) of any Notice of Exercise be required. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Holder shall not be required to physically surrender this Warrant to the Company until the Holder has purchased all of the Warrant Shares available hereunder and the Warrant has been exercised in full, in which case, the Holder shall surrender this Warrant to the Company for cancellation within three (3) Trading Days of the date on which the final Notice of Exercise is delivered to the Company. Partial exercises of this Warrant resulting in purchases of a portion of the total number of Warrant Shares available hereunder shall have the effect of lowering the outstanding number of Warrant Shares purchasable hereunder in an amount equal to the applicable number of Warrant Shares purchased. The Holder and the Company shall maintain records showing the number of Warrant Shares purchased and the date of such purchases. The Company shall deliver any objection to any Notice of Exercise within one (1) Trading Day of receipt of such notice. The Holder and any assignee, by acceptance of this Warrant, acknowledge and agree that, by reason of the provisions of this paragraph, following the purchase of a portion of the Warrant Shares hereunder, the number of Warrant Shares available for purchase hereunder at any given time may be less than the amount stated on the face hereof.

- b) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The exercise price per share of Common Stock under this Warrant shall be \$_____2, subject to adjustment hereunder (the "Exercise Price").
- c) <u>Cashless Exercise</u>. If at the time of exercise hereof there is no effective registration statement registering, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for the issuance of the Warrant Shares to the Holder, then this Warrant may also be exercised, in whole or in part, at such time by means of a "cashless exercise" in which the Holder shall be entitled to receive a number of Warrant Shares equal to the quotient obtained by dividing [(A-B) (X)] by (A), where:
 - (A) = as applicable: (i) the VWAP on the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise if such Notice of Exercise is (1) both executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof on a day that is not a Trading Day or (2) both executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof on a Trading Day prior to the opening of "regular trading hours" (as defined in Rule 600(b) (64) of Regulation NMS promulgated under the federal securities laws) on such Trading Day, (ii) at the option of the Holder, either (y) the VWAP on the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise or (z) the Bid Price of the Common Stock on the principal Trading Market as reported by Bloomberg L.P. as of the time of the Holder's execution of the applicable Notice of Exercise if such Notice of Exercise is executed during "regular trading hours" on a Trading Day and is delivered within two (2) hours thereafter (including until two (2) hours after the close of "regular trading hours" on a Trading Day) pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof or (iii) the VWAP on the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise if the date of such Notice of Exercise is a Trading Day and such Notice of Exercise is both executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof after the close of "regular trading hours" on such Trading Day;
 - (B) = the Exercise Price of this Warrant, as adjusted hereunder; and
 - (X) = the number of Warrant Shares that would be issuable upon exercise of this Warrant in accordance with the terms of this Warrant if such exercise were by means of a cash exercise rather than a cashless exercise.

If Warrant Shares are issued in such a cashless exercise, the parties acknowledge and agree that in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act, the Warrant Shares shall take on the registered characteristics of the Warrants being exercised. The Company agrees not to take any position contrary to this Section 2(c).

² 125% of the public offering price per share and warrant.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, on the Termination Date, this Warrant shall be automatically exercised via cashless exercise pursuant to this Section 2(c).

d) Mechanics of Exercise.

Delivery of Warrant Shares Upon Exercise. The Company shall cause the Warrant Shares purchased hereunder to be transmitted by the Transfer Agent to the Holder by crediting the account of the Holder's or its designee's balance account with The Depository Trust Company through its Deposit or Withdrawal at Custodian system ("DWAC") if the Company is then a participant in such system and either (A) there is an effective registration statement permitting the issuance of the Warrant Shares to or resale of the Warrant Shares by Holder or (B) this Warrant is being exercised via cashless exercise, and otherwise by physical delivery of a certificate, registered in the Company's share register in the name of the Holder or its designee, for the number of Warrant Shares to which the Holder is entitled pursuant to such exercise to the address specified by the Holder in the Notice of Exercise by the date that is the earliest of (i) two (2) Trading Days after the delivery to the Company of the Notice of Exercise, (ii) one (1) Trading Day after delivery of the aggregate Exercise Price to the Company and (iii) the number of Trading Days comprising the Standard Settlement Period after the delivery to the Company of the Notice of Exercise (such date, the "Warrant Share Delivery Date"). Upon delivery of the Notice of Exercise, the Holder shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to have become the holder of record of the Warrant Shares with respect to which this Warrant has been exercised, irrespective of the date of delivery of the Warrant Shares, provided that payment of the aggregate Exercise Price (other than in the case of a cashless exercise) is received within the earlier of (i) two (2) Trading Days and (ii) the number of Trading Days comprising the Standard Settlement Period following delivery of the Notice of Exercise. If the Company fails for any reason to deliver to the Holder the Warrant Shares subject to a Notice of Exercise by the Warrant Share Delivery Date, the Company shall pay to the Holder, in cash, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, for each \$1,000 of Warrant Shares subject to such exercise (based on the VWAP of the Common Stock on the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise), \$10 per Trading Day (increasing to \$20 per Trading Day on the fifth Trading Day after such liquidated damages begin to accrue) for each Trading Day after such Warrant Share Delivery Date until such Warrant Shares are delivered or Holder rescinds such exercise; provided, however, that the Holder shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to the greater of (i) the aggregate liquidated damages under this sentence or (ii) the aggregate amount in connection with a Buy-In pursuant to Section 2(d)(iv) herein in connection with any failure by the Company to deliver Warrant Shares by the Warrant Share Delivery Date. The Company agrees to maintain a transfer agent that is a participant in the FAST program so long as this Warrant remains outstanding and exercisable. As used herein, "Standard Settlement Period" means the standard settlement period, expressed in a number of Trading Days, on the Company's primary Trading Market with respect to the Common Stock as in effect on the date of delivery of the Notice of Exercise.

- ii. <u>Delivery of New Warrants Upon Exercise</u>. If this Warrant shall have been exercised in part, the Company shall, at the request of a Holder and upon surrender of this Warrant certificate, at the time of delivery of the Warrant Shares, deliver to the Holder a new Warrant evidencing the rights of the Holder to purchase the unpurchased Warrant Shares called for by this Warrant, which new Warrant shall in all other respects be identical with this Warrant.
- iii. <u>Rescission Rights</u>. If the Company fails to cause the Transfer Agent to transmit to the Holder the Warrant Shares pursuant to Section 2(d)(i) by the Warrant Share Delivery Date, then the Holder will have the right to rescind such exercise.
- Compensation for Buy-In on Failure to Timely Deliver Warrant Shares Upon Exercise. In addition to any other rights available to the Holder, if the Company fails to cause the Transfer Agent to transmit to the Holder the Warrant Shares in accordance with the provisions of Section 2(d)(i) above pursuant to an exercise on or before the Warrant Share Delivery Date, and if after such date the Holder is required by its broker to purchase (in an open market transaction or otherwise) or the Holder's brokerage firm otherwise purchases, shares of Common Stock to deliver in satisfaction of a sale by the Holder of the Warrant Shares which the Holder was entitled to receive upon such exercise (a "<u>Buy-In</u>"), then the Company shall (A) pay in cash to the Holder the amount, if any, by which (x) the Holder's total purchase price (including brokerage commissions, if any) for the shares of Common Stock so purchased exceeds (y) the amount obtained by multiplying (1) the number of Warrant Shares that the Company was required to deliver to the Holder in connection with the exercise at issue times (2) the actual sale price at which the sell order giving rise to such purchase obligation was executed, and (B) at the option of the Holder, either reinstate the portion of the Warrant and equivalent number of Warrant Shares for which such exercise was not honored (in which case such exercise shall be deemed rescinded) or deliver to the Holder the number of shares of Common Stock that would have been issued had the Company timely complied with its exercise and delivery obligations hereunder; provided, however, that, under this clause (B), the Holder shall not be entitled to both (i) require the reinstatement of the portion of the Warrant and the equivalent Warrant Shares for which such exercise was not honored and (ii) receive the number of shares of Common Stock that would have been issued if the Company had timely complied with its delivery requirements hereunder. For example, if the Holder purchases Common Stock having a total purchase price of \$11,000 to cover a Buy-In with respect to an attempted exercise of shares of Common Stock with an aggregate actual sale price giving rise to such purchase obligation of \$10,000, under clause (A) of the immediately preceding sentence the Company shall be required to pay the Holder \$1,000. The Holder shall provide the Company written notice indicating the amounts payable to the Holder in respect of the Buy-In together with applicable confirmations and other evidence reasonably requested by the Company. Nothing herein shall limit a Holder's right to pursue any other remedies available to it hereunder, at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific performance and/or injunctive relief with respect to the Company's failure to timely deliver shares of Common Stock upon exercise of the Warrant as required pursuant to the terms

- v. <u>No Fractional Shares or Scrip</u>. No fractional shares or scrip representing fractional shares shall be issued upon the exercise of this Warrant. As to any fraction of a share which the Holder would otherwise be entitled to purchase upon such exercise, the Company shall, at its election, either pay a cash adjustment in respect of such final fraction in an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the Exercise Price or round up to the next whole share.
- vi. <u>Charges, Taxes and Expenses</u>. Issuance of Warrant Shares shall be made without charge to the Holder for any issue or transfer tax or other incidental expense in respect of the issuance of such Warrant Shares, all of which taxes and expenses shall be paid by the Company, and such Warrant Shares shall be issued in the name of the Holder or in such name or names as may be directed by the Holder; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event that Warrant Shares are to be issued in a name other than the name of the Holder, this Warrant when surrendered for exercise shall be accompanied by the Assignment Form attached hereto duly executed by the Holder and the Company may require, as a condition thereto, the payment of a sum sufficient to reimburse it for any transfer tax incidental thereto. The Company shall pay all Transfer Agent fees required for same-day processing of any Notice of Exercise and all fees to the Depository Trust Company (or another established clearing corporation performing similar functions) required for same-day electronic delivery of the Warrant Shares.
- vii. <u>Closing of Books</u>. The Company will not close its stockholder books or records in any manner which prevents the timely exercise of this Warrant, pursuant to the terms hereof.

Holder's Exercise Limitations. The Company shall not effect any exercise of this Warrant, and a Holder shall not have the right to exercise any portion of this Warrant, pursuant to Section 2 or otherwise, to the extent that after giving effect to such issuance after exercise as set forth on the applicable Notice of Exercise, the Holder (together with the Holder's Affiliates, and any other Persons acting as a group together with the Holder or any of the Holder's Affiliates (such Persons, "Attribution Parties")), would beneficially own in excess of the Beneficial Ownership Limitation (as defined below). For purposes of the foregoing sentence, the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Holder and its Affiliates and Attribution Parties shall include the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of this Warrant with respect to which such determination is being made, but shall exclude the number of shares of Common Stock which would be issuable upon (i) exercise of the remaining, nonexercised portion of this Warrant beneficially owned by the Holder or any of its Affiliates or Attribution Parties and (ii) exercise or conversion of the unexercised or nonconverted portion of any other securities of the Company (including, without limitation, any other Common Stock Equivalents) subject to a limitation on conversion or exercise analogous to the limitation contained herein beneficially owned by the Holder or any of its Affiliates or Attribution Parties. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, for purposes of this Section 2(e), beneficial ownership shall be calculated in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, it being acknowledged by the Holder that the Company is not representing to the Holder that such calculation is in compliance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the Holder is solely responsible for any schedules required to be filed in accordance therewith. To the extent that the limitation contained in this Section 2(e) applies, the determination of whether this Warrant is exercisable (in relation to other securities owned by the Holder together with any Affiliates and Attribution Parties) and of which portion of this Warrant is exercisable shall be in the sole discretion of the Holder, and the submission of a Notice of Exercise shall be deemed to be the Holder's determination of whether this Warrant is exercisable (in relation to other securities owned by the Holder together with any Affiliates and Attribution Parties) and of which portion of this Warrant is exercisable, in each case subject to the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, and the Company shall have no obligation to verify or confirm the accuracy of such determination. In addition, a determination as to any group status as contemplated above shall be determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. For purposes of this Section 2(e), in determining the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock, a Holder may rely on the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock as reflected in (A) the Company's most recent periodic or annual report filed with the Commission, as the case may be, (B) a more recent public announcement by the Company or (C) a more recent written notice by the Company or the Transfer Agent setting forth the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. Upon the written or oral request of a Holder, the Company shall within one Trading Day confirm orally and in writing to the Holder the number of shares of Common Stock then outstanding. In any case, the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock shall be determined after giving effect to the conversion or exercise of securities of the Company, including this Warrant, by the Holder or its Affiliates or Attribution Parties since the date as of which such number of outstanding shares of Common Stock was reported. The "Beneficial Ownership Limitation" shall be 4.99% of the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of this Warrant. The Holder, upon notice to the Company, may increase or decrease the Beneficial Ownership Limitation provisions of this Section 2(e), provided that the Beneficial Ownership Limitation in no event exceeds 9.99% of the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of this Warrant held by the Holder and the provisions of this Section 2(e) shall continue to apply. Any increase in the Beneficial Ownership Limitation will not be effective until the 61st day after such notice is delivered to the Company. The provisions of this paragraph shall be construed and implemented in a manner otherwise than in strict conformity with the terms of this Section 2(e) to correct this paragraph (or any portion hereof) which may be defective or inconsistent with the intended Beneficial Ownership Limitation herein contained or to make changes or supplements necessary or desirable to properly give effect to such limitation. The limitations contained in this paragraph shall apply to a successor holder of this Warrant.

Section 3. Certain Adjustments.

a) Stock Dividends and Splits. If the Company, at any time while this Warrant is outstanding: (i) pays a stock dividend or otherwise makes a distribution or distributions on shares of its Common Stock or any other equity or equity equivalent securities payable in shares of Common Stock (which, for avoidance of doubt, shall not include any shares of Common Stock issued by the Company upon exercise of this Warrant), (ii) subdivides outstanding shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares, (iii) combines (including by way of reverse stock split) outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, or (iv) issues by reclassification of shares of the Common Stock any shares of capital stock of the Company, then in each case the Exercise Price shall be multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock (excluding treasury shares, if any) outstanding immediately before such event and of which the denominator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event, and the number of shares issuable upon exercise of this Warrant shall be proportionately adjusted such that the aggregate Exercise Price of this Warrant shall remain unchanged. Any adjustment made pursuant to this Section 3(a) shall become effective immediately after the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such dividend or distribution and shall become effective immediately after the effective date in the case of a subdivision, combination or re-classification.

b) [Reserved]

c) <u>Subsequent Rights Offerings</u>. In addition to any adjustments pursuant to Section 3(a) above, if at any time the Company grants, issues or sells any Common Stock Equivalents or rights to purchase stock, warrants, securities or other property pro rata to the record holders of any class of shares of Common Stock (the "<u>Purchase Rights</u>"), then the Holder will be entitled to acquire, upon the terms applicable to such Purchase Rights, the aggregate Purchase Rights which the Holder could have acquired if the Holder had held the number of shares of Common Stock acquirable upon complete exercise of this Warrant (without regard to any limitations on exercise hereof, including without limitation, the Beneficial Ownership Limitation) immediately before the date on which a record is taken for the grant, issuance or sale of such Purchase Rights, or, if no such record is taken, the date as of which the record holders of shares of Common Stock are to be determined for the grant, issue or sale of such Purchase Rights (provided, however, to the extent that the Holder's right to participate in any such Purchase Right would result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, then the Holder shall not be entitled to participate in such Purchase Right to such extent (or beneficial ownership of such shares of Common Stock as a result of such Purchase Right to such extent) and such Purchase Right to such extent shall be held in abeyance for the Holder until such time, if ever, as its right thereto would not result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership Limitation).

d) Pro Rata Distributions. During such time as this Warrant is outstanding, if the Company shall declare or make any dividend or other distribution of its assets (or rights to acquire its assets) to holders of shares of Common Stock, by way of return of capital or otherwise, other than cash, (including, without limitation, any distribution of stock or other securities, property or options by way of a dividend, spin off, reclassification, corporate rearrangement, scheme of arrangement or other similar transaction) (a "Distribution"), at any time after the issuance of this Warrant, then, in each such case, the Holder shall be entitled to participate in such Distribution to the same extent that the Holder would have participated therein if the Holder had held the number of shares of Common Stock acquirable upon complete exercise of this Warrant (without regard to any limitations on exercise hereof, including without limitation, the Beneficial Ownership Limitation) immediately before the date of which a record is taken for such Distribution, or, if no such record is taken, the date as of which the record holders of shares of Common Stock are to be determined for the participation in such Distribution (provided, however, to the extent that the Holder's right to participate in any such Distribution would result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership of any shares of Common Stock as a result of such Distribution to such extent) and the portion of such Distribution shall be held in abeyance for the benefit of the Holder until such time, if ever, as its right thereto would not result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership Limitation). To the extent that this Warrant has not been partially or completely exercised at the time of such Distribution, such portion of the Distribution shall be held in abeyance for the benefit of the benefit of the Holder until the Holder has exercised this Warrant.

Fundamental Transaction. If, at any time while this Warrant is outstanding, (i) the Company, directly or indirectly, in one or more related transactions effects any merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person, (ii) the Company, directly or indirectly, effects any sale, lease, license, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of its assets in one or a series of related transactions, (iii) any, direct or indirect, purchase offer, tender offer or exchange offer (whether by the Company or another Person) is completed pursuant to which holders of Common Stock are permitted to sell, tender or exchange their shares for other securities, cash or property and has been accepted by the holders of 50% or more of the outstanding Common Stock, (iv) the Company, directly or indirectly, in one or more related transactions effects any reclassification, reorganization or recapitalization of the Common Stock or any compulsory share exchange pursuant to which the Common Stock is effectively converted into or exchanged for other securities, cash or property, or (v) the Company, directly or indirectly, in one or more related transactions consummates a stock or share purchase agreement or other business combination (including, without limitation, a reorganization, recapitalization, spin-off or scheme of arrangement) with another Person or group of Persons whereby such other Person or group acquires more than 50% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (not including any shares of Common Stock held by the other Person or other Persons making or party to, or associated or affiliated with the other Persons making or party to, such stock or share purchase agreement or other business combination) (each a "Fundamental Transaction"), then, upon any subsequent exercise of this Warrant, the Holder shall have the right to receive, for each Warrant Share that would have been issuable upon such exercise immediately prior to the occurrence of such Fundamental Transaction, at the option of the Holder (without regard to any limitation in Section 2(e) on the exercise of this Warrant), the number of shares of Common Stock of the successor or acquiring corporation or of the Company, if it is the surviving corporation, and any additional consideration (the "Alternate Consideration") receivable as a result of such Fundamental Transaction by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock for which this Warrant is exercisable immediately prior to such Fundamental Transaction (without regard to any limitation in Section 2(e) on the exercise of this Warrant). For purposes of any such exercise, the determination of the Exercise Price shall be appropriately adjusted to apply to such Alternate Consideration based on the amount of Alternate Consideration issuable in respect of one share of Common Stock in such Fundamental Transaction, and the Company shall apportion the Exercise Price among the Alternate Consideration in a reasonable manner reflecting the relative value of any different components of the Alternate Consideration. If holders of Common Stock are given any choice as to the securities, cash or property to be received in a Fundamental Transaction, then the Holder shall be given the same choice as to the Alternate Consideration it receives upon any exercise of this Warrant following such Fundamental Transaction. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event of a Fundamental Transaction, the Company or any Successor Entity (as defined below) shall, at the Holder's option, exercisable at any time concurrently with, or within 30 days after, the consummation of the Fundamental Transaction (or, if later, the date of the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction), purchase this Warrant from the Holder by paying to the Holder an amount of cash equal to the Black Scholes Value of the remaining unexercised portion of this Warrant on the date of the consummation of such Fundamental Transaction; provided, however, if the Fundamental Transaction is not within the Company's control, including not approved by the Company's Board of Directors, [Holder shall only be entitled to receive from the Company or any Successor Entity, as of the date of consummation of such Fundamental Transaction, the same type or form of consideration (and in the same proportion), at the Black Scholes Value (as defined below) of the unexercised portion of this Warrant, that is being offered and paid to the holders of Common Stock of the Company in connection with the Fundamental Transaction, whether that consideration be in the form of cash, stock or any combination thereof, or whether the holders of Common Stock are given the choice to receive from among alternative forms of consideration in connection with the Fundamental Transaction]. Any cash payment will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds within five (5) Trading Days of the Holder's election (or, if later, on the effective date of the Fundamental Transaction). "Black Scholes Value" means the value of this Warrant based on the Black and Scholes Option Pricing Model obtained from the "OV" function on Bloomberg, L.P. ("Bloomberg") determined as of the day of consummation of the applicable Fundamental Transaction for pricing purposes and reflecting (A) a risk-free interest rate corresponding to the U.S. Treasury rate for a period equal to the time between the date of the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction and the Termination Date, (B) an expected volatility equal to the greater of 100% and the 100 day volatility obtained from the HVT function on Bloomberg as of the Trading Day immediately following the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction, (C) the underlying price per share used in such calculation shall be the sum of the price per share being offered in cash, if any, plus the value of any non-cash consideration, if any, being offered in such Fundamental Transaction and (D) a remaining option time equal to the time between the date of the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction and the Termination Date. The payment of the Black Scholes Value will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds within five Trading Days of the Holder's election (or, if later, on the effective date of the Fundamental Transaction). The Company shall cause any successor entity in a Fundamental Transaction in which the Company is not the survivor (the "Successor Entity") to assume in writing all of the obligations of the Company under this Warrant in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3(e) pursuant to written agreements in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Holder and approved by the Holder (without unreasonable delay) prior to such Fundamental Transaction and shall, at the option of the Holder, deliver to the Holder in exchange for this Warrant a security of the Successor Entity evidenced by a written instrument substantially similar in form and substance to this Warrant which is exercisable for a corresponding number of shares of capital stock of such Successor Entity (or its parent entity) equivalent to the shares of Common Stock acquirable and receivable upon exercise of this Warrant (without regard to any limitations on the exercise of this Warrant) prior to such Fundamental Transaction, and with an exercise price which applies the exercise price hereunder to such shares of capital stock (but taking into account the relative value of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to such Fundamental Transaction and the value of such shares of capital stock, such number of shares of capital stock and such exercise price being for the purpose of protecting the economic value of this Warrant immediately prior to the consummation of such Fundamental Transaction), and which is reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Holder. Upon the occurrence of any such Fundamental Transaction, the Successor Entity shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such Fundamental Transaction, the provisions of this Warrant referring to the "Company" shall refer instead to the Successor Entity), and may exercise every right and power of the Company and shall assume all of the obligations of the Company under this Warrant with the same effect as if such Successor Entity had been named as the Company herein.

f) <u>Calculations</u>. All calculations under this Section 3 shall be made to the nearest cent or the nearest 1/100th of a share, as the case may be. For purposes of this Section 3, the number of shares of Common Stock deemed to be issued and outstanding as of a given date shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock (excluding treasury shares, if any) issued and outstanding.

g) Notice to Holder.

- i. <u>Adjustment to Exercise Price</u>. Whenever the Exercise Price is adjusted pursuant to any provision of this Section 3, the Company shall promptly deliver to the Holder by facsimile or email a notice setting forth the Exercise Price after such adjustment and any resulting adjustment to the number of Warrant Shares and setting forth a brief statement of the facts requiring such adjustment.
- Notice to Allow Exercise by Holder. If (A) the Company shall declare a dividend (or any other distribution in whatever form) on the Common Stock, (B) the Company shall declare a special nonrecurring cash dividend on or a redemption of the Common Stock, (C) the Company shall authorize the granting to all holders of the Common Stock rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase any shares of capital stock of any class or of any rights, (D) the approval of any stockholders of the Company shall be required in connection with any reclassification of the Common Stock, any consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party, any sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or any compulsory share exchange whereby the Common Stock is converted into other securities, cash or property, or (E) the Company shall authorize the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Company, then, in each case, the Company shall cause to be delivered by facsimile or email to the Holder at its last facsimile number or email address as it shall appear upon the Warrant Register of the Company, at least 20 calendar days prior to the applicable record or effective date hereinafter specified (or less than 20 calendar days if sent concurrently upon the notice sent to the Company's stockholders or public disclosure by the Company of such events), a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of such dividend, distribution, redemption, rights or warrants, or if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of the Common Stock of record to be entitled to such dividend, distributions, redemption, rights or warrants are to be determined or (y) the date on which such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange is expected to become effective or close, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of the Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their shares of the Common Stock for securities, cash or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange; provided that the failure to deliver such notice or any defect therein or in the delivery thereof shall not affect the validity of the corporate action required to be specified in such notice. To the extent that any notice provided in this Warrant constitutes, or contains, material, non-public information regarding the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, the Company shall simultaneously file such notice with the Commission pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K. The Holder shall remain entitled to exercise this Warrant during the period commencing on the date of such notice to the effective date of the event triggering such notice except as may otherwise be expressly set forth herein.

Section 4. Transfer of Warrant.

- a) <u>Transferability</u>. Pursuant to FINRA Rule 5110(g)(1), neither this Warrant nor any Warrant Shares issued upon exercise of this Warrant shall be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated, or be the subject of any hedging, short sale, derivative, put or call transaction that would result in the effective economic disposition of the securities by any person for a period of 180 days immediately following the date of effectiveness or commencement of sales of the offering pursuant to which this Warrant is being issued, except the transfer of any security:
 - (i) by operation of law or by reason of reorganization of the Company;
 - (ii) to any FINRA member firm participating in the offering and the officers and partners thereof, if all securities so transferred remain subject to the lock-up restriction in this Section 4(a) for the remainder of the time period;
 - (iii) if the aggregate amount of securities of the Company held by the Holder or related person do not exceed 1% of the securities being offered;
 - (iv) that is beneficially owned on a pro-rata basis by all equity owners of an investment fund, provided that no participating member manages or otherwise directs investments by the fund, and participating members in the aggregate do not own more than 10% of the equity in the fund; or
 - (v) the exercise or conversion of any security, if all securities received remain subject to the lock-up restriction in this Section 4(a) for the remainder of the time period.

Subject to the foregoing restriction, this Warrant and all rights hereunder (including, without limitation, any registration rights) are transferable, in whole or in part, upon surrender of this Warrant at the principal office of the Company or its designated agent, together with a written assignment of this Warrant substantially in the form attached hereto duly executed by the Holder or its agent or attorney and funds sufficient to pay any transfer taxes payable upon the making of such transfer. Upon such surrender and, if required, such payment, the Company shall execute and deliver a new Warrant or Warrants in the name of the assignee or assignees, as applicable, and in the denomination or denominations specified in such instrument of assignment, and shall issue to the assignor a new Warrant evidencing the portion of this Warrant not so assigned, and this Warrant shall promptly be cancelled. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Holder shall not be required to physically surrender this Warrant to the Company unless the Holder has assigned this Warrant in full, in which case, the Holder shall surrender this Warrant to the Company within two (2) Trading Days of the date on which the Holder delivers an assignment form to the Company assigning this Warrant in full. The Warrant, if properly assigned in accordance herewith, may be exercised by a new holder for the purchase of Warrant Shares without having a new Warrant issued.

- b) New Warrants. This Warrant may be divided or combined with other Warrants upon presentation hereof at the aforesaid office of the Company, together with a written notice specifying the names and denominations in which new Warrants are to be issued, signed by the Holder or its agent or attorney. Subject to compliance with Section 4(a), as to any transfer which may be involved in such division or combination, the Company shall execute and deliver a new Warrant or Warrants in exchange for the Warrant or Warrants to be divided or combined in accordance with such notice. All Warrants issued on transfers or exchanges shall be dated the initial issuance date of this Warrant and shall be identical with this Warrant except as to the number of Warrant Shares issuable pursuant thereto.
- c) <u>Warrant Register</u>. The Company shall register this Warrant, upon records to be maintained by the Company for that purpose (the "<u>Warrant Register</u>"), in the name of the record Holder hereof from time to time. The Company may deem and treat the registered Holder of this Warrant as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of any exercise hereof or any distribution to the Holder, and for all other purposes, absent actual notice to the contrary.

Section 5. Miscellaneous.

- a) No Rights as Stockholder Until Exercise. This Warrant does not entitle the Holder to any voting rights, dividends or other rights as a stockholder of the Company prior to the exercise hereof as set forth in Section 2(d)(i), except as expressly set forth in Section 3.
- b) <u>Loss, Theft, Destruction or Mutilation of Warrant</u>. The Company covenants that upon receipt by the Company of evidence reasonably satisfactory to it of the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of this Warrant or any stock certificate relating to the Warrant Shares, and in case of loss, theft or destruction, of indemnity or security reasonably satisfactory to it (which, in the case of the Warrant, shall not include the posting of any bond), and upon surrender and cancellation of such Warrant or stock certificate, if mutilated, the Company will make and deliver a new Warrant or stock certificate of like tenor and dated as of such cancellation, in lieu of such Warrant or stock certificate.
- c) <u>Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, etc</u>. If the last or appointed day for the taking of any action or the expiration of any right required or granted herein shall not be a Trading Day, then, such action may be taken or such right may be exercised on the next succeeding Trading Day.

d) Authorized Shares.

The Company covenants that, during the period the Warrant is outstanding, it will reserve from its authorized and unissued Common Stock a sufficient number of shares to provide for the issuance of the Warrant Shares upon the exercise of any purchase rights under this Warrant. The Company further covenants that its issuance of this Warrant shall constitute full authority to its officers who are charged with the duty of issuing the necessary Warrant Shares upon the exercise of the purchase rights under this Warrant. The Company will take all such reasonable action as may be necessary to assure that such Warrant Shares may be issued as provided herein without violation of any applicable law or regulation, or of any requirements of the Trading Market upon which the Common Stock may be listed. The Company covenants that all Warrant Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of the purchase rights represented by this Warrant will, upon exercise of the purchase rights represented by this Warrant and payment for such Warrant Shares in accordance herewith, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free from all taxes, liens and charges created by the Company in respect of the issue thereof (other than taxes in respect of any transfer occurring contemporaneously with such issue).

Except and to the extent as waived or consented to by the Holder, the Company shall not by any action, including, without limitation, amending its certificate of incorporation or through any reorganization, transfer of assets, consolidation, merger, dissolution, issue or sale of securities or any other voluntary action, avoid or seek to avoid the observance or performance of any of the terms of this Warrant, but will at all times in good faith assist in the carrying out of all such terms and in the taking of all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to protect the rights of Holder as set forth in this Warrant against impairment. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company will (i) not increase the par value of any Warrant Shares above the amount payable therefor upon such exercise immediately prior to such increase in par value, (ii) take all such action as may be necessary or appropriate in order that the Company may validly and legally issue fully paid and nonassessable Warrant Shares upon the exercise of this Warrant and (iii) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all such authorizations, exemptions or consents from any public regulatory body having jurisdiction thereof, as may be, necessary to enable the Company to perform its obligations under this Warrant.

Before taking any action which would result in an adjustment in the number of Warrant Shares for which this Warrant is exercisable or in the Exercise Price, the Company shall obtain all such authorizations or exemptions thereof, or consents thereto, as may be necessary from any public regulatory body or bodies having jurisdiction thereof.

- e) Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Warrant shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. Each party agrees that all legal proceedings concerning the interpretations, enforcement and defense of the transactions contemplated by this Warrant (whether brought against a party hereto or their respective affiliates, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, employees or agents) shall be commenced exclusively in the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is improper or is an inconvenient venue for such proceeding. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof via registered or certified mail or overnight delivery (with evidence of delivery) to such party at the address in effect for notices to it under this Warrant and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. If either party shall commence an action, suit or proceeding to enforce any provisions of this Warrant, the prevailing party in such action, suit or proceeding shall be reimbursed by the other party for their reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses incurred with the investigation, preparation and prosecution of such action or proceeding.
- f) <u>Restrictions</u>. The Holder acknowledges that the Warrant Shares acquired upon the exercise of this Warrant, if not registered, and the Holder does not utilize cashless exercise, will have restrictions upon resale imposed by state and federal securities laws.
- g) <u>Nonwaiver and Expenses</u>. No course of dealing or any delay or failure to exercise any right hereunder on the part of Holder shall operate as a waiver of such right or otherwise prejudice the Holder's rights, powers or remedies. Without limiting any other provision of this Warrant, if the Company willfully and knowingly fails to comply with any provision of this Warrant, which results in any material damages to the Holder, the Company shall pay to the Holder such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover any costs and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, including those of appellate proceedings, incurred by the Holder in collecting any amounts due pursuant hereto or in otherwise enforcing any of its rights, powers or remedies hereunder.

- Notices. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries to be provided by the Holders hereunder including, without h) limitation, any Notice of Exercise, shall be in writing and delivered personally, by facsimile or e-mail, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service, addressed to the Company, at 1317 Carlton Avenue, Suite 200, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902, Attention: Ben Shealy, Secretary, email address: bshealy@diffusionpharma.com, or such other facsimile number, email address or address as the Company may specify for such purposes by notice to the Holders. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries to be provided by the Company hereunder shall be in writing and delivered personally, by facsimile or e-mail, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service addressed to each Holder at the facsimile number, e-mail address or address of such Holder appearing on the books of the Company. Any notice or other communication or deliveries hereunder shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of (i) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number or via e-mail at the e-mail address set forth in this Section prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any date, (ii) the next Trading Day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number or via email at the e-mail address set forth in this Section on a day that is not a Trading Day or later than 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any Trading Day, (iii) the second Trading Day following the date of mailing, if sent by U.S. nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (iv) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given. To the extent that any notice provided hereunder constitutes, or contains, material, non-public information regarding the Company or any subsidiaries, the Company shall simultaneously file such notice with the Commission pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K.
- i) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. No provision hereof, in the absence of any affirmative action by the Holder to exercise this Warrant to purchase Warrant Shares, and no enumeration herein of the rights or privileges of the Holder, shall give rise to any liability of the Holder for the purchase price of any Common Stock or as a stockholder of the Company, whether such liability is asserted by the Company or by creditors of the Company.
- j) Remedies. The Holder, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights granted by law, including recovery of damages, will be entitled to specific performance of its rights under this Warrant. The Company agrees that monetary damages would not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of a breach by it of the provisions of this Warrant and hereby agrees to waive and not to assert the defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate.
- k) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Subject to applicable securities laws, this Warrant and the rights and obligations evidenced hereby shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and permitted assigns of the Company and the successors and permitted assigns of Holder. The provisions of this Warrant are intended to be for the benefit of any Holder from time to time of this Warrant and shall be enforceable by the Holder or holder of Warrant Shares.
- l) <u>Amendment</u>. This Warrant may be modified or amended or the provisions hereof waived with the written consent of the Company and the holders of Warrants holding at least 67% of the then outstanding Warrants (based on underlying Warrant Shares), provided that any modification or amendment that disproportionately and materially adversely affects a holder of Warrants shall require the consent of such holder..
- m) <u>Severability</u>. Wherever possible, each provision of this Warrant shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Warrant shall be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provisions or the remaining provisions of this Warrant.

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above indicated.	
	DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
	By: Name: Title:
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Warrant to be executed by its officer thereunto duly authorized as of the date first

NOTICE OF EXERCISE

TO:	DIFFUSIO	ON PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
if exe		The undersigned hereby elects to purchase Warrant Shares of the Company pursuant to the terms of the attached Warrant (onll), and tenders herewith payment of the exercise price in full, together with all applicable transfer taxes, if any.
	(2)	Payment shall take the form of (check applicable box):
		[] in lawful money of the United States; or
		[] if permitted the cancellation of such number of Warrant Shares as is necessary, in accordance with the formula set forth in subsection 2(c), to exercise this Warrant with respect to the maximum number of Warrant Shares purchasable pursuant to the cashless exercise procedure set forth in subsection 2(c).
	(3)	Please issue said Warrant Shares in the name of the undersigned or in such other name as is specified below:
	(4)	The time of day this Notice of Exercise is being executed is:
The V	Warrant Sha	res shall be delivered to the following DWAC Account Number:
[SIG	NATURE O	F HOLDER]
Name Title	e of Authori of Authoriz	ng Entity: norized Signatory of Investing Entity: zed Signatory: ed Signatory:

ASSIGNMENT FORM

(To assign the foregoing Warrant, execute this form and supply required information. Do not use this form to exercise the Warrant.)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the foregoing Warrant and all rights evidenced thereby are hereby assigned to

Name:	(Please Print)	
Address:	(Please Print)	
Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Dated:		
Holder's Signature:		
Holder's Address:		

NOTE: The signature to this Assignment Form must correspond with the name as it appears on the face of the Warrant. Officers of corporations and those acting in a fiduciary or other representative capacity should file proper evidence of authority to assign the foregoing Warrant (but shall not include any inkoriginal document or any medallion guarantee or other type of guarantee or notarization of any document).

EXHIBIT D

COMMON STOCK PURCHASE WARRANT

DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

Warrant Sha	ires:	, 2018
above (the "and purchase	entitled Initial Exice from Inares") of	IS COMMON STOCK PURCHASE WARRANT (the " <u>Warrant</u> ") certifies that, for value received, or its assigns (the upon the terms and subject to the limitations on exercise and the conditions hereinafter set forth, at any time on or after the date set forth (sercise <u>Date</u> ") and on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on ¹ (the " <u>Termination Date</u> ") but not thereafter, to subscribe for Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Delaware corporation (the " <u>Company</u> "), up to shares (as subject to adjustment hereunder, the Common Stock. The purchase price of one share of Common Stock under this Warrant shall be equal to the Exercise Price, as defined in
<u>Sec</u> 1:	ction 1.	<u>Definitions</u> . In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Warrant, the following terms have the meanings indicated in this Section
con		ffiliate" means any Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common a Person, as such terms are used in and construed under Rule 405 under the Securities Act.
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- "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.
- "Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share, and any other class of securities into which such securities may hereafter be reclassified or changed.
- "Common Stock Equivalents" means any securities of the Company or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Stock, including, without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, right, option, warrant or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Stock.
 - "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- "<u>Person</u>" means an individual or corporation, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, joint stock company, government (or an agency or subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.
 - "Registration Statement" means the Company's registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-222203).
 - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- "Subsidiary" means the subsidiaries of the Company set forth on Exhibit 21.1 to the Registration Statement and shall, where applicable, also include any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after the date hereof
 - "Trading Day" means a day on which the Common Stock is traded on a Trading Market.
- "<u>Trading Market</u>" means any of the following markets or exchanges on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on the date in question: the NYSE American, the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Nasdaq Global Market, the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or the New York Stock Exchange (or any successors to any of the foregoing.

"Transfer Agent" means Computershare Investor Services, LLC	C, the current transfer agent of the Company, with a mailing address of 250
Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021 and a facsimile number of $_$, and any successor transfer agent of the Company.

"VWAP" means, for any date, the price determined by the first of the following clauses that applies: (a) if the Common Stock is then listed or quoted on a Trading Market, the daily volume weighted average price of the Common Stock for such date (or the nearest preceding Trading Day) on the Trading Market on which the Common Stock is then listed or quoted as reported by Bloomberg L.P. (based on a Trading Day from 9:30 a.m. (New York City time) to 4:02 p.m. (New York City time)), (b) if OTCQB or OTCQX is not a Trading Market, the volume weighted average price of the Common Stock for such date (or the nearest preceding Trading Day) on OTCQB or OTCQX as applicable, (c) if the Common Stock is not then listed or quoted for trading on OTCQB or OTCQX and if prices for the Common Stock are then reported in the "Pink Sheets" published by OTC Markets Group, Inc. (or a similar organization or agency succeeding to its functions of reporting prices), the most recent bid price per share of the Common Stock so reported, or (d) in all other cases, the fair market value of a share of Common Stock as determined by an independent appraiser selected in good faith by the holders of a majority in interest of the Warrants then outstanding (based on underlying Warrant Shares) and reasonably acceptable to the Company, the fees and expenses of which shall be paid by the Company.

"Warrants" means this Warrant and other Common Stock purchase warrants issued by the Company pursuant to the Registration Statement.

Section 2. Exercise.

Exercise of Warrant. Exercise of the purchase rights represented by this Warrant may be made, in whole or in part, at any time or times on or after the Initial Exercise Date and on or before the Termination Date by delivery to the Company of a duly executed facsimile copy (or e-mail attachment) of the Notice of Exercise in the form annexed hereto (the "Notice of Exercise"). Within the earlier of (i) two (2) Trading Days and (ii) the number of Trading Days comprising the Standard Settlement Period (as defined in Section 2(d)(i) herein) following the date of exercise as aforesaid, the Holder shall deliver the aggregate Exercise Price for the shares specified in the applicable Notice of Exercise by wire transfer or cashier's check drawn on a United States bank unless the cashless exercise procedure specified in Section 2(c) below is specified in the applicable Notice of Exercise. No ink-original Notice of Exercise shall be required, nor shall any medallion guarantee (or other type of guarantee or notarization) of any Notice of Exercise be required. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Holder shall not be required to physically surrender this Warrant to the Company until the Holder has purchased all of the Warrant Shares available hereunder and the Warrant has been exercised in full, in which case, the Holder shall surrender this Warrant to the Company for cancellation within three (3) Trading Days of the date on which the final Notice of Exercise is delivered to the Company. Partial exercises of this Warrant resulting in purchases of a portion of the total number of Warrant Shares available hereunder shall have the effect of lowering the outstanding number of Warrant Shares purchasable hereunder in an amount equal to the applicable number of Warrant Shares purchased. The Holder and the Company shall maintain records showing the number of Warrant Shares purchased and the date of such purchases. The Company shall deliver any objection to any Notice of Exercise within one (1) Trading Day of receipt of such notice. The Holder and any assignee, by acceptance of this Warrant, acknowledge and agree that, by reason of the provisions of this paragraph, following the purchase of a portion of the Warrant Shares hereunder, the number of Warrant Shares available for purchase hereunder at any given time may be less than the amount stated on the face hereof.

- b) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The exercise price per share of Common Stock under this Warrant shall be \$_____, subject to adjustment hereunder (the "Exercise Price").
- c) <u>Cashless Exercise</u>. If at the time of exercise hereof there is no effective registration statement registering, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for the issuance of the Warrant Shares to the Holder, then this Warrant may also be exercised, in whole or in part, at such time by means of a "cashless exercise" in which the Holder shall be entitled to receive a number of Warrant Shares equal to the quotient obtained by dividing [(A-B) (X)] by (A), where:
 - (A) = as applicable: (i) the VWAP on the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise if such Notice of Exercise is (1) both executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof on a day that is not a Trading Day or (2) both executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof on a Trading Day prior to the opening of "regular trading hours" (as defined in Rule 600(b)(64) of Regulation NMS promulgated under the federal securities laws) on such Trading Day, (ii) at the option of the Holder, either (y) the VWAP on the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise or (z) the Bid Price of the Common Stock on the principal Trading Market as reported by Bloomberg L.P. as of the time of the Holder's execution of the applicable Notice of Exercise if such Notice of Exercise is executed during "regular trading hours" on a Trading Day and is delivered within two (2) hours thereafter (including until two (2) hours after the close of "regular trading hours" on a Trading Day) pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof or (iii) the VWAP on the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise if the date of such Notice of Exercise is a Trading Day and such Notice of Exercise is both executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2(a) hereof after the close of "regular trading hours" on such Trading Day;
 - (B) = the Exercise Price of this Warrant, as adjusted hereunder; and
 - (X) = the number of Warrant Shares that would be issuable upon exercise of this Warrant in accordance with the terms of this Warrant if such exercise were by means of a cash exercise rather than a cashless exercise.

If Warrant Shares are issued in such a cashless exercise, the parties acknowledge and agree that in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act, the Warrant Shares shall take on the registered characteristics of the Warrants being exercised. The Company agrees not to take any position contrary to this Section 2(c).

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, on the Termination Date, this Warrant shall be automatically exercised via cashless exercise pursuant to this Section 2(c).

d) Mechanics of Exercise.

i. Delivery of Warrant Shares Upon Exercise. The Company shall cause the Warrant Shares purchased hereunder to be transmitted by the Transfer Agent to the Holder by crediting the account of the Holder's or its designee's balance account with The Depository Trust Company through its Deposit or Withdrawal at Custodian system ("DWAC") if the Company is then a participant in such system and either (A) there is an effective registration statement permitting the issuance of the Warrant Shares to or resale of the Warrant Shares by Holder or (B) this Warrant is being exercised via cashless exercise, and otherwise by physical delivery of a certificate, registered in the Company's share register in the name of the Holder or its designee, for the number of Warrant Shares to which the Holder is entitled pursuant to such exercise to the address specified by the Holder in the Notice of Exercise by the date that is the earliest of (i) two (2) Trading Days after the delivery to the Company of the Notice of Exercise, (ii) one (1) Trading Day after delivery of the aggregate Exercise Price to the Company and (iii) the number of Trading Days comprising the Standard Settlement Period after the delivery to the Company of the Notice of Exercise (such date, the "Warrant Share Delivery Date"). Upon delivery of the Notice of Exercise, the Holder shall be deemed for all corporate purposes to have become the holder of record of the Warrant Shares with respect to which this Warrant has been exercised, irrespective of the date of delivery of the Warrant Shares, provided that payment of the aggregate Exercise Price (other than in the case of a cashless exercise) is received within the earlier of (i) two (2) Trading Days and (ii) the number of Trading Days comprising the Standard Settlement Period following delivery of the Notice of Exercise. If the Company fails for any reason to deliver to the Holder the Warrant Shares subject to a Notice of Exercise by the Warrant Share Delivery Date, the Company shall pay to the Holder, in cash, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, for each \$1,000 of Warrant Shares subject to such exercise (based on the VWAP of the Common Stock on the date of the applicable Notice of Exercise), \$10 per Trading Day (increasing to \$20 per Trading Day on the fifth Trading Day after such liquidated damages begin to accrue) for each Trading Day after such Warrant Share Delivery Date until such Warrant Shares are delivered or Holder rescinds such exercise; provided, however, that the Holder shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to the greater of (i) the aggregate liquidated damages under this sentence or (ii) the aggregate amount in connection with a Buy-In pursuant to Section 2(d)(iv) herein in connection with any failure by the Company to deliver Warrant Shares by the Warrant Share Delivery Date. The Company agrees to maintain a transfer agent that is a participant in the FAST program so long as this Warrant remains outstanding and exercisable. As used herein, "Standard Settlement Period" means the standard settlement period, expressed in a number of Trading Days, on the Company's primary Trading Market with respect to the Common Stock as in effect on the date of delivery of the Notice of Exercise.

- ii. <u>Delivery of New Warrants Upon Exercise</u>. If this Warrant shall have been exercised in part, the Company shall, at the request of a Holder and upon surrender of this Warrant certificate, at the time of delivery of the Warrant Shares, deliver to the Holder a new Warrant evidencing the rights of the Holder to purchase the unpurchased Warrant Shares called for by this Warrant, which new Warrant shall in all other respects be identical with this Warrant.
- iii. <u>Rescission Rights</u>. If the Company fails to cause the Transfer Agent to transmit to the Holder the Warrant Shares pursuant to Section 2(d)(i) by the Warrant Share Delivery Date, then the Holder will have the right to rescind such exercise.
- Compensation for Buy-In on Failure to Timely Deliver Warrant Shares Upon Exercise. In addition to any other rights available to the Holder, if the Company fails to cause the Transfer Agent to transmit to the Holder the Warrant Shares in accordance with the provisions of Section 2(d)(i) above pursuant to an exercise on or before the Warrant Share Delivery Date, and if after such date the Holder is required by its broker to purchase (in an open market transaction or otherwise) or the Holder's brokerage firm otherwise purchases, shares of Common Stock to deliver in satisfaction of a sale by the Holder of the Warrant Shares which the Holder was entitled to receive upon such exercise (a "Buy-In"), then the Company shall (A) pay in cash to the Holder the amount, if any, by which (x) the Holder's total purchase price (including brokerage commissions, if any) for the shares of Common Stock so purchased exceeds (y) the amount obtained by multiplying (1) the number of Warrant Shares that the Company was required to deliver to the Holder in connection with the exercise at issue times (2) the actual sale price at which the sell order giving rise to such purchase obligation was executed, and (B) at the option of the Holder, either reinstate the portion of the Warrant and equivalent number of Warrant Shares for which such exercise was not honored (in which case such exercise shall be deemed rescinded) or deliver to the Holder the number of shares of Common Stock that would have been issued had the Company timely complied with its exercise and delivery obligations hereunder; provided, however, that, under this clause (B), the Holder shall not be entitled to both (i) require the reinstatement of the portion of the Warrant and the equivalent Warrant Shares for which such exercise was not honored and (ii) receive the number of shares of Common Stock that would have been issued if the Company had timely complied with its delivery requirements hereunder. For example, if the Holder purchases Common Stock having a total purchase price of \$11,000 to cover a Buy-In with respect to an attempted exercise of shares of Common Stock with an aggregate actual sale price giving rise to such purchase obligation of \$10,000, under clause (A) of the immediately preceding sentence the Company shall be required to pay the Holder \$1,000. The Holder shall provide the Company written notice indicating the amounts payable to the Holder in respect of the Buy-In together with applicable confirmations and other evidence reasonably requested by the Company. Nothing herein shall limit a Holder's right to pursue any other remedies available to it hereunder, at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific performance and/or injunctive relief with respect to the Company's failure to timely deliver shares of Common Stock upon exercise of the Warrant as required pursuant to the terms

- v. <u>No Fractional Shares or Scrip</u>. No fractional shares or scrip representing fractional shares shall be issued upon the exercise of this Warrant. As to any fraction of a share which the Holder would otherwise be entitled to purchase upon such exercise, the Company shall, at its election, either pay a cash adjustment in respect of such final fraction in an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the Exercise Price or round up to the next whole share.
- vi. <u>Charges, Taxes and Expenses</u>. Issuance of Warrant Shares shall be made without charge to the Holder for any issue or transfer tax or other incidental expense in respect of the issuance of such Warrant Shares, all of which taxes and expenses shall be paid by the Company, and such Warrant Shares shall be issued in the name of the Holder or in such name or names as may be directed by the Holder; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event that Warrant Shares are to be issued in a name other than the name of the Holder, this Warrant when surrendered for exercise shall be accompanied by the Assignment Form attached hereto duly executed by the Holder and the Company may require, as a condition thereto, the payment of a sum sufficient to reimburse it for any transfer tax incidental thereto. The Company shall pay all Transfer Agent fees required for same-day processing of any Notice of Exercise and all fees to the Depository Trust Company (or another established clearing corporation performing similar functions) required for same-day electronic delivery of the Warrant Shares.
- vii. <u>Closing of Books</u>. The Company will not close its stockholder books or records in any manner which prevents the timely exercise of this Warrant, pursuant to the terms hereof.

Holder's Exercise Limitations. The Company shall not effect any exercise of this Warrant, and a Holder shall not have the right to exercise any portion of this Warrant, pursuant to Section 2 or otherwise, to the extent that after giving effect to such issuance after exercise as set forth on the applicable Notice of Exercise, the Holder (together with the Holder's Affiliates, and any other Persons acting as a group together with the Holder or any of the Holder's Affiliates (such Persons, "Attribution Parties")), would beneficially own in excess of the Beneficial Ownership Limitation (as defined below). For purposes of the foregoing sentence, the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Holder and its Affiliates and Attribution Parties shall include the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of this Warrant with respect to which such determination is being made, but shall exclude the number of shares of Common Stock which would be issuable upon (i) exercise of the remaining, nonexercised portion of this Warrant beneficially owned by the Holder or any of its Affiliates or Attribution Parties and (ii) exercise or conversion of the unexercised or nonconverted portion of any other securities of the Company (including, without limitation, any other Common Stock Equivalents) subject to a limitation on conversion or exercise analogous to the limitation contained herein beneficially owned by the Holder or any of its Affiliates or Attribution Parties. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, for purposes of this Section 2(e), beneficial ownership shall be calculated in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, it being acknowledged by the Holder that the Company is not representing to the Holder that such calculation is in compliance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the Holder is solely responsible for any schedules required to be filed in accordance therewith. To the extent that the limitation contained in this Section 2(e) applies, the determination of whether this Warrant is exercisable (in relation to other securities owned by the Holder together with any Affiliates and Attribution Parties) and of which portion of this Warrant is exercisable shall be in the sole discretion of the Holder, and the submission of a Notice of Exercise shall be deemed to be the Holder's determination of whether this Warrant is exercisable (in relation to other securities owned by the Holder together with any Affiliates and Attribution Parties) and of which portion of this Warrant is exercisable, in each case subject to the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, and the Company shall have no obligation to verify or confirm the accuracy of such determination. In addition, a determination as to any group status as contemplated above shall be determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. For purposes of this Section 2(e), in determining the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock, a Holder may rely on the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock as reflected in (A) the Company's most recent periodic or annual report filed with the Commission, as the case may be, (B) a more recent public announcement by the Company or (C) a more recent written notice by the Company or the Transfer Agent setting forth the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. Upon the written or oral request of a Holder, the Company shall within one Trading Day confirm orally and in writing to the Holder the number of shares of Common Stock then outstanding. In any case, the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock shall be determined after giving effect to the conversion or exercise of securities of the Company, including this Warrant, by the Holder or its Affiliates or Attribution Parties since the date as of which such number of outstanding shares of Common Stock was reported. The "Beneficial Ownership Limitation" shall be [4.99%] [9.99%] of the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of this Warrant. The Holder, upon notice to the Company, may increase or decrease the Beneficial Ownership Limitation provisions of this Section 2(e), provided that the Beneficial Ownership Limitation in no event exceeds 9.99% of the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of this Warrant held by the Holder and the provisions of this Section 2(e) shall continue to apply. Any increase in the Beneficial Ownership Limitation will not be effective until the 61st day after such notice is delivered to the Company. The provisions of this paragraph shall be construed and implemented in a manner otherwise than in strict conformity with the terms of this Section 2(e) to correct this paragraph (or any portion hereof) which may be defective or inconsistent with the intended Beneficial Ownership Limitation herein contained or to make changes or supplements necessary or desirable to properly give effect to such limitation. The limitations contained in this paragraph shall apply to a successor holder of this Warrant.

Section 3. Certain Adjustments.

a) Stock Dividends and Splits. If the Company, at any time while this Warrant is outstanding: (i) pays a stock dividend or otherwise makes a distribution or distributions on shares of its Common Stock or any other equity or equity equivalent securities payable in shares of Common Stock (which, for avoidance of doubt, shall not include any shares of Common Stock issued by the Company upon exercise of this Warrant), (ii) subdivides outstanding shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares, (iii) combines (including by way of reverse stock split) outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, or (iv) issues by reclassification of shares of the Common Stock any shares of capital stock of the Company, then in each case the Exercise Price shall be multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock (excluding treasury shares, if any) outstanding immediately before such event and of which the denominator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event, and the number of shares issuable upon exercise of this Warrant shall be proportionately adjusted such that the aggregate Exercise Price of this Warrant shall remain unchanged. Any adjustment made pursuant to this Section 3(a) shall become effective immediately after the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such dividend or distribution and shall become effective immediately after the effective date in the case of a subdivision, combination or re-classification.

b) [Reserved]

- c) <u>Subsequent Rights Offerings</u>. In addition to any adjustments pursuant to Section 3(a) above, if at any time the Company grants, issues or sells any Common Stock Equivalents or rights to purchase stock, warrants, securities or other property pro rata to the record holders of any class of shares of Common Stock (the "<u>Purchase Rights</u>"), then the Holder will be entitled to acquire, upon the terms applicable to such Purchase Rights, the aggregate Purchase Rights which the Holder could have acquired if the Holder had held the number of shares of Common Stock acquirable upon complete exercise of this Warrant (without regard to any limitations on exercise hereof, including without limitation, the Beneficial Ownership Limitation) immediately before the date on which a record is taken for the grant, issuance or sale of such Purchase Rights, or, if no such record is taken, the date as of which the record holders of shares of Common Stock are to be determined for the grant, issue or sale of such Purchase Rights (provided, however, to the extent that the Holder's right to participate in any such Purchase Right would result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership Limitation, then the Holder shall not be entitled to participate in such Purchase Right to such extent (or beneficial ownership of such shares of Common Stock as a result of such Purchase Right to such extent) and such Purchase Right to such extent shall be held in abeyance for the Holder until such time, if ever, as its right thereto would not result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership Limitation).
- d) Pro Rata Distributions. During such time as this Warrant is outstanding, if the Company shall declare or make any dividend or other distribution of its assets (or rights to acquire its assets) to holders of shares of Common Stock, by way of return of capital or otherwise (including, without limitation, any distribution of cash, stock or other securities, property or options by way of a dividend, spin off, reclassification, corporate rearrangement, scheme of arrangement or other similar transaction) (a "Distribution"), at any time after the issuance of this Warrant, then, in each such case, the Holder shall be entitled to participate in such Distribution to the same extent that the Holder would have participated therein if the Holder had held the number of shares of Common Stock acquirable upon complete exercise of this Warrant (without regard to any limitations on exercise hereof, including without limitation, the Beneficial Ownership Limitation) immediately before the date of which a record is taken for such Distribution, or, if no such record is taken, the date as of which the record holders of shares of Common Stock are to be determined for the participation in such Distribution (provided, however, to the extent that the Holder's right to participate in any such Distribution would result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership of any shares of Common Stock as a result of such Distribution to such extent) and the portion of such Distribution shall be held in abeyance for the benefit of the Holder until such time, if ever, as its right thereto would not result in the Holder exceeding the Beneficial Ownership Limitation). To the extent that this Warrant has not been partially or completely exercised at the time of such Distribution, such portion of the Distribution shall be held in abeyance for the benefit of the Holder until the Holder until the Holder has exercised this Warrant.

Fundamental Transaction. If, at any time while this Warrant is outstanding, (i) the Company, directly or indirectly, in one or more related transactions effects any merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person, (ii) the Company, directly or indirectly, effects any sale, lease, license, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of its assets in one or a series of related transactions, (iii) any, direct or indirect, purchase offer, tender offer or exchange offer (whether by the Company or another Person) is completed pursuant to which holders of Common Stock are permitted to sell, tender or exchange their shares for other securities, cash or property and has been accepted by the holders of 50% or more of the outstanding Common Stock, (iv) the Company, directly or indirectly, in one or more related transactions effects any reclassification, reorganization or recapitalization of the Common Stock or any compulsory share exchange pursuant to which the Common Stock is effectively converted into or exchanged for other securities, cash or property, or (v) the Company, directly or indirectly, in one or more related transactions consummates a stock or share purchase agreement or other business combination (including, without limitation, a reorganization, recapitalization, spin-off or scheme of arrangement) with another Person or group of Persons whereby such other Person or group acquires more than 50% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (not including any shares of Common Stock held by the other Person or other Persons making or party to, or associated or affiliated with the other Persons making or party to, such stock or share purchase agreement or other business combination) (each a "Fundamental Transaction"), then, upon any subsequent exercise of this Warrant, the Holder shall have the right to receive, for each Warrant Share that would have been issuable upon such exercise immediately prior to the occurrence of such Fundamental Transaction, at the option of the Holder (without regard to any limitation in Section 2(e) on the exercise of this Warrant), the number of shares of Common Stock of the successor or acquiring corporation or of the Company, if it is the surviving corporation, and any additional consideration (the "Alternate Consideration") receivable as a result of such Fundamental Transaction by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock for which this Warrant is exercisable immediately prior to such Fundamental Transaction (without regard to any limitation in Section 2(e) on the exercise of this Warrant). For purposes of any such exercise, the determination of the Exercise Price shall be appropriately adjusted to apply to such Alternate Consideration based on the amount of Alternate Consideration issuable in respect of one share of Common Stock in such Fundamental Transaction, and the Company shall apportion the Exercise Price among the Alternate Consideration in a reasonable manner reflecting the relative value of any different components of the Alternate Consideration. If holders of Common Stock are given any choice as to the securities, cash or property to be received in a Fundamental Transaction, then the Holder shall be given the same choice as to the Alternate Consideration it receives upon any exercise of this Warrant following such Fundamental Transaction. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event of a Fundamental Transaction, the Company or any Successor Entity (as defined below) shall, at the Holder's option, exercisable at any time concurrently with, or within 30 days after, the consummation of the Fundamental Transaction (or, if later, the date of the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction), purchase this Warrant from the Holder by paying to the Holder an amount of cash equal to the Black Scholes Value of the remaining unexercised portion of this Warrant on the date of the consummation of such Fundamental Transaction; provided, however, if the Fundamental Transaction is not within the Company's control, including not approved by the Company's Board of Directors, [Holder shall only be entitled to receive from the Company or any Successor Entity, as of the date of consummation of such Fundamental Transaction, the same type or form of consideration (and in the same proportion), at the Black Scholes Value (as defined below) of the unexercised portion of this Warrant, that is being offered and paid to the holders of Common Stock of the Company in connection with the Fundamental Transaction, whether that consideration be in the form of cash, stock or any combination thereof, or whether the holders of Common Stock are given the choice to receive from among alternative forms of consideration in connection with the Fundamental Transaction]. Any cash payment will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds within five (5) Business Days of the Holder's election (or, if later, on the effective date of the Fundamental Transaction). "Black Scholes Value" means the value of this Warrant based on the Black and Scholes Option Pricing Model obtained from the "OV" function on Bloomberg, L.P. ("Bloomberg") determined as of the day of consummation of the applicable Fundamental Transaction for pricing purposes and reflecting (A) a risk-free interest rate corresponding to the U.S. Treasury rate for a period equal to the time between the date of the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction and the Termination Date, (B) an expected volatility equal to the greater of 100% and the 100 day volatility obtained from the HVT function on Bloomberg as of the Trading Day immediately following the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction, (C) the underlying price per share used in such calculation shall be the sum of the price per share being offered in cash, if any, plus the value of any non-cash consideration, if any, being offered in such Fundamental Transaction and (D) a remaining option time equal to the time between the date of the public announcement of the applicable Fundamental Transaction and the Termination Date. The payment of the Black Scholes Value will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds within five Business Days of the Holder's election (or, if later, on the effective date of the Fundamental Transaction). The Company shall cause any successor entity in a Fundamental Transaction in which the Company is not the survivor (the "Successor Entity") to assume in writing all of the obligations of the Company under this Warrant in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3(e) pursuant to written agreements in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Holder and approved by the Holder (without unreasonable delay) prior to such Fundamental Transaction and shall, at the option of the Holder, deliver to the Holder in exchange for this Warrant a security of the Successor Entity evidenced by a written instrument substantially similar in form and substance to this Warrant which is exercisable for a corresponding number of shares of capital stock of such Successor Entity (or its parent entity) equivalent to the shares of Common Stock acquirable and receivable upon exercise of this Warrant (without regard to any limitations on the exercise of this Warrant) prior to such Fundamental Transaction, and with an exercise price which applies the exercise price hereunder to such shares of capital stock (but taking into account the relative value of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to such Fundamental Transaction and the value of such shares of capital stock, such number of shares of capital stock and such exercise price being for the purpose of protecting the economic value of this Warrant immediately prior to the consummation of such Fundamental Transaction), and which is reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Holder. Upon the occurrence of any such Fundamental Transaction, the Successor Entity shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such Fundamental Transaction, the provisions of this Warrant referring to the "Company" shall refer instead to the Successor Entity), and may exercise every right and power of the Company and shall assume all of the obligations of the Company under this Warrant with the same effect as if such Successor Entity had been named as the Company herein.

f) <u>Calculations</u>. All calculations under this Section 3 shall be made to the nearest cent or the nearest 1/100th of a share, as the case may be. For purposes of this Section 3, the number of shares of Common Stock deemed to be issued and outstanding as of a given date shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock (excluding treasury shares, if any) issued and outstanding.

g) Notice to Holder.

- i. <u>Adjustment to Exercise Price</u>. Whenever the Exercise Price is adjusted pursuant to any provision of this Section 3, the Company shall promptly deliver to the Holder by facsimile or email a notice setting forth the Exercise Price after such adjustment and any resulting adjustment to the number of Warrant Shares and setting forth a brief statement of the facts requiring such adjustment.
- Notice to Allow Exercise by Holder. If (A) the Company shall declare a dividend (or any other distribution in whatever form) on the Common Stock, (B) the Company shall declare a special nonrecurring cash dividend on or a redemption of the Common Stock, (C) the Company shall authorize the granting to all holders of the Common Stock rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase any shares of capital stock of any class or of any rights, (D) the approval of any stockholders of the Company shall be required in connection with any reclassification of the Common Stock, any consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party, any sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or any compulsory share exchange whereby the Common Stock is converted into other securities, cash or property, or (E) the Company shall authorize the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Company, then, in each case, the Company shall cause to be delivered by facsimile or email to the Holder at its last facsimile number or email address as it shall appear upon the Warrant Register of the Company, at least 20 calendar days prior to the applicable record or effective date hereinafter specified (or less than 20 calendar days if sent concurrently upon the notice sent to the Company's stockholders or public disclosure by the Company of such events), a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of such dividend, distribution, redemption, rights or warrants, or if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of the Common Stock of record to be entitled to such dividend, distributions, redemption, rights or warrants are to be determined or (y) the date on which such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange is expected to become effective or close, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of the Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their shares of the Common Stock for securities, cash or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange; provided that the failure to deliver such notice or any defect therein or in the delivery thereof shall not affect the validity of the corporate action required to be specified in such notice. To the extent that any notice provided in this Warrant constitutes, or contains, material, non-public information regarding the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, the Company shall simultaneously file such notice with the Commission pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K. The Holder shall remain entitled to exercise this Warrant during the period commencing on the date of such notice to the effective date of the event triggering such notice except as may otherwise be expressly set forth herein.

Section 4. Transfer of Warrant.

- a) <u>Transferability.</u> This Warrant and all rights hereunder (including, without limitation, any registration rights) are transferable, in whole or in part, upon surrender of this Warrant at the principal office of the Company or its designated agent, together with a written assignment of this Warrant substantially in the form attached hereto duly executed by the Holder or its agent or attorney and funds sufficient to pay any transfer taxes payable upon the making of such transfer. Upon such surrender and, if required, such payment, the Company shall execute and deliver a new Warrant or Warrants in the name of the assignee or assignees, as applicable, and in the denomination or denominations specified in such instrument of assignment, and shall issue to the assignor a new Warrant evidencing the portion of this Warrant not so assigned, and this Warrant shall promptly be cancelled. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Holder shall not be required to physically surrender this Warrant to the Company unless the Holder has assigned this Warrant in full, in which case, the Holder shall surrender this Warrant to the Company within two (2) Trading Days of the date on which the Holder delivers an assignment form to the Company assigning this Warrant in full. The Warrant, if properly assigned in accordance herewith, may be exercised by a new holder for the purchase of Warrant Shares without having a new Warrant issued.
- b) New Warrants. This Warrant may be divided or combined with other Warrants upon presentation hereof at the aforesaid office of the Company, together with a written notice specifying the names and denominations in which new Warrants are to be issued, signed by the Holder or its agent or attorney. Subject to compliance with Section 4(a), as to any transfer which may be involved in such division or combination, the Company shall execute and deliver a new Warrant or Warrants in exchange for the Warrant or Warrants to be divided or combined in accordance with such notice. All Warrants issued on transfers or exchanges shall be dated the initial issuance date of this Warrant and shall be identical with this Warrant except as to the number of Warrant Shares issuable pursuant thereto.
- c) <u>Warrant Register</u>. The Company shall register this Warrant, upon records to be maintained by the Company for that purpose (the "<u>Warrant Register</u>"), in the name of the record Holder hereof from time to time. The Company may deem and treat the registered Holder of this Warrant as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of any exercise hereof or any distribution to the Holder, and for all other purposes, absent actual notice to the contrary.

Section 5. Miscellaneous.

- a) <u>No Rights as Stockholder Until Exercise</u>. This Warrant does not entitle the Holder to any voting rights, dividends or other rights as a stockholder of the Company prior to the exercise hereof as set forth in Section 2(d)(i), except as expressly set forth in Section 3.
- b) Loss, Theft, Destruction or Mutilation of Warrant. The Company covenants that upon receipt by the Company of evidence reasonably satisfactory to it of the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of this Warrant or any stock certificate relating to the Warrant Shares, and in case of loss, theft or destruction, of indemnity or security reasonably satisfactory to it (which, in the case of the Warrant, shall not include the posting of any bond), and upon surrender and cancellation of such Warrant or stock certificate, if mutilated, the Company will make and deliver a new Warrant or stock certificate of like tenor and dated as of such cancellation, in lieu of such Warrant or stock certificate.
- c) <u>Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, etc</u>. If the last or appointed day for the taking of any action or the expiration of any right required or granted herein shall not be a Trading Day, then, such action may be taken or such right may be exercised on the next succeeding Trading Day.

d) Authorized Shares.

The Company covenants that, during the period the Warrant is outstanding, it will reserve from its authorized and unissued Common Stock a sufficient number of shares to provide for the issuance of the Warrant Shares upon the exercise of any purchase rights under this Warrant. The Company further covenants that its issuance of this Warrant shall constitute full authority to its officers who are charged with the duty of issuing the necessary Warrant Shares upon the exercise of the purchase rights under this Warrant. The Company will take all such reasonable action as may be necessary to assure that such Warrant Shares may be issued as provided herein without violation of any applicable law or regulation, or of any requirements of the Trading Market upon which the Common Stock may be listed. The Company covenants that all Warrant Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of the purchase rights represented by this Warrant will, upon exercise of the purchase rights represented by this Warrant and payment for such Warrant Shares in accordance herewith, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free from all taxes, liens and charges created by the Company in respect of the issue thereof (other than taxes in respect of any transfer occurring contemporaneously with such issue).

Except and to the extent as waived or consented to by the Holder, the Company shall not by any action, including, without limitation, amending its certificate of incorporation or through any reorganization, transfer of assets, consolidation, merger, dissolution, issue or sale of securities or any other voluntary action, avoid or seek to avoid the observance or performance of any of the terms of this Warrant, but will at all times in good faith assist in the carrying out of all such terms and in the taking of all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to protect the rights of Holder as set forth in this Warrant against impairment. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company will (i) not increase the par value of any Warrant Shares above the amount payable therefor upon such exercise immediately prior to such increase in par value, (ii) take all such action as may be necessary or appropriate in order that the Company may validly and legally issue fully paid and nonassessable Warrant Shares upon the exercise of this Warrant and (iii) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all such authorizations, exemptions or consents from any public regulatory body having jurisdiction thereof, as may be, necessary to enable the Company to perform its obligations under this Warrant.

Before taking any action which would result in an adjustment in the number of Warrant Shares for which this Warrant is exercisable or in the Exercise Price, the Company shall obtain all such authorizations or exemptions thereof, or consents thereto, as may be necessary from any public regulatory body or bodies having jurisdiction thereof.

- e) Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Warrant shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. Each party agrees that all legal proceedings concerning the interpretations, enforcement and defense of the transactions contemplated by this Warrant (whether brought against a party hereto or their respective affiliates, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, employees or agents) shall be commenced exclusively in the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is improper or is an inconvenient venue for such proceeding. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof via registered or certified mail or overnight delivery (with evidence of delivery) to such party at the address in effect for notices to it under this Warrant and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. If either party shall commence an action, suit or proceeding to enforce any provisions of this Warrant, the prevailing party in such action, suit or proceeding shall be reimbursed by the other party for their reasonable attorneys' fees and ot
- f) Restrictions. The Holder acknowledges that the Warrant Shares acquired upon the exercise of this Warrant, if not registered, and the Holder does not utilize cashless exercise, will have restrictions upon resale imposed by state and federal securities laws.

- g) Nonwaiver and Expenses. No course of dealing or any delay or failure to exercise any right hereunder on the part of Holder shall operate as a waiver of such right or otherwise prejudice the Holder's rights, powers or remedies. Without limiting any other provision of this Warrant, if the Company willfully and knowingly fails to comply with any provision of this Warrant, which results in any material damages to the Holder, the Company shall pay to the Holder such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover any costs and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, including those of appellate proceedings, incurred by the Holder in collecting any amounts due pursuant hereto or in otherwise enforcing any of its rights, powers or remedies hereunder.
- h) Notices. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries to be provided by the Holders hereunder including, without limitation, any Notice of Exercise, shall be in writing and delivered personally, by facsimile or e-mail, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service, addressed to the Company, at 1317 Carlton Avenue, Suite 200, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902, Attention: Ben Shealy, Secretary, email address: bshealy@diffusionpharma.com, or such other facsimile number, email address or address as the Company may specify for such purposes by notice to the Holders. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries to be provided by the Company hereunder shall be in writing and delivered personally, by facsimile or e-mail, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service addressed to each Holder at the facsimile number, e-mail address or address of such Holder appearing on the books of the Company. Any notice or other communication or deliveries hereunder shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of (i) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number or via e-mail at the facsimile number or via e-mail at the e-mail address set forth in this Section prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any date, (ii) the next Trading Day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number or via e-mail at the e-mail address set forth in this Section on a day that is not a Trading Day or later than 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any Trading Day, (iii) the second Trading Day following the date of mailing, if sent by U.S. nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (iv) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given. To the extent that any notice provided hereunder constitutes, or contains, material, non-public information regarding the Company or any subsidiaries, the Company shall simultaneously file such not
- i) <u>Limitation of Liability.</u> No provision hereof, in the absence of any affirmative action by the Holder to exercise this Warrant to purchase Warrant Shares, and no enumeration herein of the rights or privileges of the Holder, shall give rise to any liability of the Holder for the purchase price of any Common Stock or as a stockholder of the Company, whether such liability is asserted by the Company or by creditors of the Company.
- j) Remedies. The Holder, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights granted by law, including recovery of damages, will be entitled to specific performance of its rights under this Warrant. The Company agrees that monetary damages would not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of a breach by it of the provisions of this Warrant and hereby agrees to waive and not to assert the defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate.

- k) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Subject to applicable securities laws, this Warrant and the rights and obligations evidenced hereby shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and permitted assigns of the Company and the successors and permitted assigns of Holder. The provisions of this Warrant are intended to be for the benefit of any Holder from time to time of this Warrant and shall be enforceable by the Holder or holder of Warrant Shares.
- l) <u>Amendment</u>. This Warrant may be modified or amended or the provisions hereof waived with the written consent of the Company and the holders of Warrants holding at least 67% of the then outstanding Warrants (based on underlying Warrant Shares), provided that any modification or amendment that disproportionately and materially adversely affects a holder of Warrants shall require the consent of such holder..
- m) <u>Severability</u>. Wherever possible, each provision of this Warrant shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Warrant shall be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provisions or the remaining provisions of this Warrant.
- n) <u>Headings</u>. The headings used in this Warrant are for the convenience of reference only and shall not, for any purpose, be deemed a part of this Warrant.

(Signature Page Follows)

DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
By: Name: Title:
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above indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Warrant to be executed by its officer thereunto duly authorized as of the date first

NOTICE OF EXERCISE

DIFFUSION PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

(1) The undersigned hereby elects to purchase ______ Warrant Shares of the Company pursuant to the terms of the attached Warrant (only if exercised in full), and tenders herewith payment of the exercise price in full, together with all applicable transfer taxes, if any. Payment shall take the form of (check applicable box): [] in lawful money of the United States; or [] if permitted the cancellation of such number of Warrant Shares as is necessary, in accordance with the formula set forth in subsection 2(c), to exercise this Warrant with respect to the maximum number of Warrant Shares purchasable pursuant to the cashless exercise procedure set forth in subsection 2(c). Please issue said Warrant Shares in the name of the undersigned or in such other name as is specified below: [(4) the time of day this Notice of Exercise is being executed is: The Warrant Shares shall be delivered to the following DWAC Account Number: [SIGNATURE OF HOLDER] Name of Investing Entity: _ Signature of Authorized Signatory of Investing Entity: Name of Authorized Signatory: ____ Title of Authorized Signatory: ___ Date:

ASSIGNMENT FORM

(To assign the foregoing Warrant, execute this form and supply required information. Do not use this form to exercise the Warrant.)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the foregoing Warrant and all rights evidenced thereby are hereby assigned to

Name:	(Please Print)	
Address:	(Please Print)	
	(Flease Fillit)	
Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Dated:		
Holder's Signature:		
Holder's Address:		

NOTE: The signature to this Assignment Form must correspond with the name as it appears on the face of the Warrant. Officers of corporations and those acting in a fiduciary or other representative capacity should file proper evidence of authority to assign the foregoing Warrant (but shall not include any inkoriginal document or any medallion guarantee or other type of guarantee or notarization of any document).



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January 16, 2018

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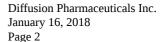
Re: Registration Statement on Form S-1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the sale by the Company of (i) up to \$14,950,000 of shares (the "Shares") of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), (ii) warrants to purchase up to \$14,950,000 of shares of Common Stock (the "Investor Warrants"), (iii) underwriters' warrants to purchase up to \$934,375 of shares of Common Stock (the "Underwriter Warrants" and collectively with the Investor Warrants, the "Warrants"), and (iv) up to \$15,884,375 of shares of the Company's Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants (the "Warrant Shares" and collectively with the Common Stock and the Warrants, the "Securities"), pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto on January 16, 2018 (File No. 333-222203) (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and the related Prospectus. The term "Securities" shall include any additional Securities registered by the Company pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act in connection with the offering contemplated by the Registration Statement.

In connection with this opinion (this "Opinion"), we have examined originals or copies (in each case signed, certified or otherwise proven to our satisfaction to be genuine) of: (i) the Registration Statement and the related Prospectus; (ii) the Company's Certificate of Incorporation (as amended to date); (iii) the Company's Bylaws as currently in effect; (iv) the form of Warrant; (vi) minutes evidencing corporate action of the Company authorizing the issuance and sale of the Securities; and (vii) a certificate of an officer of the Company as to matters of fact material to this Opinion. We have also examined the Form of Underwriting Agreement, by and between the Company and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC.

In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as original documents, and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, the legal capacity of natural persons who are signatories to the documents examined by us and the legal power and authority of all persons signing on behalf of parties (other than the Company) to all documents.



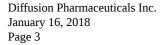


We have further assumed that the Securities will be issued and sold in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the related Prospectus, and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and the securities or blue sky laws of various states and the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement.

Our opinions set forth herein are based solely upon the laws of the State of New York and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware as in effect on the date hereof, and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws, rules or regulations (including, without limitation, the application of the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of any state to the offer and/or sale of the Securities).

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, as of the date hereof, (i) the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company and, when the Shares have been duly registered on the books of the transfer agent and registrar in the name and on behalf of the purchasers thereof and have been issued by the Company and delivered against payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, (ii) the Warrants have been duly authorized by the Company and, when the Warrants have been duly registered on the books of the warrant agent and registrar in the name and on behalf of the purchasers thereof and have been issued by the Company and delivered against payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Warrants will be legally valid and binding obligations of the Company and (iii) Warrant Shares have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company and, when the Warrant Shares have been duly registered on the books of the transfer agent and registrar in the name and on behalf of the holders and have been issued by the Company and delivered against payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Warrants, the Warrant Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this Opinion as an exhibit to the Company's Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement, filed with the Commission on January 16, 2018 and as an exhibit to any application under the securities or other laws of any state of the United States which relate to the offer and sale of the Shares. We further consent to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus related to the Registration Statement and to the incorporation by reference of this letter and consent into any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) with respect to the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not admit hereby that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act, or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.





This Opinion is furnished to you in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities and is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise relied upon for any other purpose, except as expressly provided in the preceding paragraph. This Opinion is furnished as of the date hereof and we disclaim any undertaking to update this Opinion after the date hereof or to advise you of any subsequent changes of the facts stated or assumed herein or of any subsequent changes in applicable law.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Dechert LLP Dechert LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.:

We consent to the use of our report incorporated by reference herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

Our report dated March 31, 2017 contains an explanatory paragraph that states that the Company has suffered recurring losses from operations, has limited resources available to fund current research and development activities, and will require substantial additional financing to continue to fund its research and development activities. The conditions raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

/s/ KPMG LLP

McLean, Virginia January 16, 2018