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Dear Stockholder,

2014 was a year of significant progress and, in many respects, we believe it represents an inflection point for Brooks. We rigorously pursued the strategy we developed in 2011 and we successfully executed on the operational goals that we set for this year. We finished fiscal 2014 with higher revenue, improved margins, increased cash on the balance sheet, and what we believe is a stronger growth portfolio. In short, the year was marked by significant progress in both strategic initiatives and financial results.

Most importantly, we continued the execution of the three-pronged strategy we outlined in 2011: to strengthen our position in semiconductor and related markets; to divest of non-core assets; and to focus our efforts in additional markets where we could utilize our core technical skills of controlled-environment automation and cryogenics – specifically, Life Sciences.

Advancing the Strategy

Further Strengthened our Position in Semiconductor and Related Markets

In our semiconductor business, our previous investments in R&D delivered strong returns as we exceeded 50% growth in our vacuum robots business and we achieved more than 20% growth in integrated systems in fiscal 2014. Design wins with our semiconductor top tier OEMs and end-user customers exceeded our goals as we recorded 18 key design wins, setting the stage for growth in fiscal 2015 and future years. We also saw significant growth in the advanced packaging area, with a clear line of sight to continued growth in 2015. Because of our demonstrated commitment to next generation automation and vacuum technologies, we feel we are a more important part of our customers' strategic supply chain than ever before.

Shed Additional Non-Core Assets and Apply Those Resources to Strategic Growth Investments

We also continued to advance the transformation of our product portfolio. We divested our Granville-Phillips business and invested in growth areas by acquiring DMS, a German-based provider of automated semiconductor FOUP cleaners. Similar to our approach when we divested our contract manufacturing business in 2011, Granville-Phillips was a good business but not core to our strategic value proposition and did not support our growth aspirations. DMS, on the other hand, is an automation system company that fits our growth strategy and complements products from our Crossing Automation acquisition, which allows us to leverage our automation expertise and sales channel.

Significantly Grew our Life Sciences Business

We saw tremendous acceleration of our Life Sciences business as the market embraced the new Twinbank™ platform, our first internally-developed automated cold storage solution, and we made significant progress in the development of our future biostore solution for the -150°C market. We grew Life Sciences revenue by 46% compared to 2013, and achieved breakeven operating income in the fourth fiscal quarter. Total backlog at September 30, 2014 was 40% higher compared to the prior year. In the first fiscal quarter of 2014 we shipped our first Twinbank™ system to Tohoku University for their biobanking project, which is dedicated to studying the effects of radioactivity on individuals affected by the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear meltdown. From there, we built momentum as we won nearly every deal we competed for, and we secured some landmark wins around the world.

In March, we announced our agreement with the University of Oxford and the UK Biocentre to provide eight Twinbank™ store systems and a multi-year service contract, totaling approximately \$15 million. In total, we booked \$76 million of new Life Sciences contract orders in the year.

In an extremely important move that we believe will help us to bolster our Life Sciences business even faster, we announced in November that we were able to recruit Dusty Tenney to lead our Life Sciences business. Dusty comes to Brooks from PerkinElmer, where he has a proven record of growing new businesses and improving operations. His experience in Life Sciences and strong leadership skills will help to accelerate our critical growth initiatives.

Strong Financial Results

Fiscal 2014 was also a year of notable financial performance improvements as we delivered on each of our key metrics. Double-digit revenue growth and gross margin expansion supported a sharp increase in earnings. Our balance sheet was strengthened again as we generated more than \$50 million of cash from operations and finished the fiscal year with \$245 million of cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities. Later this month, our shareholders will receive the 14th consecutive quarterly dividend, which is 25% higher than the quarterly dividend we paid a year earlier.

Our look ahead

In a year like 2014, key stakeholders take notice. Customers rewarded our progress with increased participation in their significant projects. Our key suppliers remained loyal and responded to our requests for support and innovation. Employees are energized by our progress and our results. As we step into 2015, we feel strong positive momentum and we move forward with great enthusiasm. The semiconductor industry appears poised for another year of growth and our Life Sciences business shows no signs of slowing down. This coming year will be marked by a number of new product offerings that will enable significant growth traction for Brooks. In the semiconductor market, we have our new Contamination Control Solutions business unit and next generation innovative vacuum robots. In Life Sciences, our Twinbank™ product offering has a strong presence in the market and will fuel our continued growth. Just as we entered fiscal 2015, we announced the acquisition of a new business, FluidX, a provider of consumable and benchtop instruments for biological sample storage. We are also excited about the scheduled beta release of our new -150°C store offering expected toward the middle of calendar 2015. We believe the coming year will be driven by new product offerings but we will also see the benefits of our continuous improvement in operations, reducing costs, and strengthening of our global delivery capabilities.

The Brooks team is proud of our fiscal 2014 results and enthusiastic as we head into 2015. We believe we are poised to excel in the coming year. On behalf of our Board of Directors and the management team here at Brooks, we thank each of our stockholders for their support and confidence, and we look forward to another year of progress in 2015.

Sincerely,



Steve Schwartz
Chief Executive Officer