Slone Partners Fills VP of Research, Development & Engineering at Cirle

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National recruitment firm <u>Slone Partners</u> is pleased to announce the placement of Pedro Diaz as Vice President of Research, Development & Engineering at Cirle, a medical technology incubator in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Diaz joins a rapidly growing organization that has added more than 35 professionals since its founding in 2010. In 2014 Cirle entered into an exclusive license agreement with Bausch & Lomb, a leading global eye-health company, for the development and commercialization of its first technology platform, the Cirle Surgical Navigation System (SNS), for cataract surgery. The Cirle team is working to expand the applications for the surgical navigation platform while pursuing other novel technologies and building a robust product pipeline.

"Watching Cirle grow since its founding in 2010 has been very impressive," said Adam Slone, CEO of Slone Partners. "We are thrilled to partner with a dynamic company that aligns with our values of doing high quality work and providing an excellent experience for their customers."

Mr. Diaz brings extensive experience in all phases of product development and a proven track record of bringing new technologies to market, most recently as Director of Research and Integration Leader at Beckman Coulter Life Sciences. There, he managed a large hybrid team tasked with implementing and commercializing acquired technologies.

Prior to Beckman Coulter, Mr. Diaz was Director of Research & Development at Cordis Endovascular, a Johnson & Johnson company, where he led the successful completion of multiple projects in the area of embolic protection systems and vascular stent delivery systems.

Mr. Diaz received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems from Nova Southeastern University, and a Master of Science in Technology Management from Florida International University. He was the recipient of Beckman Coulter's Excellence in Innovation Award in 2009, and holds several U.S. patents in the medical device industry.

About Cirle

Established in 2010 by Richard M. Awdeh, M.D., Cirle is a medical technology incubator based in Miami, Fla. The company focuses on the use of translational medical research and innovative technologies to cure diseases that lead to blindness. It develops and acquires early-stage technologies, applies its specialized capabilities to refine and test them, and pursues industry collaborations to bring the technologies to market. Offering a highly interactive

environment for inter-disciplinary innovation, Cirle has engaged leading eye health experts, engineers and researchers involved in development projects. For more information, visit www.cirle.com.

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