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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

The Securities Act of 1933

RITA MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

3845
(Primary Standard Industrial

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effectiveness of this Registration Statement and the effective time of the merger of Hornet Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant, with and into Horizon Medical Products, Inc. as described in the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 12, 2004, included as Annex A to the joint proxy statement/prospectus forming a part of this Registration Statement.

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The information in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is not complete and may be changed. RITA may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This joint proxy statement/prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities nor the solicitation of any offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 24, 2004

MERGER PROPOSAL YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

The boards of directors of RITA Medical Systems, Inc. and Horizon Medical Products, Inc. have unanimously (with one Horizon director abstaining) approved a merger of the two companies. We believe the combined company will be able to create more stockholder value than could be achieved by either company individually. We ask for your support in voting in favor of the proposals to be presented at our respective stockholder meetings.

If the merger is completed, Horizon shareholders will be entitled to receive 0.4212 of a share of RITA common stock for each share of Horizon common stock they hold, plus cash in lieu of fractional shares. RITA stockholders will continue to own their existing shares of RITA common stock. Upon completion of the merger, Horizon will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of RITA and shares of RITA common stock will continue to trade on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol RITA.

RITA stockholders are being asked to approve the issuance of the shares of RITA common stock in connection with the merger, to approve an amendment to RITA's certificate of incorporation to, among other things, increase the number of authorized shares of RITA common stock, to elect a director and to ratify the selection of independent registered public accountants at the RITA annual meeting. Horizon shareholders are being asked to approve the merger agreement and the merger and to elect seven directors and ratify the selection of independent registered public accountants at the Horizon annual meeting. If the merger is completed, the other Horizon annual meeting matters will, as a result, be superseded. The dates, times and places of the meetings are as follows:

For RITA stockholders:

July 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., local time

Mountain View, California

For Horizon shareholders:

July 29, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., local time

Atlanta, Georgia

We encourage you to read carefully this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 18, before voting your shares.

We look forward to a successful combination of RITA and Horizon.

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/s/ Joseph DeVivo
Joseph DeVivo

President and Chief Executive Officer

RITA Medical Systems, Inc.

/s/ Robert J. Wenzel
Robert J. Wenzel

President, Chief Operating Officer

and Interim Chief Executive Officer

Horizon Medical Products, Inc.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the merger, the merger agreement or the stock to be issued pursuant to the merger or determined if this joint proxy statement/prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This joint proxy statement/prospectus is dated June , 2004 and is first being mailed to the stockholders of RITA and the shareholders of Horizon on or about June , 2004.

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REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This joint proxy statement/prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about RITA from other documents that are not included in or delivered with this joint proxy statement/prospectus. This information is available to you without charge upon your request. You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference in this joint proxy statement/prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from RITA at 967 North Shoreline Road, Mountain View, California 94013, telephone (650) 314-3400.

If you would like to request documents, RITA must receive your request by July 22, 2004 (which is at least five business days before the date of the RITA annual meeting), in order for you to receive them before your annual meeting.

See "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 170.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To All Stockholders of RITA Medical Systems, Inc.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RITA will hold its annual meeting of stockholders on Thursday, July 29, 2004, 10:00 a.m., local time, at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP, located at 2775 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, California 94025 for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote on a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of RITA common stock pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 12, 2004, by and among RITA, Hornet Acquisition Corp. and Horizon Medical Products, Inc, as such may be amended from time to time. A copy of the merger agreement is included as Annex A to the accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus.
2. To approve an amendment to RITA's certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of RITA common stock from 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 and to clarify the authority of RITA's board of directors to fix the terms of preferred stock.
3. To elect two Class I directors to serve until the 2007 annual meeting of stockholders.
4. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as RITA's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

Holders of record of shares of RITA common stock at the close of business on June 22, 2004, the record date, are entitled to receive this notice and to vote their shares at the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement of that meeting. As of the record date, there were 18,039,158 shares of RITA common stock outstanding. Each share of RITA common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter properly brought before the annual meeting. A list of the stockholders entitled to vote at RITA's annual meeting will be available at the meeting and for 10 days prior to the meeting, during regular business hours, at RITA's corporate offices located at 967 North Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, California, 94013. You should contact the RITA corporate secretary if you wish to review this list of stockholders.

After careful consideration, RITA's board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger is in the best interests of RITA and its stockholders and has unanimously approved and adopted the merger agreement, the proposed merger and the issuance of shares of RITA common stock to holders of Horizon common stock as contemplated by the merger agreement.

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RITA's board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote to approve each of RITA's proposals listed above, all of which are described in detail in the accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

June , 2004

Mountain View, California

/s/ Joseph DeVivo
Joseph DeVivo
President and Chief Executive Officer

IMPORTANT

Your vote is important. Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting, please complete and mail the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To All Shareholders of Horizon Medical Products, Inc.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Horizon Medical Products, Inc. will hold an annual meeting of its shareholders on Thursday, July 29, 2004, 1:00 p.m., local time, at the offices of King & Spalding LLP, 191 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote on a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 12, 2004, by and among RITA Medical Systems, Inc., Hornet Acquisition Corp. and Horizon, as such may be amended from time to time, and the merger contemplated thereby. A copy of the merger agreement is included as Annex A to the accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus.
2. To consider and vote on a proposal to elect seven individuals to serve as members of Horizon's board of directors until Horizon's 2005 annual meeting of shareholders.
3. To consider and vote on a proposal to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as Horizon's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

Holders of record of shares of Horizon common stock at the close of business on June 23, 2004, the record date, are entitled to receive this notice and to vote their shares at the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement of that meeting. As of the record date, there were 44,313,068 shares of Horizon common stock outstanding. Each share of Horizon common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter properly brought before the annual meeting. If the merger is completed, each share of Horizon common stock will be converted into the right to receive 0.4212 of a share of RITA common stock. Horizon will make available at its annual meeting a list of shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting for examination by any shareholder, or his or her agent or attorney.

After careful consideration, Horizon's board of directors has unanimously (with one abstention) determined that the merger is in the best interests of Horizon and its shareholders, approved and adopted the merger agreement and the proposed merger, and recommends that you vote to approve the merger agreement and the merger.

In order to complete the merger, the holders of at least a majority of outstanding shares of Horizon common stock must vote to approve the merger agreement and the merger. Approval of the other Horizon annual meeting matters is not a condition to the merger. If the merger is completed, the other Horizon annual meeting matters will, as a result, be superseded.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

June , 2004
Manchester, Georgia

/s/ Robert J. Wenzel
Robert J. Wenzel
President, Chief Operating Officer and
Interim Chief Executive Officer

IMPORTANT

Your vote is important. Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting, please complete and mail the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER

Q: Why are the companies proposing the merger?

A: We believe that a combination of RITA and Horizon will create a leading specialty medical device company that will capitalize on the complementary strengths of each company and produce greater stockholder value than would be expected absent the proposed merger.

Q: What will a shareholder be entitled to receive when the merger occurs?

A: Horizon shareholders will be entitled to receive 0.4212 of a share of RITA common stock for each share of Horizon common stock that they own at the time of the merger and cash in lieu of any fraction of a share. After the merger, RITA stockholders will continue to hold the shares of RITA common stock that they currently own; however, those shares will represent a smaller proportion of the outstanding shares of the combined company.

Q: Will Horizon shareholders pay tax as a result of the merger?

A: The merger is intended to be a tax-free reorganization, which means that Horizon shareholders should not pay U.S. federal income tax upon the receipt of shares of RITA common stock pursuant to the merger. Horizon shareholders may pay tax, however, on the receipt of cash paid in lieu of fractional shares that would otherwise be issued pursuant to the merger. See *The Proposed Merger* Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger on page 49.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After you carefully read this document, including the annexes, please vote your shares as soon as possible so that your shares will be represented at your company's annual meeting. Please follow the instructions set forth on the proxy card or on the instruction card provided by the record holder if your shares are held in the name of your broker, a bank or other nominee.

Q: Why is my vote important?

A: The merger agreement and Georgia law require that the holders of at least a majority of Horizon's outstanding shares of common stock approve the merger agreement and the merger. Although holders representing a majority of Horizon's outstanding shares of common stock have entered into voting agreements committing them to vote their shares in favor of the merger agreement and the merger, your vote is important. If you are a Horizon shareholder and you do not submit a proxy or vote in person at the Horizon annual meeting, it will have the same effect as a vote against approval of the merger agreement and the merger. If you submit a proxy and affirmatively elect to abstain from voting, your proxy will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum but will have the same effect as a vote against approval of the merger agreement and the merger. Horizon shareholder approval of the merger agreement and the merger is a condition to closing under the merger agreement. In addition, Horizon shareholders will be voting on the election of directors and ratification of Horizon's independent registered public accountants who will serve Horizon in the event the merger is not completed. See *Information About the Meetings and Voting* *The Horizon Annual Meeting* on page 153.

The issuance of shares of RITA common stock pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of shares present in person or by proxy at RITA's annual meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal. Holders of approximately 9.6% of RITA's outstanding common stock have entered into voting agreements committing them to vote their shares in favor of the issuance of stock pursuant to the merger. If you are a RITA stockholder and you do not submit a proxy or vote in person at the RITA annual meeting, it will not have any effect on the proposals to be presented at the annual meeting, although it may affect the presence of a quorum at the meeting. If you submit a proxy and affirmatively

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elect to abstain from voting, your proxy will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have the same effect as a no vote for the proposals to be voted upon. In addition, RITA stockholders will be

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voting on the election of directors, the amendment of RITA's certificate of incorporation and the ratification of RITA's independent registered public accounting firm. See "Information About the Meetings and Voting The RITA Annual Meeting" on page 149.

Q: If my shares are held in street name by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?

A: Yes, but only if you instruct your broker as to how you want your shares voted. If you do not provide your broker with instructions on how to vote your street name shares, your broker cannot vote on the proposals relating to the merger.

Q: What if I fail to instruct my broker?

A: If you fail to instruct your broker to vote your shares and the broker submits an unvoted proxy, the resulting broker non-vote will be counted toward the quorum at the respective annual meetings, and, with the exception of the vote by Horizon shareholders to approve the merger agreement and the merger, it will have no effect on the proposals to be voted on at the meetings.

Q: Can I change my vote after I have mailed my proxy card?

A: Yes. Stockholders who hold shares in their own name can change their vote at any time before their proxy is voted at their company's annual meeting by:

RITA Stockholders:

Timely delivery by mail of a valid, subsequently dated proxy

Delivery to RITA's corporate secretary before or at the annual meeting of written notice revoking your proxy

Submitting a vote by ballot at the annual meeting

Horizon Shareholders:

Timely delivery by mail of a valid, subsequently-dated proxy

Delivery to Horizon's corporate secretary before or at the annual meeting of written notice revoking your proxy

Submitting a vote by ballot at the annual meeting

If you have instructed a broker to vote your shares, you must follow your broker's directions in order to change those instructions.

Q: When and where are the meetings?

A: RITA's annual meeting will take place on Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP, located at 2775 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, California 94025, at 10:00 a.m., local time.

Horizon's annual meeting will take place on Thursday, July 29, 2004, at the offices of King & Spalding LLP, 191 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, at 1:00 p.m., local time.

Q: Should I send in my stock certificates now?

A: No. After the merger is completed, RITA will send Horizon shareholders written instructions for exchanging their stock certificates. RITA stockholders will keep their existing stock certificates.

Q: When do you expect the merger to be completed?

A: We hope to complete the merger as soon as possible after the annual meetings occur and all closing conditions under the merger agreement are satisfied.

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Q: Who do I call if I have questions about the meetings or the merger?

A: If you have any questions about the merger, or if you need additional copies of this joint proxy statement/prospectus or the enclosed proxy, you should contact:

RITA STOCKHOLDERS:

967 N. Shoreline Blvd

Mountain View, CA 94043

(650) 314-3400

Attention: Donald Stewart

HORIZON SHAREHOLDERS:

One Horizon Way

P.O. Box 627

Manchester, GA 31816

(706) 846-3126

Attention: Corporate Secretary

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SUMMARY

*This summary highlights information from this joint proxy statement/prospectus that we believe is the most important information to be considered by the RITA stockholders and the Horizon shareholders in determining how to vote on the proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you, and we encourage you to read this joint proxy statement/prospectus in its entirety. The information contained in this summary is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the detailed information and financial statements, including the notes thereto, appearing elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and the documents incorporated into this joint proxy statement/prospectus by reference. See *Where You Can Find More Information* on page 170. We have included references to other portions of this joint proxy statement/prospectus to direct you to a more complete description of the topics presented in this summary.*

The Companies (see page 70)

RITA Medical Systems, Inc.

RITA Medical Systems, Inc., or RITA, develops, manufactures and markets devices used by physicians to treat patients with solid cancerous or benign tumors. Founded in 1994, RITA is a publicly held company listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol RITA. RITA's proprietary system, the RITA System, is a minimally invasive treatment option for cancer patients with unresectable, or inoperable, tumors. The system delivers controlled thermal energy to targeted tissue at a temperature high enough to ablate the tumor, or cause cell death. RITA's portfolio of products includes disposable electrosurgical devices, radiofrequency generators, introducers and software. RITA is a Delaware corporation and is headquartered in Mountain View, California. RITA's offices are located at 967 North Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, California 94013, and RITA's telephone number is (650) 314-3400. RITA's internet website is www.ritamaterial.com. Information set forth on RITA's website is not incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Hornet Acquisition Corp.

Hornet Acquisition Corp. is a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of RITA. Hornet Acquisition Corp. was organized solely for the purpose of entering into the merger agreement with Horizon and completing the merger. It has not conducted any business operations and has no assets. If the merger is completed, Hornet Acquisition Corp. will cease to exist following its merger with and into Horizon.

Horizon Medical Products, Inc.

Founded in 1990, Horizon Medical Products, Inc., or Horizon, is a specialty medical device company focused on developing, manufacturing, marketing and distributing vascular access products, including implantable ports, hemodialysis catheters, central venous catheters, needle infusion sets, peripherally inserted central venous catheters and other accessories used in vascular medical procedures. Horizon also markets a line of acute and chronic dialysis catheters used for kidney failure patients. Horizon is a Georgia corporation and is headquartered in Manchester, Georgia. Horizon's offices are located at One Horizon Way, Manchester, Georgia 31816, and Horizon's telephone number is (706) 846-3126. Horizon's internet website is www.hmpvascular.com. Information set forth on Horizon's website is not incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

The Proposed Merger (see page 22)

Under the terms of the proposed merger, Hornet Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of RITA formed solely for the purpose of the merger, will merge with and into Horizon. As a result, Horizon will survive the merger and will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of RITA upon completion of the merger.

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The merger agreement is included as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. We encourage you to read the merger agreement in its entirety, as it is the legal document that governs the merger.

What Horizon Shareholders Will Be Entitled to Receive Pursuant to the Merger

Horizon shareholders will be entitled to receive 0.4212 of a share of RITA common stock for each share of Horizon common stock they hold. The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted for changes in the market value of the common stock of Horizon or RITA. RITA will not issue fractional shares in the merger. Therefore, the total number of shares of RITA common stock that each Horizon shareholder will be entitled to receive pursuant to the merger agreement will be rounded down to the nearest whole number, and each Horizon shareholder will be entitled to receive a cash payment for the remaining fraction of a share of RITA common stock that such shareholder would otherwise receive, if any, based on the closing price of RITA common stock the trading day preceding the date of the merger. See *The Merger Agreement - Consideration to be Received Pursuant to the Merger; Treatment of Stock Options* on page 54.

Recommendations to Stockholders

To RITA Stockholders:

RITA's board of directors believes that the merger is in the best interests of RITA and its stockholders and unanimously recommends that RITA stockholders vote FOR the proposal to issue shares of RITA common stock pursuant to the merger agreement. See *The Proposed Merger - RITA's Reasons for the Merger* on page 30.

RITA's board of directors also unanimously recommends that RITA stockholders vote FOR the proposal to amend RITA's certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of RITA common stock from 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 and to clarify the authority of RITA's board of directors to fix the terms of preferred stock.

RITA's board of directors recommends that RITA stockholders vote FOR the Class I director nominee named in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and FOR the ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as RITA's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.

To Horizon Shareholders:

Horizon's board of directors believes that the merger is in the best interests of Horizon shareholders and recommends that Horizon shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement and the merger. See *The Proposed Merger - Horizon's Reasons for the Merger* on page 39.

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Horizon's board of directors recommends that Horizon shareholders vote FOR the election of the seven director nominees. Horizon's board of directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP to serve as Horizon's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.

The merger agreement and Georgia law require that the holders of at least a majority of Horizon's outstanding shares of common stock approve the merger agreement and the merger. Approval of the other Horizon annual meeting matters is not a condition to the merger. If the merger is completed, the other annual meeting matters will, as a result, be superseded.

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Reasons for the Merger (see pages 30 and 39)

The boards of directors of RITA and Horizon believe that the merger will accelerate both companies' strategic plans and create a leading specialty medical device company. The boards of directors of both companies believe that the combined company will benefit from:

The complementary nature of the products, research and development skills and manufacturing resources of the two companies;

A larger sales force that is expected to provide deeper penetration into U.S. markets;

The diversification of product portfolios and revenue bases;

Synergies and cost savings that the combined company hopes to achieve, including by minimizing duplicative facilities and other infrastructure; and

A larger market capitalization, which is expected to increase interest in the combined company from institutional investors and research analysts.

The boards of directors of both companies also recognize that there are risks associated with the merger, including:

The challenges of combining the assets and workforces of the two companies;

The limitations imposed by the merger agreement on the parties' conduct of business prior to the merger;

The uncertainty created by the fixed exchange ratio as to the value of the shares of RITA common stock that Horizon shareholders will receive pursuant to the merger;

The satisfaction of specified closing conditions that could delay or prevent completion of the merger; and

The termination fee and related provisions of the merger agreement which could deter a third party from proposing an alternative transaction to the merger.

See **Risk Factors** beginning on page 18 for a more complete discussion of the risks associated with the merger.

Opinion of RITA's Financial Advisor (see page 32)

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In connection with the proposed merger, RITA's financial advisor, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, or Wells Fargo, delivered a written opinion dated May 12, 2004, that, as of that date and based on the assumptions made, matters considered and the limitations on the review undertaken described in the written opinion, the exchange ratio of 0.4212 of a share of RITA common stock for each share of Horizon common stock was fair from a financial point of view to RITA. See Annex B for a copy of the full opinion. We encourage you to read this opinion and the section of this joint proxy statement/prospectus entitled "Opinions of Financial Advisors" Opinion of RITA's Financial Advisor Wells Fargo Securities, LLC in their entirety for a description of the assumptions made, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken. Wells Fargo's opinion was directed to RITA's board of directors and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder on how to vote with respect to the proposed merger.

Opinion of Horizon's Financial Advisor (see page 42)

In connection with the proposed merger, the board of directors of Horizon received the opinion of Brookwood Associates, LLC, or Brookwood, financial advisor to Horizon, that, as of April 29, 2004 and subject

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to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in the opinion, and based upon such other matters as Brookwood considered relevant, the exchange ratio was fair to holders of Horizon common stock from a financial point of view. For purposes of its opinion, Brookwood assumed that the exchange ratio would be 0.417 of a share of RITA common stock to be received for each share of Horizon common stock. However, the merger agreement as signed on May 12, 2004 specifies an exchange ratio of 0.4212, which is slightly more favorable to holders of Horizon common stock than that assumed by Brookwood in its opinion. The full text of Brookwood's written opinion, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, and limitations on the review undertaken in connection with the opinion is included as Annex C to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. We encourage you to read this opinion in its entirety for a description of the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken. Brookwood provided its opinion for the information and assistance of Horizon's board of directors in connection with its consideration of the transaction contemplated by the merger agreement. Brookwood's opinion is not a recommendation as to how any Horizon shareholder should vote at the Horizon annual meeting.

Board of Directors and Management Following the Merger

Upon completion of the merger, the following individuals are expected to serve as officers of RITA in the capacities set forth below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Position(s) and Company Affiliation</u>	<u>Position(s) with RITA following the merger</u>
Vincent Bucci	Chairman of the Board (RITA)	Chairman of the Board
Joseph DeVivo	President and Chief Executive Officer (RITA)	President and Chief Executive Officer
Robert J. Wenzel	President, Chief Operating Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer (Horizon)	Chief Operating Officer
Donald Stewart	Chief Financial Officer (RITA)	Chief Financial Officer
Darrin Uecker	Chief Technology Officer (RITA)	Chief Technology Officer

RITA and Horizon have agreed that the board of directors of the combined company after the merger will consist of nine directors. Initially, the board will be comprised of RITA's Chief Executive Officer, five directors selected by RITA and three directors selected by Horizon. The current board composition and the proposed board composition after the merger is set forth below.

	<u>Class I</u>	<u>Class II</u>	<u>Class III</u>
Current RITA directors	Scott Halsted Vincent Bucci	John Gilbert Wesley Johnson	Joseph DeVivo Randy Lindholm
Proposed RITA directors following the merger	Scott Halsted Vincent Bucci Harold Blue	John Gilbert Wesley Johnson James Brands	Joseph DeVivo Randy Lindholm Robert Tucker

See "Interests of Executive Officers and Directors of RITA in the Merger" on page 51, "Interests of Executive Officers and Directors of Horizon in the Merger" on page 51, "The Merger Agreement - Other Covenants" on page 61, "The Merger Agreement - Voting Agreements" on page 62, and "The Merger Agreement - Other Agreements" on page 63.

Stockholder Votes Required

For RITA Stockholders (see page 149):

Approval of the proposal to issue shares of RITA common stock to Horizon shareholders pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy at

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RITA's annual meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal. Approval of the proposal to amend RITA's certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of RITA common stock from 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 and to clarify the authority of RITA's board of directors to fix the terms of preferred stock requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the proposal. Two directors will be elected at the RITA annual meeting by a plurality of the votes cast by the shares entitled to vote, with the nominees who receive the most votes being elected. Approval of the proposal to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as RITA's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004 will be by a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal.

On the record date, directors and executive officers of RITA and their affiliates beneficially owned or had the right to vote approximately 1.7 million outstanding shares of RITA common stock, representing approximately 9.6% of the shares of RITA common stock outstanding on the record date. All of these individuals have entered into voting agreements pursuant to which they have agreed to vote all of their shares of RITA common stock in favor of the issuance of shares of RITA common stock in connection with the merger.

For Horizon Shareholders (see page 153):

The merger agreement and Georgia law require that the holders of at least a majority of Horizon's outstanding shares of common stock vote to approve the merger agreement and the merger. Approval of the merger agreement and the merger is a condition to the completion of the merger. The affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast by the shares entitled to vote at the Horizon annual meeting is required for the election of directors. Approval of the proposal to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as Horizon's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy. If the merger is completed, the other Horizon annual meeting matters will, as a result, be superseded.

On the record date, directors and executive officers of Horizon and their affiliates beneficially owned or had the right to vote approximately 6,348,532 outstanding shares of Horizon common stock, representing approximately 44,313,068 of the shares of Horizon common stock outstanding on the record date. All of these individuals and their affiliates have entered into voting agreements pursuant to which they have agreed to vote all of their shares of Horizon common stock in favor of the merger.

Voting Agreements

As a result of voting agreements entered into with certain officers, directors and a stockholder affiliated with a director, approximately 9.6% of RITA's outstanding shares of common stock have committed to vote in favor of the issuance of shares in the merger. Pursuant to similar voting agreements, certain officers, directors and shareholders of Horizon have committed to vote approximately 53% of Horizon's outstanding shares of common stock in favor of the merger agreement and the merger. See "The Merger Agreement Voting Agreements" on page 62.

Treatment of Horizon Stock Options

Each outstanding Horizon stock option will be assumed by RITA upon completion of the merger and, after such date, will be exercisable for shares of RITA common stock on the same terms and conditions that currently govern such options, except that: (a) the number of shares of RITA common stock underlying the new option will equal the number of shares of Horizon common stock for which the corresponding Horizon option was exercisable, multiplied by 0.4212 and rounded down to the nearest whole share, (b) the per share exercise price of each new option

will equal the exercise price of the corresponding Horizon option, divided by 0.4212 and

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rounded up to the nearest whole cent, and (c) the exercisability of all Horizon options shall accelerate such that these options will become exercisable and fully vested upon completion of the merger. See The Merger Agreement Consideration to be Received Pursuant to the Merger; Treatment of Stock Options on page 54.

Ownership of Common Stock of the Combined Company After the Merger

RITA stockholders will own approximately 47.5% of the combined company and Horizon shareholders will own approximately 52.5% of the combined company, measured on a fully-diluted basis. As used in the calculation of RITA stockholder and Horizon shareholder ownership, fully-diluted means that the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion or exercise, as applicable, of outstanding convertible securities and stock options with conversion prices or exercise prices, as applicable, that are less than the market price of the applicable company's common stock. The ownership percentages are based on the number of shares of RITA and Horizon common stock, stock options, warrants and other convertible securities outstanding as of May 12, 2004 and the market prices of RITA and Horizon common stock prior to the signing of the merger agreement.

Conditions to Completion of the Merger (see page 59)

Completion of the merger depends upon the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions, including the following:

Approval of the merger agreement and the merger by Horizon shareholders;

Approval by RITA stockholders of the issuance of shares of RITA common stock pursuant to the merger agreement; and

Absence of any law, regulation or court order prohibiting the merger.

Completion of the merger also depends upon the satisfaction, or waiver, of the following conditions:

Approval of the listing on the Nasdaq National Market of the shares of RITA common stock to be issued in the merger;

Receipt of opinions of counsel to RITA and to Horizon that the merger will qualify as a tax-free reorganization, which condition cannot be waived following the receipt of Horizon shareholder approval of the merger without further Horizon shareholder approval of the merger agreement and the merger;

Accuracy of the representations and warranties in the merger agreement made by a party, except for inaccuracies which in the aggregate, have had and are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on that party;

The material compliance by the parties with their obligations under the merger agreement; and

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Neither party having suffered any change that is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on that party.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger (see page 49)

Assuming the merger qualifies as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which RITA and Horizon anticipate, holders of Horizon common stock whose shares of Horizon common stock are exchanged in the merger for shares of common stock of RITA will not recognize gain or loss, except to the extent of cash, if any, received in lieu of a fractional share of common stock of RITA.

The discussion of material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is intended to provide only a general summary and is not a complete analysis or description

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of all potential U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger. The discussion does not address tax consequences that may vary with, or are contingent on, individual circumstances. In addition, it does not address any foreign, state or local taxes. RITA and Horizon strongly urge each holder of Horizon common stock to consult his or her tax advisor to determine the particular U.S. federal, state, or local or foreign income or other tax consequences to that shareholder of the merger.

It is a condition to the completion of the merger that RITA receive a written opinion from Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP and Horizon receive a written opinion from King & Spalding LLP, in each case dated as of the effective date of the merger, to the effect that the merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Neither RITA nor Horizon intends to waive this closing condition; however, in the event that either RITA or Horizon waives receipt of such written opinion from its counsel, RITA and Horizon will file a new joint proxy statement/prospectus which will include disclosure that does not characterize the merger as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

Listing of Common Stock of the Combined Company (see page 55)

The shares of RITA common stock to be issued pursuant to the merger will be listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the ticker symbol RITA. Following the merger, shares of Horizon common stock will no longer be traded on the American Stock Exchange.

Appraisal Rights (see page 50)

RITA is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and Horizon is incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia. Under both Delaware and Georgia law, RITA and Horizon stockholders will not have appraisal or dissenters' rights in connection with the issuance of shares of common stock of RITA in the merger or in connection with the merger.

Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger (see page 51)

When RITA and Horizon stockholders consider their respective board of directors' recommendation that they vote in favor of the proposals relating to the merger, they should be aware that certain executive officers of RITA and Horizon and the members of each of RITA's and Horizon's boards of directors have interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of stockholders generally. In particular, all executive officers have interests in the combined company as employees in terms of job responsibilities, working environment and compensation that are in addition to and different from their interests as stockholders. All continuing directors will have the responsibility for being directors of a new and larger company after the merger. The vesting of all outstanding Horizon stock options will accelerate so that these options will be fully exercisable upon completion of the merger. Additionally, RITA has agreed for a period of time to maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance for the current Horizon directors and officers to insure them against claims relating to actions or omissions occurring before the merger. Each of RITA's and Horizon's board of directors was aware of and considered these potentially conflicting interests when they approved the proposals relating to the merger.

Restrictions on Alternative Transactions

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The merger agreement contains restrictions on the ability of each of RITA and Horizon to solicit or engage in discussions or negotiations with a third party with respect to a proposal to acquire a significant interest in the applicable company. Notwithstanding these restrictions, the merger agreement provides that under specified circumstances, if either party receives an acquisition proposal from a third party that would reasonably be expected to result in a superior offer, as defined in the merger agreement, it may furnish nonpublic information to

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that third party and engage in negotiations or enter into a definitive agreement regarding the superior offer with that third party. Prior to withdrawing its recommendation in favor of the applicable merger-related proposal in light of a superior offer or entering into a definitive agreement regarding a superior offer, RITA or Horizon, as applicable, must, if requested by the other party, negotiate with the other party to amend the merger agreement so that the third party proposal is no longer a superior offer. See *The Merger Agreement - Covenants; No Solicitation* on page 56.

Under certain circumstances, if the merger agreement is terminated by a party in connection with the existence of a superior offer, a termination fee of up to \$3.5 million may be payable by the party that received the superior offer. In addition, such party may also be responsible for an expense reimbursement of up to \$1.5 million. See *The Merger Agreement - Termination Fee* on page 60.

Accounting Treatment of the Merger (see page 49)

RITA will account for the merger under the purchase method of accounting for business combinations under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which means that the assets and liabilities of Horizon will be recorded, as of the completion of the merger, at their fair values and added to those of RITA. Any difference between the fair value of the RITA shares being issued in the merger and the net value of Horizon's assets and liabilities will be recorded as goodwill by RITA. Such goodwill is expected to be approximately \$88.5 million.

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The following information sets forth selected historical financial data for RITA. The following consolidated statement of operations data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of RITA. The consolidated statement of operations data for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2004 have been derived from the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of RITA. You should read the following information together with RITA's consolidated financial statements, the notes related thereto and RITA's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, each of which is contained in documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

	Years ended December 31,					Three months ended March 31,	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004
Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:							
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)						
Net Sales	\$ 4,629	\$ 10,010	\$ 14,791	\$ 17,393	\$ 16,607	\$ 4,497	\$ 4,644
Cost of goods sold	2,994	6,048	6,132	6,908	6,166	1,574	1,615
Gross profit	1,635	3,962	8,659	10,485	10,441	2,923	3,029
Operating expenses:							
Research and development	3,931	5,615	6,489	5,052	4,294	1,358	843
Selling, general and administrative	5,452	12,052	16,646	19,366	17,418	4,564	4,366
Total operating expenses	9,383	17,667	23,135	24,418	21,712	5,922	5,209
Loss from operations	(7,748)	(13,705)	(14,476)	(13,933)	(11,271)	(2,999)	(2,180)
Interest and other income / expense, net	238	898	1,516	434	192	75	10
Net loss	\$ (7,510)	\$ (12,807)	\$ (12,960)	\$ (13,499)	\$ (11,079)	\$ (2,924)	\$ (2,170)
Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$ (9.33)	\$ (1.99)	\$ (0.90)	\$ (0.91)	\$ (0.63)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.12)
Shares used in computing net loss per common share, basic and diluted	805	6,440	14,353	14,890	17,647	17,223	17,998

	December 31,					March 31,
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
(in thousands)						
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data						
(end of period):						
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, current and long term	\$ 12,153	\$ 40,057	\$ 23,537	\$ 12,835	\$ 9,535	\$ 8,112
Working capital	12,437	41,512	25,478	16,066	11,886	10,940

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Total assets	15,705	46,270	35,834	24,166	22,033	19,631
Long-term obligations, net of current portion	1,854	180			23	25
Convertible preferred stock and preferred stock warrants	38,516					
Common stock and additional paid-in capital	3,652	88,435	88,474	88,540	98,055	98,259
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	(26,991)	42,647	32,145	20,603	19,084	17,119

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The following information sets forth selected historical financial data for Horizon. The following consolidated statement of operations data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Horizon which are contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The consolidated statement of operations data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Horizon not included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The consolidated statement of operations data for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2004 and 2003 have been derived from the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Horizon. You should read the following information together with Horizon's consolidated financial statements, the notes related thereto and the section entitled "Horizon Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

	Years ended December 31,					Three months ended March 31,	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004
Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:							
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)						
Net sales	\$ 32,661	\$ 25,717	\$ 24,701	\$ 21,712	\$ 27,975	\$ 6,087	\$ 7,086
Cost of goods sold	15,092	17,467	11,410	9,343	11,248	2,453	2,863
Gross profit	17,569	8,250	13,291	12,369	16,727	3,634	4,223
Operating expenses	13,781	14,030	16,043	16,110	15,096	3,645	4,641
Impairment charge		12,086					
Income (loss) from operations	3,788	(17,866)	(2,752)	(3,741)			