# U.S. Securities And Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

## INFORMATION STATEMENT

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CRYO-CELL INTERNATIONAL, INC. 604 PACKARD COURT SAFETY HARBOR, FL 346595

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To the Shareholders of CRYO-CELL International, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of CRYO-CELL International, Inc. will be held on May 21, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. local time at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 320 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. The Meeting is called for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect a board of six directors.
- 2. To consider and take action upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any other adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The close of business on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT SOLICITING PROXIES AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND US A PROXY.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Brian K. Burke, Secretary

Dated: March 31, 1997

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## CRYO-CELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.

## INFORMATION STATEMENT

This information Statement is furnished to shareholders of CRYO-CELL International, Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the 1996 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the 'Annual Meeting') and at any adjournment thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 320 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona on Wednesday, May 21, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. local time.

The Annual Meeting is being held for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This Information Statement and the Notice of Annual Meeting are being provided to shareholders beginning on or about April 25, 1997. The Company, a Delaware corporation, has its principal executive offices at 604 Packard Court, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695.

## SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

THE COMPANY IS NOT SOLICITING PROXIES. The cost of distributing the Information Statement and Annual Meeting Notice will be borne by the Company. Brokerage houses and nominees will be requested to supply lists of or forward the information material to the beneficial owners. The Company will, upon request, reimburse such brokerage houses and nominees for their reasonable expenses in forwarding information materials to their beneficial owners.

# VOTING SECURITIES

The Company has one class of capital stock outstanding: Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.

As of March 27, 1997, there were issued and outstanding 7,151,984 shares of Class A Common Stock.

# ITEM 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

# NOMINEES FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the meeting, six Directors will be elected by the Shareholders to serve until the next annual meeting or until the successors are elected and shall qualify. Management has no reason to believe that any of the nominees will not be a candidate or will be unable to serve. It is intended that persons set forth under "Voting Securities" will vote for all the nominees set forth below. Two of these nominees have served as Directors of the Company since inception in 1989, two have served since 1996, while the other two are new.

NAME	AGE	POSITION
Daniel D. Richard	66	Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board
William C. Hardy	50	President, Director Chief Operating Officer
Leonard Green	70	Director

Frank W. Hendricks 73 Director

Edward Modzelewski 68 Director

Frederick C. S. Wilhelm 65 Director

## DANIEL D. RICHARD

Daniel D. Richard is the co-founder and co-inventor of the Company's products. He has served as Chairman of the Board of the Company and is also a co-founder and Director of Net/Tech International, Inc. For twelve years, he was the co-owner with his wife, Marie E. Richard, of the Chain Lane Food Emporium located in a New Jersey resort area. In 1986, he was co-founder and served as an initial officer and Director of Marrow-Tech, Inc., a publicly traded company engaged in the field of cellular replication. Prior to that for over 25 years, Mr. Richard was President of Daniel Richard Consultants, Inc. During that time frame, his organization was responsible for setting up restaurant marketing programs in over 40 cities.

## WILLIAM C. HARDY

The Board of Directors appointed William C. Hardy to the post of President and Chief Operating Officer as of April 15, 1996. For the four years prior to that, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of ARJO, Inc., the North American subsidiary of a Swedish company that is a world-wide leader in manufacturing hygiene systems and patient handling equipment for the medical community

Previously, he served for nine years as President of Servicemaster Home Health Care, Inc., the nation's largest home health care contract management services company (\$2 billion in sales). Mr. Hardy directed all operations and established business relationships with over 70 hospitals, attaining \$60 million annual sales.

In addition, Mr. Hardy was Director of Operations for Kelly Services (Home Health Services Division) and previously was Vice-President of Operations of Quality Care, Inc. at a time when it was the largest home health care service company in the country (\$80 million in sales, 139 company-owned and 65 franchise offices with 60,000 full and part-time employees).

Mr. Hardy's contract was extended for a full four year term which was approved by the Board of Directors. As a part of building the management team, Mr. Hardy made several additions to management.

# LEONARD GREEN

Leonard Green is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Green Management and Investment Co. in Freeport, NY. He has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since 1985.

From 1980 to 1985, Mr. Green was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Yuma Management Corporation, the General Partner of Universal Home Health Care Associates which was merged into Quality Care, Inc. and acquired by Grand Metropolitan, P.L.C. He was the Chairman of

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the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Quality Care, Inc. from 1972 until 1980. Between 1970 and 1972, Mr. Green was a co-founder and the Chief Executive Officer of Health Delivery Systems, the predecessor company to Quality Care, Inc., which became the largest home health care company in the country.

Mr. Green currently serves on the Board of Directors for Apria Health Corporation (merged entity of Abbey Health Care and Homedco Health Care) and Nu Tech Bio-Med, Inc.

# FRANK W. HENDRICKS

Frank W. Hendricks, Esquire, was the former Executive Vice President of International Operations for a chemical division of Occidental Petroleum Corporation. Previously, Mr. Hendricks was Vice President of Technology and Development as well as the International Division of Rust-O-Leum.

# EDWARD MODZELEWSKI

Edward Modzelewski owned and operated a successful chain of 10 fast food restaurants and a popular Steak House in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Modzelewski was an all-American running back for the University of Maryland, named Most Valuable Player in the 1952 Sugar Bowl. He was also the

Number 1 draft choice for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

#### FREDERICK C. S. WILHELM

Frederick C. S. Wilhelm was the former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Buffalo Scale and Supply, Inc., a distributor of scales. He was President of that company from 1976 to 1989. Mr. Wilhelm also serves as Chairman of the Board of Net/Tech International, Inc.

# OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK BY DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following sets forth as of March 27, 1997, the number and percentage of shares of Common Stock of the Company, owned of record and beneficially, by each officer and director of the Company and by any other person owning more than 5% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock and by all officers and directors as a group.

NAME AND ADDRESS*	SHARES OF COMMON STOCK	PERCENTAGE (1)
Daniel D. Richard (2)	1,640,500	22.94%
Marie E. Richard (3)	1,640,500	22.94%
William C. Hardy (4)	66,600	0.93%
Brian K. Burke (5)	12,351	0.17%
Robert E. Vago (6)	46,000	0.64%
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Leonard Green (7)	15,000	0.21%
Frank W. Hendricks	81,000	1.13%
Edward Modzelewski	50,000	0.70%
Frederick C. S. Wilhelm(8)	65,000	0.91%
The officers and directors as a group	1,976,451	27.64%

- $^{\star}$  All addresses for the persons listed are 604 Packard Court, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.
- (1) Includes 137,000 shares representing various stock options.
- (2) Daniel D. Richard holdings include 736,500 shares owned by his wife, Marie E. Richard, of which Mr. Richard disclaims beneficial ownership. This does not include shares owned by the Trusts in which he is not a trustee and has no beneficial interest.
- (3) Marie Richard holdings include 904,000 shares owned by her husband, Daniel D. Richard, of which Mrs. Richard disclaims beneficial ownership. This does not include shares owned by the Trusts in which she is not a trustee and has no beneficial interest.
- (4) Mr. Hardy's holdings include options of 50,000.
- (5) Mr. Burke's holdings include options of 11,000.
- (6) Mr. Vago's holdings include options of 46,000.
- (7) Mr. Green's holdings include options of 15,000.
- (8) Mr. Wilhelm's holdings include 25,000 shares owned by his spouse and options of 15,000.

# COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Set forth below is a Summary Compensation Table relating to the Chief Executive Officer.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Other Compensation(1)
Daniel D. Richard Chief Executive Officer	1995	\$119,000	_	-

1996 \$125,000 - -

#### (1) No other compensation was received.

#### PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following Performance Graph compares the Company's cumulative total shareholder return on its Common Stock for a six year period (1991-1997) (from inception) with the cumulative total return on the Standard & Poors 500 stock index. The graph assumes that \$100 was invested on January 9, 1991, in CRYO-CELL Common Stock and that \$100 was invested at that time in the S&P Index. The comparison assumes no dividends.

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## [GRAPH OMITTED]

CRYO-CELL does not believe there is either a published index, or group of companies whose overall situation is sufficiently similar to the business of CRYO-CELL to allow a meaningful benchmark against which the Company can be compared. For this reason the Company has chosen an index which shows an indication of overall market performance.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

On April 2, 1996, the Company issued 41,694 shares of restricted stock valued at \$208,470 to two former employees in consideration for consulting services rendered.

The Company borrowed from the wife of the Chairman of the Board during 1996 and 1995, \$88,662 and \$38,000, respectively. These loans were repaid with interest during 1996.

The Company made payments to officers and directors for services rendered for the years ending November 30:

SERVICE RENDERED		1996	1995
Salaries Daniel Richard	Chief Executive Officer	\$262,306 \$125,000	\$181,560 \$119,000

# COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(A)

William C. Hardy - Mr. Hardy failed to file a Form 5 for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1996, on a timely basis. The required Form 5 has been filed.

Brian K. Burke - Mr. Burke failed to file a Form 3 in a timely manner. The required Form 3 has been filed.

Leonard Green - Mr. Green failed to file a Form 3 on a timely basis. The required Form 3 has been filed.

Frederick C. S. Wilhelm - Mr. Wilhelm failed to file a Form 5 for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1996, on a timely basis. The required Form 5 has been filed.

# APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Mirsky, Furst & Associates have been selected by the Board of Directors as auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1996. They have been the auditors for the Company since its inception.

# OTHER BUSINESS

Management does not know of any other business to be acted upon at the meeting, and, as far as is known to management, no matters are to be brought before the meeting except as specified in the notice of the meeting. However, if any other business properly should come before the meeting, it is intended that Shareholders will vote in their discretion on any such matters in accordance with the judgment of the persons voting such proxies.

Proposals intended to be presented at the Company's next Annual Meeting of Shareholders must be received at the Company's executive offices no later than December 26, 1997, for inclusion in the statement related to that meeting.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Company will provide without charge to each person, on written request of such person, a copy of the Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-KSB for the year ended November 30, 1996, (as

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filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) including the financial statements and the schedules thereto. All such requests should be directed to the attention of the Secretary, CRYO-CELL International, Inc., 604 Packard Court, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695.

CRYO-CELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Safety Harbor, Florida March 31, 1997