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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NABI BIOPHARMACEUTICALS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

59-1212264
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:

From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement, as
determined by the selling security holders.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. []

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. [x]

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. []

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.10 par value per share	5,577,000	\$6.57	\$36,640,890	\$2,964

(1) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee, based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the Registrant's Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market on July 15, 2003.

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, as amended, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The securityholders identified in this prospectus 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 it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated July 17, 2003

PROSPECTUS

5,577,000 Shares

NABI BIOPHARMACEUTICALS

Common Stock

This prospectus relates to shares of our common stock that will be sold by the selling security holders named in this prospectus. The selling security holders acquired these shares from us in a private placement completed in July 2003. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of those shares.

Our common stock is traded on Nasdaq National Market the symbol "NABI." On July 15, 2003, the last reported sales price for our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market was \$6.62 per share.

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 4 of this Prospectus for factors you should consider before buying shares of our common stock.

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.

The date of this Prospectus is July , 2003.

OUR BUSINESS

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") allows us to "incorporate by reference" certain information that we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will update automatically, supplement and/or supersede this information. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. You should read the following summary together with the more detailed information regarding our company, our common stock and our financial statements and notes to those statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated herein by reference. References in this prospectus to "our company," "we," "our," and "us" refer to Nabi Biopharmaceuticals.

Nabi Biopharmaceuticals discovers, develops, manufactures and markets products that power the immune system to help people with serious, unmet medical needs. We have a broad product portfolio and significant research capabilities focused on developing and commercializing novel vaccines and antibody-based biopharmaceutical products that prevent and treat infectious, autoimmune and addictive diseases, such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and Staphylococcus aureus infections, immune thrombocytopenia purpura ("ITP") and nicotine addiction.

We have four marketed products, Nabi-HB® [Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (Human)] for the prevention of hepatitis B infections, WinRho SDF® [Rho(D) Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human)] for the treatment of acute, chronic and HIV-related ITP, Autoplex® T [Anti-Inhibitor Coagulant Complex, Heat Treated] and Aloprim™ [(Allopurinol sodium) for injection]. We have a significant clinical trials program including clinical trials of our lead investigational products, StaphVAX® (Staphylococcus aureus Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine), Altastaph™ [Staphylococcus aureus Immune Globulin (Human)], Civacir™ [Hepatitis C Immune Globulin (Human)], and NicVAX™ (Nicotine Conjugate Vaccine).

We have a state-of-the-art fractionation facility for the manufacture of Nabi-HB and our investigational antibody products and for contract manufacturing. Further, we also collect specialty and non-specific antibodies for use in our products as well as to supply pharmaceutical and diagnostic customers for the subsequent manufacture of their products.

Recent Developments

On June 19, 2003, we announced the start of a clinical trial to evaluate the immunogenicity of StaphVAX® (Staphylococcus aureus Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine) using a newly manufactured lot of vaccine that is also intended for use in a planned confirmatory Phase III clinical trial later in 2003. The immunogenicity trial is an open-label, single-dose study in 40 healthy volunteers to evaluate their antibody response to StaphVAX through 28 days post-vaccination.

On June 20, 2003, we announced that our Board of Directors had elected Thomas H. McLain, Nabi Biopharmaceutical's then President and Chief Operating Officer, as our new Chief Executive Officer and President succeeding David J. Gury. The retirement of Mr. Gury was also announced on June 20, 2003. While certain final terms relative to Mr. Gury's retirement package have not been concluded, Mr. Gury will receive retirement benefits comprised primarily of future cash payments consistent with his longstanding employment contract and modification of some of his outstanding stock options to accelerate vesting and to extend the time for exercise of certain stock options. As a result, we will recognize a charge of approximately \$3.3 million in the second quarter, including \$0.3 million relating to option modifications. Consequently, we expect to report a loss for the fiscal year 2003. In addition, Mr. Gury will continue to receive his current compensation as a consultant on transitional matters through December 30, 2003.

On June 20, 2003, we concluded a credit facility agreement with Wells Fargo Foothill, Inc., part of Wells Fargo & Company, which allows for borrowings of up to \$35 million. The credit facility has a term of three years.

and is comprised of a term loan of \$10 million and a revolving line of credit facility up to \$25 million. Borrowings under the line of credit facility are limited by borrowing base restrictions, primarily comprised of accounts receivable and inventory balances. The term loan is repayable on an amortization schedule over the term of the credit agreement with a balloon payment due at the term of the credit agreement. Under the terms of the credit agreement, the revolving line of credit facility bears interest at either the base rate plus 0.5% or LIBOR plus a percentage based upon the company's financial performance, and the term loan bears interest at either the base rate plus 2.25% or LIBOR plus 4.5%. Our obligations under the credit agreement are secured by all of the assets of the company. The credit agreement contains customary covenants, including a restriction on dividend payments. As of July 14, 2003 we had a borrowing capacity of approximately \$16.4 million under the revolving line of credit agreement.

On June 23, 2003, we announced that we signed an agreement to acquire the worldwide rights to PhosLo® (Calcium Acetate), which is currently approved for the control of elevated phosphate levels (hyperphosphatemia) in patients with end-stage kidney (renal) failure, from Braintree Laboratories, Inc. PhosLo inhibits the absorption of phosphate in the intestine and prevents the retention of phosphate, which can lead to hyperphosphatemia. Hyperphosphatemia is associated with substantially increased morbidity and mortality, especially cardiac death, among patients undergoing chronic renal dialysis. By preventing the absorption of phosphates, PhosLo maintains phosphate levels in the blood at, or close to, the target level established by the Kidney Disease Quality Initiative guidelines developed by the National Kidney Foundation of 5.5mg/dl.

The agreement is anticipated to close on August 4, 2003, subject to the satisfaction of closing conditions. Under the terms of the agreement, we will acquire the rights to PhosLo for the payment of \$60.3 million in cash and the issuance of 1.5 million shares of our common stock at closing and the payment of \$30 million in cash over the period ending March 1, 2007. Funding for the acquisition is available from current cash resources and available borrowing capacity under our credit facility. Braintree Laboratories will continue to manufacture the product for us under a long-term manufacturing agreement. For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2002, net sales of PhosLo reported by Braintree Laboratories were approximately \$14 million. According to third party data, on an end-user (pharmacy withdrawals or patient demand) basis, sales for the same period in 2002 were approximately \$16 million based upon the estimated selling price. Stonebridge Associates, LLC, an investment banking firm, has acted as our financial adviser in connection with the acquisition of PhosLo and will receive a fee of approximately \$250,000 for its services if the transaction is consummated. Richard A. Harvey, Jr., one of our directors, is the President and a principal of Stonebridge.

In July 2003, we completed a private placement of 5,577,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$6 per share. Gross proceeds to Nabi are \$33.5 million. We will use the net proceeds from the offering for the PhosLo acquisition. Lehman Brothers Inc. served as the exclusive placement agent for the transaction. The shares issued in the private placement are being registered with the SEC for resale by the purchasers pursuant to this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

Except for the historical information contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference, this prospectus (and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus) contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed here or incorporated by reference. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the following section, as well as those discussed elsewhere in this prospectus and in any other documents incorporated by reference.

Investment in our shares involves a degree of risk. You should consider the following discussion of risks as well as other information in this prospectus and the incorporated documents before purchasing any shares. Each of these risk factors could adversely affect our business, operating results, prospects and financial condition, as well as adversely affect the value of an investment in our common stock.

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements in this prospectus that are not historical facts are hereby identified as “forward-looking statements” for the purpose of the safe harbor provided by Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Words such as “estimate,” “project,” “plan,” “intend,” “expect,” “believe” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are necessarily only estimates of future results and there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from expectations, and, therefore, investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements. Set forth below is a discussion of certain factors, which could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results projected or suggested in such forward-looking statements. Investors should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors and that this list should not be considered a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of future events or developments.

Our rights to three existing biopharmaceutical products may expire.

Our rights to WinRho SDF and Aloprim expire in 2005 and 2004, respectively. There can be no assurance that our rights to these products will be extended on the same terms as they now exist or at all. DSM Pharmaceuticals has advised us that it does not intend to extend the Aloprim distribution agreement. We have the option to purchase the rights to Aloprim distribution in the territories now covered by the Aloprim agreement.

Pursuant to the terms under which we acquired our rights to Autoplex T from Baxter, the Federal Trade Commission could require us to return to Baxter our rights to Autoplex T if we do not obtain approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to manufacture the product by May 2004. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain FDA approval to manufacture Autoplex T by May 2004.

We are and will continue to be dependent upon third parties to manufacture our products.

We do not currently manufacture three of our four marketed biopharmaceutical products and are dependent upon third parties to manufacture these products for us. We will also be dependent upon a third party or third parties to manufacture PhosLo for us. The failure by these manufacturers to timely meet our needs for these products could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations. This has occurred in the past. Biopharmaceutical product sales were constrained in 2000 because of the inability of the contract manufacturer for WinRho SDF and Nabi-HB to supply product for a period of time. Since 2000, our ability to market Autoplex T has been adversely affected by the inability of the manufacturer of this product to reliably supply us with necessary quantities of this product at desired potency levels.

Our research and development pipeline principally involves specialty vaccines. We currently plan to utilize third party contract manufacturer’s facilities to manufacture these vaccines. For the commercial manufacture of StaphVAX, we have entered into long-term contracts for production and commercial supply with Dow Biopharmaceutical Contract Manufacturing Services. The contract to ready the Dow facility to manufacture StaphVAX, which was originally scheduled to expire in October 2002, has been extended through July 2003.

Although we are in discussions to extend this contract, there can be no assurances that these discussions will be successful or completed on financial terms consistent with those contained in contracts currently in effect. If these discussions are not successful, or we determine that the manufacture of StaphVAX will not occur at Dow's facility, we will write off a Manufacturing Right asset related to the future use of Dow's facility to manufacture StaphVAX in the period of that determination. At March 29, 2003 the Manufacturing Right asset was \$13.1 million and it is expected to increase in 2003. Even if these discussions are successful, we will be dependent on third parties for the manufacture of StaphVAX and other products in our research and development pipeline. Such dependence is subject to the same risks that apply to the manufacture of our currently marketed biopharmaceutical products.

We have limited manufacturing capability and experience and may not utilize the full capacity of our facility.

We began commercial manufacturing of Nabi-HB at our Boca Raton biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in the fourth quarter of 2001. We have not previously owned or operated a manufacturing facility and have limited experience in commercial, large-scale manufacturing of biopharmaceutical products. For the foreseeable future, we will not utilize the full manufacturing capacity of the facility and there can be no assurance that the facility can be operated efficiently. Further, there can be no assurance we will have products to manufacture either on our own behalf or on behalf of third parties, to offset the cost of the facility's operation. Our failure to successfully operate our new manufacturing facility would have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

A disaster at our sole manufacturing facility would interrupt our manufacturing capability for the products produced there.

Manufacturing products at a single site may present risks if a disaster, such as a fire or hurricane, causes interruption of manufacturing capability. In such an event, we will have to resort to alternative sources of manufacturing that could increase our costs as well as result in significant delays while required regulatory approvals are obtained. Any such delays or increased costs could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial conditions and results of operations.

We sell our products to a small number of customers; therefore, the loss of any major customer could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

We sell a significant portion of our products to pharmaceutical wholesalers and distributors and major pharmaceutical companies. A loss of any major customer or a material reduction in such customer's purchases from us could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. We also maintain individually significant receivable balances with these customers. If these customers become unable or unwilling to pay amounts owed to us, our financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected.

Heightened concerns and screening measures could adversely affect our antibody production.

Our antibody collection centers and our customers for antibody products are subject to extensive regulation by the FDA and non-U.S. regulatory authorities. Concern over the safety of antibody products has resulted in the adoption of more rigorous screening procedures by regulatory authorities and manufacturers of antibody products. In prior years, these changes have resulted in significantly increased costs to us in providing non-specific and specialty antibodies to our customers. New procedures, which include a more extensive investigation into a donor's background, as well as more sensitive tests, have also disqualified numerous potential donors and discouraged other donors who may be reluctant to undergo the screening procedures. These more stringent measures could adversely affect our antibody production with a corresponding adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, our efforts to increase production to meet customer demand may result in higher costs to attract and retain donors.

The development of new treatments may reduce the demand for our antibodies and antibody-based biopharmaceutical products.

Most of the antibodies we collect, process and sell to our customers are used in the manufacture of biopharmaceutical products to treat certain diseases. Several companies are marketing and developing products to treat some of these diseases based upon technology that would lessen or eliminate the need for human antibodies. Such products could adversely affect the demand for antibodies and antibody-based biopharmaceutical products. Although products utilizing technology developed to date have not proven as cost-effective and marketable to healthcare providers as products based on human antibodies, we are unable to predict the impact on our business of future technological advances on our business.

An increase in the supply of or a decrease in the demand for antibody products could materially and adversely affect our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

The worldwide supply of antibodies has fluctuated historically. Future changes in government regulation relating to the collection, fractionation and use of antibodies or any negative public perception about the antibody collection process or the safety of products derived from blood or antibodies could further adversely affect the overall supply of or demand for antibodies. Increases in supply or decreases in demand of antibody products could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

A reduction in the availability of antibodies could adversely affect our ability to manufacture an adequate amount of Nabi-HB.

Our ability to manufacture Nabi-HB is dependent upon the availability of anti-HBs specialty antibodies that we primarily obtain from our FDA approved antibody collection centers. Reduced availability of antibodies could adversely affect our ability to manufacture an adequate amount of Nabi-HB, with the result that our future business, financial condition and results of operations will suffer.

We may not generate sufficient cash flow from our biopharmaceutical and antibody products or obtain financing necessary to fund our research and development activity at an appropriate level.

We have incurred and expect to continue incurring significant expenses associated with our biopharmaceutical research and development activities, including the cost of clinical trials relating to product development and marketing expenses relating to product introduction. Products under development may not generate sales for several years or at all. We currently do not have the financial resources to concurrently fund all of our biopharmaceutical product development programs to completion. Our ability to continue to fund all of our concurrent ongoing research and development activities is currently dependent on our ability to generate sales from our biopharmaceutical and antibody products or obtain financing. There can be no assurance, therefore, that we will be able to continue to fund our research and development activities at the level required to commercialize all of our biopharmaceutical product development programs, and if we are required to reduce the funding for certain of our research and development activities, this could have a material adverse effect on our future prospects.

We may enter into strategic alliances which may not be successful and may adversely affect our ability to develop our products.

We are pursuing strategic alliances with third parties for the development and/or commercialization of certain of our biopharmaceutical products. No assurance can be given that we will be successful in these efforts or, if successful, that the collaborators will conduct their activities in a timely manner. If we are not successful in our efforts, our ability to continue to develop our products may be adversely affected. Even if we are successful, if any of our collaborative partners violate or terminate their agreements with us or otherwise fail to conduct their collaborative activities in a timely manner, the development or commercialization of products could be delayed, and we might be required to devote significant additional resources to product development and commercialization or terminate certain development programs. In addition, there can be no assurance that disputes will not arise in the future with respect to the ownership of rights to any technology developed with third parties. These and other possible disagreements between collaborators and us could lead to delays in the collaborative research, development

or commercialization of certain products or could require or result in litigation or arbitration, which would be time-consuming and expensive and could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not be able to successfully develop and commercialize new biopharmaceutical products in a timely manner, which could adversely impact our future operations.

Our future success will depend on our ability to achieve scientific and technological advances and to translate such advances into commercially competitive products on a timely basis. Our biopharmaceutical products under development are at various stages, and substantial further development, pre-clinical testing and clinical trials will be required to determine their technical feasibility and commercial viability. The proposed development schedules for these products may be affected by a variety of factors, including technological difficulties, competition, failure to achieve desired results in clinical trials, proprietary technology positions of others, reliance on third parties for manufacturing, failure to market effectively, changes in government regulation and funding. Positive results for a product in a clinical trial do not necessarily assure that positive results will be obtained in future clinical trials or that government approval to commercialize the product will be obtained. In addition, any delay in the development, introduction or marketing of our products under development could result either in such products being marketed at a time when their cost and performance characteristics would not be competitive in the marketplace or in a shortening of their commercial lives. There can be no assurance that our biopharmaceutical products under development will prove to be technologically feasible, commercially viable and able to obtain necessary regulatory approvals and licenses on a timely basis, if at all. Our failure to successfully develop and commercialize in a timely manner our biopharmaceutical products and obtain necessary regulatory approvals could have a material adverse effect on our future operations. In particular, our failure to obtain FDA approval for StaphVAX on a timely basis could adversely affect our market valuation.

The market may not be receptive to our products upon their introduction.

There can be no assurance that any of our products in development will achieve market acceptance. The degree of market acceptance will depend upon a number of factors, including the receipt of regulatory approvals, the establishment and demonstration in the medical community of the clinical efficacy and safety of our products and their potential advantages over existing treatment methods, the prices of such products, and reimbursement policies of government and third party payers. The failure of our product pipeline to gain market acceptance could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

The loss of any one of our remaining major antibody customers or a significant reduction in their purchases could materially and adversely affect our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our antibody sales are currently concentrated among a few large pharmaceutical companies. During the 2002, 2001 and 2000 fiscal years, antibody sales to our top two customers collectively accounted for approximately 74%, 66%, and 60%, respectively, of our antibody sales. Our contract to sell antibodies to one of these customers was assigned in September 2001 in connection with the sale of the majority of our antibody collection centers. The loss of certain remaining major customers or a material reduction in these major customers' purchases of antibodies could have a material adverse effect upon our future business, financial condition and results of operations. If these customers are unable to comply with FDA regulations and non-U.S. regulations, their manufacturing facilities may be temporarily closed which will reduce the need for antibodies provided by us. Plant closures and reductions in customers' production because of FDA regulatory problems have occurred in recent years, and our financial performance has been adversely affected as a result. There can be no assurance that the customer regulatory problems, which are not within our control, will not reoccur with an adverse impact on us in the future.

We are unable to pass through certain cost increases to our antibody product customers with whom we have supply contracts.

A significant amount of our antibodies are sold under contracts that extend for a period up to one year. Certain of these contracts do not permit us to increase prices during the year except to reflect changes in customer specifications and new governmental regulations. If our costs of collecting antibodies under these certain contracts rise for reasons other than changes in customer specifications and new governmental regulations, we are unable to

pass on these cost increases to our antibody product customers except with the consent of the customer. Moreover, our existing contracts do not generally permit us to expeditiously take advantage of market changes that could benefit us.

If we fail to comply with extensive regulations enforced by the FDA and its foreign counterparts, the sale of our current products and the commercialization of our product candidates would be prevented or delayed.

Research, pre-clinical development, clinical trials, manufacturing and marketing of our products are subject to extensive regulation by various government authorities in the U.S. The process of obtaining FDA and other required regulatory approvals is lengthy and expensive, and the time required for such approvals is uncertain. The approval process is affected by such factors as the severity of the disease, the availability of alternative treatments, and the risks and benefits demonstrated in clinical trials. The FDA also may require post-marketing surveillance to monitor potential adverse effects of the product. Congress or the FDA in specific situations can modify the regulatory process. Many of our clinical trials are at a relatively early stage and, except for Nabi-HB, WinRho SDF, Autoplex T, Aloprim and certain non-specific and specialty antibody products, no approval from the FDA or any other government agency for the manufacturing or marketing of any other products under development has been granted. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain the necessary approvals for manufacturing or marketing of any of our products. Failure to obtain additional FDA approvals of products currently marketed or FDA approval for products under development could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations. Once approved, a product's failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements could, among other things, result in warning letters, fines, suspension or revocation of regulatory approvals, product recalls or seizures, operating restrictions, injunctions and criminal prosecutions.

Although we do not have material sales of our biopharmaceutical products outside the U.S., our goal is to expand our non-U.S. presence for these products. Distribution of our products outside the U.S. is subject to extensive government regulation. These regulations, including the requirements for approvals or clearance to market, the time required for regulatory review and the sanctions imposed for violations, vary from country to country. There can be no assurance that we will obtain regulatory approvals in such countries or that we will not be required to incur significant costs in obtaining or maintaining our foreign regulatory approvals. In addition, the export by us of certain of our products that have not yet been cleared for domestic commercial distribution may be subject to FDA export restrictions. Failure to obtain necessary regulatory approvals, the restriction, suspension or revocation of existing approvals or any other failure to comply with regulatory requirements would have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our U.S. manufacturing, antibody collection, labeling, storage and distribution activities also are subject to strict regulation and licensing by the FDA. Our biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Boca Raton, Florida is subject to periodic inspection by the FDA, and from time to time, we may receive notices of deficiencies from the FDA as a result of such inspections. Our antibody collection centers in the U.S. are also subject to periodic inspection by the FDA, and from time to time we may receive notices of deficiencies from the FDA as a result of such inspections. Our failure or the failure of our biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility or our antibody collection centers to continue to meet regulatory standards or to remedy any such deficiencies could result in corrective action by the FDA, including closure of our biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility or one or more antibody collection centers and fines or penalties. New regulations may be enacted and existing regulations or their interpretation or enforcement are subject to change. Therefore, there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to comply with any regulations or that the costs of such compliance will not have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be subject to costly and damaging liability claims.

Antibodies collected by us, antibody-based products manufactured by us, antibody-based products marketed by us and antibody-based products manufactured by our customers run the risk of being HIV-contaminated or contaminated with another virus. As a result, suits may be filed against our customers and us claiming that the plaintiffs became infected with HIV or other viruses as a result of using the contaminated products. Such suits have been filed in the past related to HIV-contaminated antibodies, and in a number of suits we were one of several defendants. With the exception of one suit that is still pending, all of these suits have been dismissed without liability to us. No assurance can be given that additional lawsuits relating to infection with HIV or other

viruses will not be brought against us by persons who have become infected with HIV or other viruses from antibody fractionates.

Pharmaceutical companies are increasingly subject to litigation, including class action suits, and governmental and administrative investigations and proceedings related to product pricing and marketing practices. We have been named as one of over 40 pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical defendants in three class action lawsuits. See "Legal Proceedings" at Item 3 in Part I of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2002 and at Item 1 in Part II of our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2003. There can be no assurance that lawsuits based on other causes of action will not be filed or that we will be successful in the defense of any or all existing or potential future lawsuits. Defense of suits can be expensive and time-consuming, regardless of the outcome, and an adverse result in one or more suits could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not be able to maintain sufficient product liability and directors and officers insurance to cover claims against us.

Product liability and directors and officers insurance for the biopharmaceutical industry is generally expensive to the extent it is available at all. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such insurance on acceptable terms or that we will be able to secure increased coverage if the commercialization of our products progresses, or that existing or future claims against us will be covered by our product liability insurance. Moreover, there can be no assurance that the existing coverage of our insurance policy and/or any rights of indemnification and contribution that we may have will offset existing or future claims. A successful claim against us with respect to uninsured liabilities or in excess of insurance coverage and not subject to any indemnification or contribution could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not be able to maintain sufficient property insurance on our facilities in Florida.

We maintain significant real property assets in Florida. Property insurance for companies with a high concentration of property assets in Florida is generally expensive to the extent it is available at all. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such insurance on acceptable terms or that we will be able to secure increased coverage if the value of our property increases.

We may not be able to raise necessary additional capital on acceptable terms, if at all.

We may need to raise additional capital to increase funding of our product research, development and marketing activities or to acquire additional products. We may seek additional funding through public or private equity or debt financing, collaborative arrangements with strategic partners or from other sources. There can be no assurance, however, that additional financing will be available on acceptable terms, if at all. If adequate funds are not available, we may have to defer certain investments in the areas of research, product development, manufacturing, marketing activity or business development, or otherwise modify our business strategy, and our future business and future prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

We may not maintain compliance with our debt agreement.

We may not maintain compliance with the covenants required by our debt agreement. This potential non compliance may limit our ability to have access to funds under the agreement without receipt of a waiver from the lender, which may not be given. In addition, our borrowing base as defined in the agreement is limited by eligible accounts receivable and inventory balances. If funds are not available to us under our debt agreement due to non compliance with debt covenants or borrowing base limitations, we may have to defer certain investments in the areas of research, product development, manufacturing, marketing activity or business development, or otherwise modify our business strategy, and our future business and future prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

Our patents and proprietary rights may not provide sufficient protection, and patents of other companies could prevent us from developing and marketing our products.

The patent positions of biopharmaceutical firms generally are highly uncertain and involve complex legal and factual questions. There can be no assurance that existing patent applications will result in issued patents, that we will be able to obtain additional licenses to patents of others or that we will be able to develop additional patentable technology of our own. Because patent applications in the U.S. are not disclosed by the Patent and Trademark Office until patents issue, and because publication of discoveries in the scientific or patent literature often lags behind actual discoveries, we cannot be certain that we were the first creator of inventions covered by our pending patent applications or that we were the first to file patent applications for such inventions. There can be no assurances that any patents issued to us will provide us with competitive advantages or will not be challenged by others. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that others will not independently develop similar products, or, if patents are issued to us, design around such patents.

A number of biopharmaceutical companies, biotechnology companies, universities and research institutions have filed patent applications or received patents relating to products or processes competitive with or similar to ours. Some of these applications or patents may be competitive with our applications or conflict in certain respects with claims made under our applications. Such a conflict could result in a significant reduction of the coverage of our patents, if issued. In addition, if patents that contain competitive or conflicting claims are issued to others and such claims are ultimately determined to be valid, we may be required to obtain licenses to these patents or to develop or obtain alternative technology. If any licenses are required, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain any such licenses on commercially favorable terms, if at all. Our failure to obtain a license to any technology that we may require in order to commercialize our products could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations. Litigation, which could result in substantial cost to us, may also be necessary to enforce any patents issued to us or to determine the scope and validity of third party proprietary rights.

We also rely on secrecy to protect our technology, especially where patent protection is not believed to be appropriate or obtainable. We maintain strict controls and procedures regarding access to and use of our proprietary technology and processes. However, there can be no assurance that these controls or procedures will not be violated, that we would have adequate remedies for any violation, or that our trade secrets will not otherwise become known or be independently discovered by competitors.

We compete with larger, better financed and more mature biopharmaceutical and biotechnology companies who are capable of developing new products and approaches that could make our products obsolete.

Competition in the development of biopharmaceutical products is intense, both from biopharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, and is expected to increase. Many of our competitors have greater financial resources and larger research and development staffs than us, as well as substantially greater experience in developing products, obtaining regulatory approvals, and manufacturing and marketing biopharmaceutical products. Competition with these companies involves not only product development, but also acquisition of products and technologies from universities and other institutions. We also compete with universities and other institutions in the development of biopharmaceutical products, technologies and processes and for qualified scientific personnel. There can be no assurance that our competitors will not succeed in developing technologies and products that are more effective or affordable than those being developed by us. In addition, one or more of our competitors may achieve product commercialization or patent protection for competitive products earlier than us, which would preclude or substantially limit sales of our products. Further, several companies are attempting to develop and market products to treat certain diseases based upon technology that would lessen or eliminate the need for human antibodies. The successful development and commercialization by any of our competitors of any such product could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

We compete for antibody donors with pharmaceutical companies, other independent antibody suppliers, other commercial collection companies and non-profit organizations such as the American Red Cross and community blood banks that solicit the donation of blood. A number of these competitors have access to greater financial, marketing and other resources than us. We compete for donors by offering financial incentives to donors to compensate them for their time and inconvenience, providing outstanding customer service to our donors,

implementing programs designed to attract donors through education as to the uses for collected antibodies, encouraging groups to have their members become donors and improving the attractiveness of our antibodies collection facilities. We also compete with other independent antibody suppliers that sell antibodies principally to pharmaceutical companies that process antibodies into finished products. If we are unable to maintain and expand our donor base, our future business, financial condition and results of operations will be materially and adversely affected.

There are potential limitations on third-party reimbursement and other pricing-related matters that could reduce the sales of our products and may delay or impair our ability to generate sufficient revenues.

Our ability to commercialize our biopharmaceutical products and related treatments will depend in part upon the availability of, and our ability to obtain adequate levels of, reimbursement from government health administration authorities, private healthcare insurers and other organizations. Significant uncertainty exists as to the reimbursement status of newly approved healthcare products, and there can be no assurance that adequate third party payer coverage will be available, if at all. Inadequate levels of reimbursement may prohibit us from maintaining price levels sufficient for realization of an adequate return on our investment in developing new biopharmaceutical products and could result in the termination of production of otherwise commercially viable products. Government and other third party payers are increasingly attempting to contain healthcare costs by limiting both the coverage and level of reimbursement for new products approved for marketing by the FDA and by refusing, in some cases, to provide any coverage for disease indications for which the FDA has not granted marketing approval. Also, the trend towards managed healthcare in the U.S. and the concurrent growth of organizations such as HMOs, which could control or significantly influence the purchase of healthcare services and products, as well as legislative proposals to reform healthcare or reduce government insurance programs, may all result in lower prices for our products. The cost containment measures that healthcare providers are instituting and the impact of any healthcare reform could have an adverse effect on our ability to sell our products and may have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations.

There can be no assurance that reimbursement in the U.S. or foreign countries will be available for our products, or, if available, will not be decreased in the future, or that reimbursement amounts will not reduce the demand for, or the price of, our products. The unavailability of third party reimbursement or the inadequacy of the reimbursement for medical treatments using our products could have a material adverse effect on our future business, financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, we are unable to forecast what additional legislation or regulation, if any, relating to the healthcare industry or third party coverage and reimbursement may be enacted in the future or what effect such legislation or regulation would have on our future business.

Substantial sales of our common stock could cause our stock price to decline.

If our existing stockholders, including the selling security holders, sell a large number of shares of our common stock in the market or if the public market perceives that such a sale might occur, the market price for our common stock could decline significantly. All of the shares offered by this prospectus will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the federal securities laws unless purchased by an “affiliate” as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC. You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or incorporated herein by reference. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. The selling security holders are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front page of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of common stock.

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read, without charge, and copy the documents we file at the SEC's public reference rooms in Washington, D.C., New York, New York and Chicago, Illinois. You can request copies of these documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at no cost from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We incorporate by reference the filed documents listed below, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by this prospectus, and any future filings we will make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"):

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2002;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2003;
- our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 23, 2003; and
- our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 14, 2003.

The reports and other documents that we file after the date of this prospectus will update, supplement and supersede the information in this prospectus. You may request and obtain a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or phone number:

Nabi Biopharmaceuticals
5800 Park of Commerce Boulevard N.W.
Boca Raton, FL 33487
(561) 989-5800
Attn: Vice President, Investor and Public Relations

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Any statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “plans,” “projects,” “continuing,” “ongoing,” “expects,” “management believes,” “we believe,” “we intend” and similar words or phrases. Accordingly, these statements involve estimates, assumptions and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in them. Any forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed throughout this prospectus. Among the key factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements:

- competitive factors;
- general economic conditions;
- relationships with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies;
- the ability to develop safe and efficacious drugs;
- variability of royalty, license and other revenue;
- ability to enter into future collaborative agreements;
- governmental regulation and suspension;
- changes in industry practices; and
- one-time or non-recurring events.

Because the risk factors referred to above, as well as the risk factors beginning on page 4 of this prospectus, could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which factors will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

SECURITY HOLDERS

We are registering for resale shares of our common stock held by the security holders identified below. The security holders acquired the resale shares from us in a private placement. We are registering the shares to permit the security holders and their pledgees, donees, transferees and other successors-in-interest that receive their shares from a stockholder as a gift, partnership distribution or other non-sale related transfer after the date of this prospectus to resell the shares when and as they deem appropriate. The following table sets forth:

- the name of the security holders,
- the number and percent of shares of our common stock that the security holders beneficially owned prior to the offering for resale of the shares under this prospectus,
- the number of shares of our common stock that may be offered for resale for the account of the security holders under this prospectus, and
- the number and percent of shares of our common stock to be beneficially owned by the security holders after the offering of the resale shares (assuming all of the offered resale shares are sold by the security holders).

The number of shares in the column "Number of Shares Being Offered" represents all of the shares that each security holder may offer under this prospectus. We do not know how long the security holders will hold the shares before selling them or how many shares they will sell and we currently have no agreements, arrangements or understandings with any of the security holders regarding the sale of any of the resale shares. The shares offered by this prospectus may be offered from time to time by the security holders listed below.

This table is prepared solely based on information supplied to us by the listed security holders, any Schedules 13D or 13G and Forms 3 and 4, and other public documents filed with the SEC, and assumes the sale of all of the resale shares. The applicable percentages of beneficial ownership are based on an aggregate of 44,446,953 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding on July 14, 2003, adjusted as may be required by rules promulgated by the SEC.

Security Holders	Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering		Number of Shares Being Offered	Shares Beneficially Owned After Offering	
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Baystar Capital II L.P.	500,000	1.1%	500,000	—	—
Bonanza Master Fund Ltd.	333,333	*	333,333	—	—
Common Fund Hedged Equity	129,100	*	49,000	80,100	*
Deerfield International Limited	2,016,000	4.5%	480,000	1,536,000	3.5%
Deerfield Partners, L.P.	2,184,000	4.9%	520,000	1,664,000	3.7%
JALAA Equities, L.P.	1,388,121	3.1%	350,000	1,038,121	2.3%
Knott Partners LP	500,000	1.1%	189,000	311,000	*
Lehman Brothers Inc.	514,982	1.2%	500,000	14,982	*
Matterhorn Offshore Fund	178,100	*	75,000	103,100	*
Merlin BioMed Long Term Appreciation Fund, L.P.	15,000	*	15,000	—	—
Merlin BioMed Offshore Master Fund, L.P.	110,000	*	110,000	—	—
Merlin BioMed Private Equity Fund, LP	200,000	*	200,000	—	—
Richard H Morrison LLC	283,600	*	185,000	98,600	*
SF Capital Partners Ltd.	666,667	1.5%	666,667	—	—
Shoshone Partners LP	75,800	*	29,000	46,800	*
Smithfield Fiduciary, LLC	500,000	1.1%	500,000	—	—
Special Situations Cayman Fund L.P.	150,000	*	150,000	—	—
Special Situations Fund III, L.P.	450,000	1.0%	450,000	—	—
Special Situations Private Equity Fund L.P.	100,000	*	100,000	—	—
UBS O'Connor LLC F/B/O O'Connor Global Convertible Arbitrage Master Ltd.	87,500	*	87,500	—	—
UBS O'Connor LLC F/B/O PIPES Corporate Strategies Ltd.	87,500	*	87,500	—	—

* Less than 1%.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling security holders may sell the shares being offered from time to time in one or more transactions:

- on the Nasdaq National Market or otherwise;
- in the over-the-counter market;
- in negotiated transactions;
- through the writing of options on shares, whether the options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise; or
- a combination of such methods of sale.

The selling security holders may sell the shares at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to those market prices or at negotiated prices. The selling security holders also may sell the shares pursuant to Rule 144 adopted under the Securities Act, as permitted by that rule. The selling security holders may effect transactions by selling shares directly to purchasers or to or through broker-dealers. The broker-dealers may act as agents or principals. The broker-dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the selling security holders or the purchasers of the shares. The compensation of any particular broker-dealer may be in excess of customary commissions. Because the selling security holders and broker-dealers that participate with the selling security holders in the distribution of shares may be deemed to be “underwriters” within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act, the selling security holders will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. Any commissions received by them and any profit on the resale of shares may be deemed to be underwriting compensation.

The selling security holders have advised us that they have not entered into any agreements, understandings or arrangements with any underwriters or broker-dealers regarding the sale of their securities. There is no underwriter or coordinating broker acting in connection with the proposed sale of shares by the selling security holders.

The shares will be sold through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states the shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, any person engaged in the distribution of the shares may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to our common stock for a period of two business days prior to the commencement of such distribution. In addition, each selling shareholder will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the associated rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, including Regulation M, which provisions may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of our common stock by the selling security holders. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling security holders and have informed them of the need to deliver copies of this prospectus to purchasers at or prior to the time of any sale of the shares.

We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the shares. The selling security holders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to the sales of the shares. The selling security holders may agree to indemnify any broker-dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving sales of the shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act. The selling security holders have agreed to indemnify certain persons, including broker-dealers and agents, against certain liabilities in connection with the offering of the shares, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

Upon notification to us by a selling shareholder that any material arrangement has been entered into with broker-dealers for the sale or purchase of shares, we will file a supplement to this prospectus, if required, disclosing:

- the name of the participating broker-dealers;
- the number of shares involved;
- the price at which such shares were sold;
- the commissions paid or discounts or concessions allowed to such broker-dealers, where applicable;
- that such broker-dealers did not conduct any investigation to verify the information set out or incorporated by reference in this prospectus;
and
- other facts material to the transaction.

In addition, upon being notified by a selling shareholder that a donee or pledgee intends to sell more than 500 shares, we will file a supplement to this prospectus.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

We have authorized capital stock consisting of 75,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.10 per share, of which 44,446,953 shares were outstanding as of July 14, 2003, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.10 per share, none of which are outstanding. Additionally, there is an outstanding warrant to purchase 133,333 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$7.50 per share, options outstanding to purchase an aggregate of 8,630,885 shares of common stock, an additional 1,982,902 shares reserved for issuance under our stock option plans, 425,000 shares reserved for issuance under the Nabi Savings and Retirement Plan and 622,678 shares reserved for issuance under our employee stock purchase plan. We also expect to issue an additional 1,500,000 shares of common stock in connection with the proposed acquisition of the PhosLo product line.

Common Stock

Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held of record and is entitled to dividends as declared from time to time by the Board of Directors out of assets legally available therefor. Outstanding shares of common stock are not subject to redemption and are non-assessable. Upon any liquidation of Nabi, the owners of the common stock are entitled to receive on a pro-rata basis all assets then legally available for distribution after satisfaction of any liquidation preference to which holders of outstanding shares of preferred stock may be entitled. The holders of the common stock do not have any conversion, cumulative voting, subscription or preemptive rights.

Preferred Stock

Of the 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock which are authorized, 1,538,462 shares have been designated "Series A Convertible Preferred Stock" with certain conversion rights, liquidation preferences and voting rights. So long as at least 769,231 shares of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are outstanding, the holders thereof are entitled to elect a majority of our Board of Directors. The remaining authorized shares of preferred stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series with such designations, powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, without obtaining shareholder approval, could issue the preferred stock with voting and/or conversion rights and thereby dilute the voting power and equity of the holders of common stock and adversely affect the market price of such stock. We have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Shareholders Rights Plan

Effective July 1997, our Board of Directors adopted a shareholders rights plan under which a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (the "Right") was distributed for each outstanding share of common stock. Each Right entitles the holder to purchase one one-hundredth of a share of Series One Preferred Stock at a price of \$70, subject to adjustment. The Rights expire in August 2007, and are exercisable only if an individual or group has acquired or obtained the right to acquire, or has announced a tender or exchange offer that if consummated would result in such individual or group acquiring beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the common stock. Such percentage may be lowered at the Board's discretion. If the Rights become exercisable, the holder (other than the individual or group who triggered the exercisability) may be entitled to receive upon the exercise shares of our common stock having a market value of two times the exercise price of the Rights, or the number of shares of the acquiring company which have a market value of two times the exercise price of the Rights. Once the Rights have become exercisable, and prior to acquisition of 50% or more of the common stock, the Board of Directors may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by the individual or group who triggered the exercisability), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of common stock (or one one-hundredth of a share of the new series of preferred stock) per Right. The Rights separate from the common stock if they become exercisable; until that time, they will be transferred with and only with the common stock. We are entitled to redeem the Rights in whole for \$0.01 per Right under certain circumstances.

Delaware Law and Certain Charter Provisions

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, this statute prohibits a publicly-held 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 becomes an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A “business combination” includes mergers, asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an “interested stockholder” is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns (or within the prior three years did own) 15% or more of the corporation’s voting stock. In the future we may elect not to be governed by Section 203 by means of an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws that has been approved by stockholders holding a majority of our outstanding voting securities.

Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that a merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets or any sale by us of our securities having a fair market value of at least \$250,000 requires the approval of the holders of at least 75% of the outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock and 50% of any outstanding shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (so long as the holders of the Series A shares have the right to elect a majority of the Board of Directors), unless the transaction is approved by the Board of Directors and provided that, if the transaction is with a person which owns at the time five percent or more of the outstanding shares of common stock, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors voting for the approval of the transaction have been duly elected and acting members of the Board of Directors prior to the time such person became the holder of five percent or more of outstanding shares of common stock.

Our Board of Directors believes that the provisions described above and the Shareholders Rights Plan will help assure that all of our stockholders will be treated similarly if certain kinds of business combinations are proposed. However, they also may have the effect of deterring a hostile takeover or delaying or preventing changes in our control or management, and may make it more difficult to accomplish certain transactions that are opposed by the incumbent Board of Directors and that could be beneficial to stockholders.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the resale shares by the security holders. All proceeds from the sale of the resale shares will be solely for the accounts of the security holders.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the issuance of the shares of common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals at December 28, 2002 and December 29, 2001, and for each of the fiscal years ended December 28, 2002, December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000, incorporated by reference in this prospectus and registration statement have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent certified public accountants, as set forth in their report thereon, incorporated by reference therein and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. This prospectus is not an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where an offer and sale is not 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 any sale of our common stock.

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PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. *Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.*

The following table sets forth an estimate of the fees and expenses relating to the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby, including the costs of the private placement, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, all of which shall be borne by Nabi Biopharmaceuticals (the "Registrant" or the "Company"). All of such fees and expenses, except for the SEC Registration Fee, are estimated:

SEC registration fee	\$ 2,964
Transfer agent's fees and expenses	286
Legal fees and expenses	50,000
Printing fees and expenses	5,000
Accounting fees and expenses	56,000
Miscellaneous fees and expenses	750
Total	115,000

Item 15. *Indemnification of Officers and Directors*

The Company's By-laws, as amended and restated, provide for indemnification of officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. The provisions of Article VII of the Company's By-laws constitute a contract of indemnification between the Company and its officers and directors. Article VII, Section 6 of the Company's By-laws permits the Company to purchase and maintain officers' and directors' liability insurance in order to insure against the liabilities for which such officers and directors are indemnified pursuant to Article VII, Section 1. The Company provides officers' and directors' liability insurance for its officers and directors.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with certain of its directors and executive officers providing contractual indemnification by the Company to the fullest extent permissible under Delaware law.

The Company and the security holders have agreed to indemnify each other and each other's controlling persons, as applicable, against certain liabilities under the Securities Act in connection with this registration statement.

Item 16. *Exhibits*

a) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
5.0	Opinion of Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP as to the legality of the securities being registered.
10.1*	Form of Purchase Agreement by and among Nabi Biopharmaceuticals and the purchasers set forth on the signature pages thereto.
23.1	Consent of Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP (included in Exhibit 5.0).
23.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent certified public accountants for the Registrant.
24	Power of Attorney. Reference is made to page II-3.

* Incorporated by reference to Nabi Biopharmaceuticals Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 14, 2003.

Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by these subparagraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, each such post-effective amendment 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.
- (3) 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.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 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.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 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 of 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.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Boca Raton, State of Florida, on the 17th day of July 2003.

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By: /s/ Thomas H. McLain

Thomas H. McLain
Chief Executive Officer and President

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Thomas H. McLain, Constantine Alexander and James Dawson and each of them, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to the Registration Statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated have signed this Registration Statement below.

/s/ Thomas H. McLain _____ Thomas H. McLain	Chief Executive Officer and President (principal executive officer)	July 17, 2003
/s/ Mark L. Smith _____ Mark L. Smith	Senior Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer (principal financial and accounting officer)	July 17, 2003
/s/ David L. Castaldi _____ David L. Castaldi	Director	July 17, 2003
/s/ Geoffrey F. Cox _____ Geoffrey F. Cox	Director	July 17, 2003
/s/ George W. Ebright _____ George W. Ebright	Director	July 17, 2003
/s/ David J. Gury _____ David J. Gury	Chairman of the Board	July 17, 2003
/s/ Richard A. Harvey, Jr. _____ Richard A. Harvey, Jr.	Director	July 17, 2003
_____ Linda Jenckes	Director	
/s/ Stephen G. Sudovar _____ Stephen G. Sudovar	Director	July 17, 2003

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
5.0	Opinion of Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP as to the legality of the securities being registered.
10.1*	Form of Purchase Agreement by and among Nabi Biopharmaceuticals and the purchasers set forth on the signature pages thereto.
23.1	Consent of Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP (included in Exhibit 5.0).
23.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent certified public accountants for the Registrant.
24	Power of Attorney. Reference is made to page II-3.

* Incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 14, 2003.

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July 17, 2003

Nabi Biopharmaceuticals
5800 Park of Commerce Boulevard N.W.
Boca Raton, Florida 33487

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to that certain Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") which Nabi Biopharmaceuticals (the "Company"), filed on July 17, 2003 with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to the resale of up to 5,577,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share.

We have acted as counsel for the Company in connection with the Registration Statement. We have examined such documents and made such other investigation as we have deemed appropriate to render the opinion set forth below. As to matters of fact material to our opinion, we have relied, without independent verification, on certificates and other inquiries of officers of the Company. Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that under the Delaware General Corporation Law (including all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting those provisions and the Delaware General Corporation Law) the Shares to be sold by the selling security holders have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable.

We understand that this letter is to be used in connection with the Registration Statement, as finally amended, and hereby consent to the filing of this letter with and as a part of the Registration Statement as so amended, and to the reference to our firm in the Prospectus under the heading "Legal Matters." It is understood that this letter is to be used in connection with the resale of the aforesaid Shares only while the Registration Statement is effective as so amended and as it may be amended from time to time as contemplated by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP

Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP

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Consent of Independent Certified Public Accountants

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in the Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals for the registration of 5,577,000 shares of its common stock and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated February 4, 2003 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 28, 2002 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young, LLP

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
July 17, 2003