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AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HESKA CORPORATION
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER
JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR
ORGANIZATION)

77-0192527
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

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PROSPECTUS

(Subject to Completion, dated March 6, 2002)

7,792,768 Shares

[Heska Logo]

HESKA CORPORATION

Common Stock

The Shareholders named on page 10 may sell up to 7,792,768 shares of our Common Stock under this prospectus from time to time.

Our Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "HKA." On March 5, 2002, the closing price for our Common Stock was \$1.16 per share.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMON STOCK INVOLVES CERTAIN RISKS. SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 2.

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THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS IS _____, 2002.

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HESKA CORPORATION

We discover, develop, manufacture and market companion animal health products, principally for dogs, cats and horses. We employ approximately 90 scientists, of whom over one quarter hold doctoral degrees, with expertise in several disciplines including microbiology, immunology, genetics, biochemistry, molecular biology, parasitology and veterinary medicine. This scientific expertise is focused on the development of a broad range of pharmaceutical, vaccine and diagnostic products for companion animals. We also sell veterinary diagnostic and patient monitoring instruments and offer diagnostic services to veterinarians in the United States and Europe, principally for companion animals. In addition to manufacturing companion animal health products for marketing and sale by Heska, our Diamond Animal Health subsidiary manufactures food animal vaccines and other food animal products that are marketed by other animal health companies. Our principal executive offices are located at 1613 Prospect Parkway, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525 and our telephone number is (970) 493-7272.

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RISK FACTORS

Our future operating results may vary substantially from period to period due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. The following discussion highlights these factors and the possible impact of these factors on future results of operations. You should carefully consider these factors before making an investment decision. If any of the following factors actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be harmed. In that case, the price of our common stock could decline, and you could experience losses on your investment.

WE ANTICIPATE FUTURE LOSSES AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE PROFITABILITY IN THE FUTURE.

We have incurred net losses since our inception in 1988 and, as of December 31, 2001, we had an accumulated deficit of \$193.2 million. We anticipate that we will continue to incur additional operating losses in the near term. These losses have resulted principally from expenses incurred in our research and development programs and from sales and marketing and general and administrative expenses. Even if we achieve profitability, we may not be able to sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis. If we cannot achieve or sustain profitability, we may not be able to fund our expected cash needs or continue our operations.

WE ARE NOT GENERATING POSITIVE CASH FLOW AND MAY NEED ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IN THE FUTURE AND ANY REQUIRED CAPITAL MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE ON ACCEPTABLE TERMS OR AT ALL.

We have incurred negative cash flow from operations since inception in 1988. For the year ended December 31, 2001, we had total revenues of \$48.3 million but a net loss of \$18.7 million, and therefore we are not profitable. Our financial plan for 2002 indicates that our cash on hand, together with up to \$9.1 million of borrowings expected to be available under our revolving line of credit should be sufficient to fund our operations through 2002 and into 2003. However, our actual results may differ from this plan, and we may need to raise additional capital in the future.

We are currently in negotiations with our lender to obtain a modification of certain covenants under our revolving line of credit as of December 31, 2001, set the financial covenants for 2002 and extend the maturity date of the loan an additional year to May 31, 2003. If we do not obtain the modification or extension, we will need to raise additional capital to repay the term loan of approximately \$2.3 million and the revolving credit facility estimated at \$1.5 to \$4.0 million. If our lender imposes loan covenants or other credit requirements that would prevent us from accessing the full amount of our line of credit, we would need to raise additional capital to fund any shortfall from our borrowings expected to be available under the revolving line of credit. We anticipate that any additional capital would be raised through one or more of the following:

- * sale of additional equity or debt securities;
- * sale of various assets;
- * licensing of technology; and
- * sale of various products or marketing rights.

Additional capital may not be available on acceptable terms, if at all. The public markets may remain unreceptive to equity financings, and we may not be able to obtain additional private equity financing. Furthermore, amounts we expect to be available under our existing revolving credit facility may not be

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available, and other lenders could refuse to provide us with additional debt financing. Furthermore, any

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additional equity financing would likely be dilutive to stockholders, and additional debt financing, if available, may include restrictive covenants which may limit our currently planned operations and strategies. If adequate funds are not available, we may be required to curtail our operations significantly and reduce discretionary spending to extend the currently available cash resources, or to obtain funds by entering into collaborative agreements or other arrangements on unfavorable terms, all of which would likely have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and our ability to continue as a going concern.

WE MUST MAINTAIN VARIOUS FINANCIAL AND OTHER COVENANTS UNDER OUR REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT.

Under our revolving line of credit agreement with Wells Fargo Business Credit, Inc., we are required to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants, and we have made various representations and warranties. Among the financial covenants are requirements for monthly minimum book net worth, minimum quarterly net income and minimum cash balances or liquidity levels. We have obtained modification of these covenants in the past and have requested modifications of certain covenants for the quarter ended December 31, 2001. We are currently in negotiations with Wells Fargo to establish our financial covenants for fiscal 2002 and to obtain a one-year extension of the credit agreement that currently expires on May 31, 2002.

Failure to comply with any of the covenants, representations or warranties, or to obtain the requested waiver could result in our being in default under the loan and could cause all outstanding amounts to become due and payable or impact our ability to borrow under the agreement. Failure to obtain the one-year extension of the credit agreement would result in all amounts becoming due and payable on May 31, 2002. We do not have sufficient cash resources to repay such amounts and intend to rely on available borrowings under the credit agreement to fund our operations through 2002 and into 2003. If we are unable to borrow funds under this agreement or extend the maturity date, we will need to raise additional capital to fund our cash needs and continue operations.

WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES TO DEVOTE TO PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION. IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DEVOTE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP OUR PRODUCTS.

Our strategy is to develop a broad range of products addressing companion animal healthcare. We believe that our revenue growth and profitability, if any, will substantially depend upon our ability to:

- * improve market acceptance of our current products;
- * complete development of new products; and
- * successfully introduce and commercialize new products.

We have introduced some of our products only recently and many of our products are still under development. Among our recently introduced products are SOLO STEP(R) CH Batch Test Strips for testing heartworm infection in dogs, E.R.D.-Screen(TM) Urine Test for detecting albumin in canine urine, ALLERCEPT(TM) E-Screen(TM) Test for assessing allergies in dogs, and SPOTCHEM(TM) EZ, a compact system for measuring animal blood chemistry. We currently have under development or in preliminary clinical trials a number of

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products, including a gene based therapy for canine cancer. Because we have limited resources to devote to product development and commercialization, any delay in the development of one product or reallocation of resources to product development efforts that prove unsuccessful may delay or jeopardize the development of our other product candidates. If we fail to develop new products and bring them to market, our ability to generate revenues will decrease.

In addition, our products may not achieve satisfactory market acceptance, and we may not successfully commercialize them on a timely basis, or at all. If our products do not achieve a significant level of market

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acceptance, demand for our products will not develop as expected and it is unlikely that we ever will become profitable.

WE MUST OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN COSTLY REGULATORY APPROVALS IN ORDER TO MARKET OUR PRODUCTS.

Many of the products we develop and market are subject to extensive regulation by one or more of the United States Department of Agriculture, or USDA, the Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, and foreign regulatory authorities. These regulations govern, among other things, the development, testing, manufacturing, labeling, storage, premarket approval, advertising, promotion, sale and distribution of our products. Satisfaction of these requirements can take several years and time needed to satisfy them may vary substantially, based on the type, complexity and novelty of the product. The effect of government regulation may be to delay or to prevent marketing of our products for a considerable period of time and to impose costly procedures upon our activities. We have experienced in the past, and may experience in the future, difficulties that could delay or prevent us from obtaining the regulatory approval or license necessary to introduce or market our products. For example, the Flu Avert I.N. vaccine for equine influenza was not approved until six months after the date on which we expected approval. This delay caused us to miss the initial primary selling season for equine influenza vaccines, and we believe it delayed the initial market acceptance of this product. Regulatory approval of our products may also impose limitations on the indicated or intended uses for which our products may be marketed.

Among the conditions for certain regulatory approvals is the requirement that our manufacturing facilities or those of our third party manufacturers conform to current Good Manufacturing Practices or other manufacturing regulations, which include requirements relating to quality control and quality assurance as well as maintenance of records and documentation. The USDA, FDA and foreign regulatory authorities strictly enforce manufacturing regulatory requirements through periodic inspections. If any regulatory authority determines that our manufacturing facilities or those of our third party manufacturers do not conform to appropriate manufacturing requirements, we or the manufacturers of our products may be subject to sanctions, including warning letters, product recalls or seizures, injunctions, refusal to permit products to be imported into or exported out of the United States, refusals of regulatory authorities to grant approval or to allow us to enter into government supply contracts, withdrawals of previously approved marketing applications, civil fines and criminal prosecutions.

FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY CAUSE OUR OPERATING RESULTS TO FLUCTUATE, AND SINCE MANY OF OUR EXPENSES ARE FIXED, THIS FLUCTUATION COULD CAUSE OUR STOCK PRICE TO DECLINE.

We believe that our future operating results will fluctuate on a quarterly basis due to a variety of factors, including:

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- * results from our Diamond Animal Health subsidiary;
- * the introduction of new products by us or by our competitors;
- * our recent change in distribution strategy;
- * market acceptance of our current or new products;
- * regulatory and other delays in product development;
- * product recalls;
- * competition and pricing pressures from competitive products;
- * manufacturing delays;
- * shipment problems;
- * product seasonality; and
- * changes in the mix of products sold.

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We have high operating expenses for personnel, new product development and marketing. Many of these expenses are fixed in the short term. If any of the factors listed above cause our revenues to decline, our operating results could be substantially harmed.

Our operating results in some quarters may not meet the expectations of stock market analysts and investors. In that case, our stock price probably would decline.

A SMALL NUMBER OF LARGE CUSTOMERS ACCOUNT FOR A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR REVENUES, AND THE LOSS OF ANY OF THEM COULD HARM OUR OPERATING RESULTS.

We currently derive a substantial portion of our revenues from sales by our subsidiary Diamond, which manufactures several of our products and products for other companies in the animal health industry. Revenues from one Diamond customer, Agri Laboratories, Ltd., comprised approximately 16% of our total revenues in 2001 and 17% of our total revenues in 2000. If we are not successful in maintaining our relationships with our customers and obtaining new customers, our revenues may not grow and our sales may decline.

WE OPERATE IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY, WHICH COULD RENDER OUR PRODUCTS OBSOLETE OR SUBSTANTIALLY LIMIT THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTS THAT WE SELL. THIS WOULD LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO COMPETE AND ACHIEVE PROFITABILITY.

We compete with independent animal health companies and major pharmaceutical companies that have animal health divisions. Companies with a significant presence in the animal health market, such as American Home Products, Bayer, IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Intervet International B.V., Merial Ltd., Novartis, Pfizer Inc., Pharmacia Animal Health and Schering Plough Corporation, have developed or are developing products that compete with our products or would compete with them if developed. These competitors may have substantially greater financial, technical, research and other resources and larger, better-established marketing, sales, distribution and service organizations than us. In addition, IDEXX, which has products that compete with certain of our diagnostic products and medical instruments, prohibits its distributors from selling competitors' products, including ours. Our competitors frequently offer broader product lines and have greater name recognition than we do. Our competitors may develop or market technologies or products that are more effective or commercially attractive than our current or future products or that would render our technologies and products obsolete. Further, additional competition could come from new entrants to the animal healthcare market. Moreover, we may not have the financial resources, technical expertise or marketing, distribution or support capabilities to compete successfully. If we fail to compete successfully, our ability to achieve profitability will be limited.

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WE MAY BE UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY MARKET AND DISTRIBUTE OUR PRODUCTS AND HAVE RECENTLY MODIFIED OUR DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY.

The market for companion animal healthcare products is highly fragmented, with discount stores and specialty pet stores accounting for a substantial percentage of sales of certain products. Because our proprietary products are available only by prescription and our medical instruments require technical training, we sell our companion animal health products only to veterinarians. As a result, we may fail to reach a substantial segment of the potential market.

We currently market our products in the United States to veterinarians through approximately 20 independent third party distributors and through a direct sales force. Nearly one-half of these domestic distributors provide sales services for the full line of our pharmaceuticals, vaccines and diagnostics and instrumentation products. We have recently begun to rely on distributors for a greater portion of our sales and therefore need to increase our training efforts directed at the sales personnel of our distributors. To be successful,

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we will have to continue to develop and train our direct sales force as well as sales personnel of our distributors and rely on other arrangements with third parties to market, distribute and sell our products. In addition, most of our distributor agreements can be terminated on 60 days' notice and IDEXX, our largest competitor, prohibits its distributors from selling competitors' products, including ours. For example, one of our largest distributors recently informed us that they would no longer carry our heartworm diagnostic products or our chemistry or hematology instruments because they wish to carry products from one of our competitors.

We may not successfully develop and maintain marketing, distribution or sales capabilities, and we may not be able to make arrangements with third parties to perform these activities on satisfactory terms. If our marketing and distribution strategy is unsuccessful, our ability to sell our products will be negatively impacted and our revenues will decrease. Furthermore, the recent change in our distribution strategy and our expected increase in sales from distributors and decrease in direct sales may have a negative impact on our gross margins.

WE HAVE GRANTED THIRD PARTIES SUBSTANTIAL MARKETING RIGHTS TO CERTAIN OF OUR EXISTING PRODUCTS AS WELL AS PRODUCTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT. IF THE THIRD PARTIES ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN MARKETING OUR PRODUCTS OUR SALES MAY NOT INCREASE.

Our agreements with our corporate marketing partners generally contain no minimum purchase requirements in order for them to maintain their exclusive or co-exclusive marketing rights. Currently, Novartis Agro K.K. markets and distributes Solo Step CH in Japan, and Novartis Animal Health Canada, Inc. distributes our Flu Avert I.N. vaccine in Canada. In addition, we have entered into agreements with Novartis, Ralston Purina and Eisai Inc. to market or co-market certain of the products we are currently developing. One or more of these marketing partners may not devote sufficient resources to marketing our products. Furthermore, there is nothing to prevent these partners from pursuing alternative technologies or products that may compete with our products. In the future, third party marketing assistance may not be available on reasonable terms, if at all. If any of these events occur, we may not be able to commercialize our products and our sales will decline.

WE MAY FACE COSTLY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DISPUTES.

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Our ability to compete effectively will depend in part on our ability to develop and maintain proprietary aspects of our technology and either to operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others or to obtain rights to technology owned by third parties. We have United States and foreign-issued patents and are currently prosecuting patent applications in the United States and with various foreign countries. Our pending patent applications may not result in the issuance of any patents or any issued patents that will offer protection against competitors with similar technology. Patents we receive may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented in the future or the rights created by those patents may not provide a competitive advantage. We also rely on trade secrets, technical know-how and continuing invention to develop and maintain our competitive position. Others may independently develop substantially equivalent proprietary information and techniques or otherwise gain access to our trade secrets.

The biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries have been characterized by extensive litigation relating to patents and other intellectual property rights. In 1998, Synbiotics Corporation filed a lawsuit against us alleging infringement of a Synbiotics patent relating to heartworm diagnostic technology, and this litigation remains ongoing. We may become subject to additional patent infringement claims and litigation in the United States or other countries or interference proceedings conducted in the United States Patent and Trademark Office to determine the priority of inventions. The defense and prosecution of intellectual property suits, USPTO interference proceedings, and related legal and administrative proceedings are costly, time-consuming and distracting. We may also need to pursue litigation to enforce any patents issued to us or our collaborative partners, to protect trade secrets or know-how owned by us or our collaborative partners, or to determine the enforceability, scope and validity of the proprietary rights of others. Any litigation or interference proceeding will result in substantial expense to us and significant diversion of the efforts of our technical and management

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personnel. Any adverse determination in litigation or interference proceedings could subject us to significant liabilities to third parties. Further, as a result of litigation or other proceedings, we may be required to seek licenses from third parties which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

OUR TECHNOLOGY AND THAT OF OUR COLLABORATORS MAY BECOME THE SUBJECT OF LEGAL ACTION.

We license technology from a number of third parties. The majority of these license agreements impose due diligence or milestone obligations on us, and in some cases impose minimum royalty and/or sales obligations on us, in order for us to maintain our rights under these agreements. Our products may incorporate technologies that are the subject of patents issued to, and patent applications filed by, others. As is typical in our industry, from time to time we and our collaborators have received, and may in the future receive, notices from third parties claiming infringement and invitations to take licenses under third party patents. It is our policy that when we receive such notices, we conduct investigations of the claims they assert. With respect to the notices we have received to date, we believe, after due investigation, that we have meritorious defenses to the infringement claims asserted. Any legal action against us or our collaborators may require us or our collaborators to obtain one or more licenses in order to market or manufacture affected products or services. However, we or our collaborators may not be able to obtain licenses for technology patented by others on commercially reasonable terms, we may not be able to develop alternative approaches if unable to obtain licenses, or current and future licenses may not be adequate for the operation of our businesses. Failure to

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obtain necessary licenses or to identify and implement alternative approaches could prevent us and our collaborators from commercializing our products under development and could substantially harm our business.

WE HAVE LIMITED MANUFACTURING EXPERIENCE AND CAPACITY AND RELY SUBSTANTIALLY ON THIRD PARTY MANUFACTURERS. THE LOSS OF ANY THIRD PARTY MANUFACTURERS COULD LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO LAUNCH OUR PRODUCTS IN A TIMELY MANNER, OR AT ALL.

To be successful, we must manufacture, or contract for the manufacture of, our current and future products in compliance with regulatory requirements, in sufficient quantities and on a timely basis, while maintaining product quality and acceptable manufacturing costs. In order to increase our manufacturing capacity, we acquired Diamond in April 1996.

We currently rely on third parties to manufacture those products we do not manufacture at our Diamond facility. We currently have supply agreements with Quidel Corporation for various manufacturing services relating to our point-of-care diagnostic tests, with Centaq, Inc. for the manufacture of our own allergy immunotherapy treatment products and with various manufacturers for the supply of our veterinary diagnostic and patient monitoring instruments. Our manufacturing strategy presents the following risks:

- * Delays in the scale-up to quantities needed for product development could delay regulatory submissions and commercialization of our products in development;
- * Our manufacturing facilities and those of some of our third party manufacturers are subject to ongoing periodic unannounced inspection by regulatory authorities, including the FDA, USDA and other federal and state agencies for compliance with strictly enforced Good Manufacturing Practices regulations and similar foreign standards, and we do not have control over our third party manufacturers' compliance with these regulations and standards;
- * If we need to change to other commercial manufacturing contractors for certain of our products, additional regulatory licenses or approvals must be obtained for these contractors prior to our use. This would require new testing and compliance inspections. Any new manufacturer would have to be educated in, or develop substantially equivalent processes necessary for the production of our products;

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- * If market demand for our products increases suddenly, our current manufacturers might not be able to fulfill our commercial needs, which would require us to seek new manufacturing arrangements and may result in substantial delays in meeting market demand; and
- * We may not have intellectual property rights, or may have to share intellectual property rights, to any improvements in the manufacturing processes or new manufacturing processes for our products.

Any of these factors could delay commercialization of our products under development, interfere with current sales, entail higher costs and result in our being unable to effectively sell our products.

Our agreements with various suppliers of the veterinary medical instruments require us to meet minimum annual sales levels to maintain our position as the exclusive distributor of these instruments. We may not meet these minimum sales levels in the future, and maintain exclusivity over the distribution and sale of these products. If we are not the exclusive distributor of these products, competition may increase.

WE DEPEND ON PARTNERS IN OUR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. IF OUR CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO

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DEVELOP OUR TECHNOLOGIES OR PRODUCTS.

For several of our proposed products, we are dependent on collaborative partners to successfully and timely perform research and development activities on our behalf. For example, we jointly developed several point-of-care diagnostic products with Quidel Corporation, and Quidel manufactures these products. We license DNA delivery and manufacturing technology from Valentis Inc. and distribute chemistry analyzers for Arkray, Inc. We also have worked with i-Stat Corporation to develop portable clinical analyzers for dogs and Diagnostic Chemicals, Ltd. to develop the E.R.D.-Screen Urine Test, and we are working with 3-Dimensional Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to develop pharmaceutical products. One or more of our collaborative partners may not complete research and development activities on our behalf in a timely fashion, or at all. If our collaborative partners fail to complete research and development activities, or fail to complete them in a timely fashion, our ability to develop technologies and products will be impacted negatively and our revenues will decline.

WE DEPEND ON KEY PERSONNEL FOR OUR FUTURE SUCCESS. IF WE LOSE OUR KEY PERSONNEL OR ARE UNABLE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, WE MAY BE UNABLE TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS.

Our future success is substantially dependent on the efforts of our senior management and scientific team, particularly Dr. Robert B. Grieve, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. The loss of the services of members of our senior management or scientific staff may significantly delay or prevent the achievement of product development and other business objectives. Because of the specialized scientific nature of our business, we depend substantially on our ability to attract and retain qualified scientific and technical personnel. There is intense competition among major pharmaceutical and chemical companies, specialized biotechnology firms and universities and other research institutions for qualified personnel in the areas of our activities. Although we have an employment agreement with Dr. Grieve, he is an at-will employee, which means that either party may terminate his employment at any time without prior notice. If we lose the services of, or fail to recruit, key scientific and technical personnel, the growth of our business could be substantially impaired. We do not maintain key person life insurance for any of our key personnel.

WE MAY FACE PRODUCT RETURNS AND PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION AND THE EXTENT OF OUR INSURANCE COVERAGE IS LIMITED. IF WE BECOME SUBJECT TO PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS RESULTING FROM DEFECTS IN OUR PRODUCTS, WE MAY FAIL TO ACHIEVE MARKET ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PRODUCTS AND OUR SALES COULD DECLINE.

The testing, manufacturing and marketing of our current products as well as those currently under development entail an inherent risk of product liability claims and associated adverse publicity. Following the introduction of a product, adverse side effects may be discovered. Adverse publicity regarding such effects

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could affect sales of our other products for an indeterminate time period. To date, we have not experienced any material product liability claims, but any claim arising in the future could substantially harm our business. Potential product liability claims may exceed the amount of our insurance coverage or may be excluded from coverage under the terms of the policy. We may not be able to continue to obtain adequate insurance at a reasonable cost, if at all. In the event that we are held liable for a claim against which we are not indemnified or for damages exceeding the \$10 million limit of our insurance coverage or which results in significant adverse publicity against us, we may lose revenue and fail to achieve market acceptance.

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WE MAY BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE RELEASE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, WHICH COULD RESULT IN EXTENSIVE CLEAN UP COSTS OR OTHERWISE HARM OUR BUSINESS.

Our products and development programs involve the controlled use of hazardous and biohazardous materials, including chemicals, infectious disease agents and various radioactive compounds. Although we believe that our safety procedures for handling and disposing of such materials comply with the standards prescribed by applicable local, state and federal regulations, we cannot completely eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials. In the event of such an accident, we could be held liable for any fines, penalties, remediation costs or other damages that result. Our liability for the release of hazardous materials could exceed our resources, which could lead to a shutdown of our operations. In addition, we may incur substantial costs to comply with environmental regulations as we expand our manufacturing capacity.

WE EXPECT TO EXPERIENCE VOLATILITY IN OUR STOCK PRICE, WHICH MAY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO RAISE CAPITAL IN THE FUTURE OR MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR INVESTORS TO SELL THEIR SHARES.

The securities markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations and the market prices of securities of many public biotechnology companies have in the past been, and can in the future be expected to be, especially volatile. For example, in the last twelve months our closing stock price has ranged from a low of \$0.50 to a high of \$1.50. Fluctuations in the trading price or liquidity of our common stock may adversely affect our ability to raise capital through future equity financings. Factors that may have a significant impact on the market price and marketability of our common stock include:

- * announcements of technological innovations or new products by us or by our competitors;
- * our quarterly operating results;
- * releases of reports by securities analysts;
- * developments or disputes concerning patents or proprietary rights;
- * regulatory developments;
- * developments in our relationships with collaborative partners;
- * changes in regulatory policies;
- * litigation;
- * economic and other external factors; and
- * general market conditions.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted. If a securities class action suit is filed against us, we would incur substantial legal fees and our management's attention and resources would be diverted from operating our business in order to respond to the litigation.

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IF WE FAIL TO MEET NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS, OUR COMMON STOCK MAY BE DELISTED AND BECOME ILLIQUID.

Our common stock is currently listed on the Nasdaq National Market. Nasdaq has requirements we must meet in order to remain listed on the Nasdaq National Market. If we continue to experience losses from our operations or we are unable to raise additional funds as needed, we might not be able to maintain the standards for continued quotation on the Nasdaq National Market, including a minimum bid price requirement of \$1.00. As of the date of this prospectus, our minimum bid price was above \$1.00. If the minimum bid price of our common stock were to drop below \$1.00 and remain below \$1.00 for 30 consecutive trading days, or if we were unable to continue to meet Nasdaq's standards for any other

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reason, our common stock could be delisted from the Nasdaq National Market.

If as a result of the application of these listing requirements, our common stock were delisted from the Nasdaq National Market, our stock would become harder to buy and sell. Further, our stock could be subject to what are known as the "penny stock" rules. The penny stock rules place additional requirements on broker-dealers who sell or make a market in such securities. Consequently, if we were removed from the Nasdaq National Market, the ability or willingness of broker-dealers to sell or make a market in our common stock might decline. As a result, the ability for investors to resell shares of our common stock could be adversely affected.

THE COMMON STOCK SOLD IN THIS OFFERING WILL INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF OUR COMMON STOCK ON THE PUBLIC MARKET, WHICH MAY CAUSE OUR STOCK PRICE TO DECLINE.

The sale into the public market of the common stock to be sold in this offering could adversely affect the market price of our common stock. Most of our shares of common stock outstanding are eligible for immediate and unrestricted sale in the public market at any time. Once the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part is declared effective, the 7,792,768 shares of common stock covered by this prospectus will be eligible for immediate and unrestricted resale into the public market. The presence of these additional shares of common stock in the public market may further depress our stock price.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in any such forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth in "Risk Factors," as well as those noted in the documents incorporated herein by reference. In connection with forward-looking statements that appear in these disclosures, investors should carefully review the factors set forth in this prospectus under "Risk Factors."

USE OF PROCEEDS

Heska will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares offered by this prospectus. All proceeds from the sale of the shares offered hereby will be for the account of the selling stockholders, as described below. See "Selling Stockholders" and "Plan of Distribution."

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SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth as of February 28, 2002, the name of each of the selling stockholders, the number of shares of common stock that each selling stockholder owns, the number of shares of common stock owned by each selling stockholder that may be offered for sale from time to time by this prospectus, and the number of shares of common stock to be held by each selling stockholder assuming the sale of all the common stock offered hereby.

Some of the selling stockholders may distribute their shares, from time to

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time, to their limited and/or general partners, who may sell shares pursuant to this prospectus. Each selling stockholder may also transfer shares owned by him by gift, and upon any such transfer the donee would have the same right of sale as the selling stockholder.

The shares being offered by the selling stockholders were acquired in connection with a private placement on December 18, 2001. Except as set forth below, none of the selling stockholders has had a material relationship with us within the past three years other than as a result of the ownership of our common stock. We may amend or supplement this prospectus from time to time to update the disclosure set forth herein.

NAME OF SELLING STOCKHOLDER	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED PRIOR TO OFFERING (1)		NUMBER OF SHARES BEING OFFERED	SHARES
	NUMBER	PERCENT		
State of Wisconsin Investment Board(3)	9,490,182	19.84%	1,818,182	7,67
Charter Ventures II, L.P.(4)	8,414,717	17.59%	2,207,793	6,20
Lombard Odier & Cie(5)	3,911,851	8.18%	649,351	3,26
FSVK Investment Inc	259,741	*	259,741	
Rhino Capital LLC	259,741	*	259,741	
A. Carey Zesiger(6)	32,000	*	26,000	
Alexa Zesiger Carver(6)	32,000	*	26,000	
Albert L. Zesiger(6)	352,000	*	130,000	22
Asphalt Green, Inc.(6)	32,000	*	32,000	
Barrie Ramsay Zesiger(6)	250,000	*	117,000	13
David Zesiger(6)	31,000	*	19,000	1
HBL Charitable Unitrust(6)	70,000	*	32,000	3
Psychology Associates(6)	90,000	*	32,000	5
Lazar Foundation(6)	115,000	*	52,000	6
Peter Looram(6)	138,000	*	65,000	7
Mary C. Anderson(6) (7)	142,000	*	65,000	7
Murray Capital, LLC(6)	70,000	*	32,000	3
NFIB Corporate Account(6)	314,000	*	162,000	15
Nicola Zesiger Mullen(6)	39,000	*	32,000	
Norwalk Employees' Pension Plan(6)	479,000	1.00%	221,000	25
Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho(6)	2,174,960	4.55%	1,038,960	1,13
City of Stamford Firemen's Pension Fund(6)	320,000	*	182,000	13
Theeuwes Family Trust, Felix Theeuwes Trustee(6)	143,000	*	66,000	7
Alan B. & Joanne K. Vidinsky 1993 Trust(6)	66,000	*	66,000	
Wells Family LLC(6)	433,000	*	202,000	23

* Represents less than 1% of our common stock.

(1) Based on 47,824,653 shares outstanding as of February 28 2002.

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(2) Assumes that each selling stockholder sells all shares registered under this registration statement. However, to our knowledge, there are no agreements, arrangements or understandings with respect to the sale of any of our common stock, and each selling stockholder may decide not to sell his shares that are registered under this registration statement.

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- (3) Based upon information derived from a Schedule 13G filed on February 12, 2002 by State of Wisconsin Investment Board pursuant to Section 13G of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules promulgated thereunder, reporting its beneficial ownership of our common stock. According to the Schedule 13G, State of Wisconsin Investment Board has sole power to vote and dispose of 9,490,182 shares.
- (4) Based upon information derived from a Schedule 13D filed on January 9, 2002 by Charter Venture Capital pursuant to Section 13D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules promulgated thereunder, reporting its beneficial ownership of our common stock. According to the Schedule 13D, this represents 3,386,510 shares and options to purchase 1,000 shares of our common stock held by Charter Ventures and 5,026,207 shares and options to purchase 1,000 shares of our common stock held by Charter Ventures II, L.P. Mr. A. Barr Dolan, one of our directors, is a general partner of each of Charter Ventures and Charter Ventures II, L.P., and may be deemed a beneficial owner of the shares held by such entities because of shared voting power with respect to such shares. Mr. Dolan disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his proportionate share therein.
- (5) Based upon information derived from a Schedule 13G filed on February 14, 2002 by Lombard Odier & Cie pursuant to Section 13G of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules promulgated thereunder, reporting its beneficial ownership of our common stock. According to the Schedule 13G the shares are held for the benefit of Lombard Odier Nutrition Fund, over which Lombard Odier & Cie and Lombard Odier Fund Managers S.A. shares voting and dispositive power.
- (6) Zesiger Capital Group LLC acted as the agent and attorney-in-fact for this selling stockholder in connection with the stockholder's acquisition from us of the shares offered by this selling stockholder under this prospectus. Zesiger Capital Group LLC is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. This selling stockholder is an advisory client of Zesiger Capital Group LLC, and the shares offered by this selling stockholder under this prospectus are held in a discretionary client account managed by Zesiger Capital Group LLC. Zesiger Capital Group LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (7) Includes 77,000 shares owned by Ms. Anderson individually and 65,000 shares offered under this prospectus by the Mary C. Anderson Revocable Trust dtd 7/6/99, for which Ms. Anderson is the trustee.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering 7,792,768 shares of Common Stock, par value of \$0.001 per share on behalf of certain selling stockholders. We will receive no proceeds from this offering. The shares may be offered by certain of our stockholders or by pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors in interest that receive such shares as a gift, partnership distribution or other non-sale related transfer. We originally issued the shares in connection with the Share Purchase Agreement between Heska and the selling stockholders, dated December 13, 2001. We are registering the shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement. The shares were issued pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, provided by Section 4(2) thereof.

The selling stockholders will act independently of Heska in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. The selling stockholders may sell the shares on the Nasdaq National Market, or otherwise, at prices and under terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market price, at varying prices or at negotiated prices. The shares may be sold, without limitation, by one or more of the following means of distribution:

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- * a block trade in which the broker-dealer so engaged will attempt to sell such shares as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- * purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by such broker-dealer for its own account pursuant to this prospectus;
- * an over-the-counter distribution in accordance with the rules of the Nasdaq National Market;
- * ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers; and
- * in privately negotiated transactions. To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended and supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution.

In connection with distributions of the shares or otherwise, the selling stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions. In connection with such transactions, broker-dealers or other financial institutions may engage in short sales of the shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume with selling stockholders. The selling stockholders may also sell the shares short and redeliver the shares to close out such short positions. The selling stockholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of the shares, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell or otherwise transfer pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). The selling stockholders may also pledge the shares to a broker-dealer or other financial institution, and, upon a default, such broker-dealer or other financial institution, may effect sales of the pledged shares pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). In addition, any shares that qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144 may, at the option of the holder thereof, be sold under Rule 144 rather than pursuant to this prospectus.

Any broker-dealer participating in such transactions as agent may receive commissions from the selling stockholders and/or purchasers of the shares (and, if it acts as agent for the purchaser of such shares, from such purchaser). Usual and customary brokerage fees will be paid by the selling stockholders. Broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of shares at a stipulated price per share, and, to the extent such a broker-dealer is unable to do so acting as agent for the selling stockholders, to

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purchase as principal any unsold shares at the price required to fulfill the broker-dealer commitment to the selling stockholders. Broker-dealers who acquire shares as principal may thereafter resell such shares from time to time in transactions (which may involve cross and block transactions and which may involve sales to and through other broker-dealers, including transactions of the nature described above) in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices, and in connection with such resales, may pay to or receive from the purchasers of such shares commissions computed as described above. Such broker-dealers and any other participating broker-dealers or the selling stockholders may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act in connection with such sales and any such commission, discount or concession may be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act. Because the selling stockholders may be

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deemed to be an underwriter under Section 2(11) of the Securities Act, the selling stockholders will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

To comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, the shares will be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. 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 persons 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 and without limiting the foregoing, each selling stockholder will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the associated rules and regulations thereunder, including, without limitation, Regulation M, which provisions may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of our common stock by the selling stockholders. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling stockholders and have informed them of the need for delivery of copies of this prospectus to purchasers at or prior to the time of any sale of the shares. We assume no obligation to so deliver copies of this prospectus or any related prospectus supplement.

At the time a particular offer of shares is made, if required, a prospectus supplement will be distributed that will set forth the number of shares being offered and the terms of the offering, including the name of any underwriter, dealer or agent, the purchase price paid by any underwriter, any discount, commission and other item constituting compensation, any discount, commission or concession allowed or reallocated or paid to any dealer, and the proposed selling price to the public.

The selling stockholders will be responsible for any fees, disbursements and expenses of any counsel for the selling stockholders. We will bear all other expenses incurred in connection with the registration of the shares, including printer's and accounting fees and the fees, disbursements and expenses of counsel for us up to a certain amount. Commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to the sales of the shares will be borne by the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders may agree to indemnify any broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving sales of the shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act. We will indemnify the selling stockholders against claims arising out of any untrue statement of a material fact contained in this Registration Statement or any omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statement made therein not misleading.

We have undertaken to keep a Registration Statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part effective until the earlier of the disposition of the securities offered hereby or two years measured from the effective date of this Registration Statement. After such period, if we choose not to maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part, the securities issuable offered hereby may not be sold, pledged, transferred or assigned, except in a transaction which is exempt under the provisions of the Securities Act or pursuant to an effective registration statement thereunder.

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Certain legal matters relating to the validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation, San Francisco, California.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, as indicated in their reports with respect thereto, and are included herein in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts in giving said reports.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Rooms in Washington, D.C., New York, New York and Chicago, Illinois. The Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. is located at 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public conference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with them, 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 later information filed with the SEC will update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Section 13a, 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until our offering is completed.

- (1) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2000;
- (2) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2001, June 30, 2001 and September 30, 2001;
- (3) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 7, 2001 and December 20, 2001;
- (4) Our Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 28, 2001; and
- (5) The description of our Common Stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 24, 1997, and any further amendment or report filed hereafter for the purpose of updating any such description.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Heska Corporation
1613 Prospect Parkway
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525
(970) 493-7272

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You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or the prospectus supplement. We have authorized no one to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not

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assume that the information in this prospectus or the prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of the document.

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PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS MAY RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS. NEITHER HESKA NOR ANY SELLING STOCKHOLDERS HAS AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO PROVIDE PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS WITH INFORMATION DIFFERENT FROM THAT CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS. THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL NOR IS IT SEEKING AN OFFER TO BUY THE SHARES IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS CORRECT ONLY AS OF THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS, REGARDLESS OF THE TIME OF THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY SALE OF THE SHARES.

HESKA CORPORATION

7,792,768 SHARES
COMMON STOCK

PROSPECTUS

_____, 2002

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The Company will pay all expenses incident to the offering and sale to the public of the shares being registered other than any commissions and discounts of underwriters, dealers or agents and any transfer taxes. Such expenses are set forth in the following table. All of the amounts shown are estimates except for the Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee.

SEC Registration Fee	\$	2,440
Accounting fees and expenses		15,000
Legal fees and expenses		100,000
Miscellaneous		5,560

Total	\$	123,000

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law allows for the indemnification of officers, directors and any corporate agents in terms sufficiently broad to indemnify such persons under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act. Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws provide for indemnification of our directors, officers, employees and other agents to the extent and under the circumstances permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. We have also entered into agreements with our directors and executive officers that require Heska, among other things, to indemnify them against certain liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service as directors and executive officers to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. We have also purchased directors and officers liability insurance, which provides coverage against certain liabilities including liabilities under the Securities Act.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	NOTES	DESCRIPTION
5.1*		Opinion of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation
10.1*		Share Purchase Agreement dated December 13, 2001 (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Registrant on December 20, 2001)
23.1*		Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2		Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, independent accountants
24.1*		Power of Attorney (contained on Page II-4)

*Previously filed.

ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) 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:

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- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");
- (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 Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum

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- aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;
- (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 paragraphs (a) (1) (i) and (a) (1) (ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in the periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") that are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, 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.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the 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.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act 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 Securities 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 whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
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- (d) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that:
- (1) for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.

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- (2) for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus 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.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, 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 Amendment to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Fort Collins, State of Colorado, on March 6, 2002.

HESKA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert B. Grieve
Robert B. Grieve
Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman of the Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment to Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant on March 6, 2002.

Table with 2 columns: SIGNATURE and TITLE. Rows include Robert B. Grieve (Chief Executive Officer), Ronald L. Hendrick (Chief Financial Officer), William A. Aylesworth (Director), A. Barr Dolan (Director), G. Irwin Gordon (Director), and Lyle A. Hohnke (Director).

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Edith W. Martin

* Director

John F. Sasen, Sr.

* Director

Lynnor B. Stevenson

* /s/ Robert B. Grieve Director
Robert B. Grieve
Attorney-in-fact

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EXHIBIT 23.2

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Form S-3 registration statement of our report dated January 31, 2001, except with respect to the matters discussed in Note 15, as to which the dates are February 6, 2001 and March 27, 2001, included in Heska Corporation and Subsidiaries Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 and all references to our Firm included in or made part of this registration statement.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Denver, Colorado

March 6, 2002