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SCHEDULE 14A

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Avid Bioservices, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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This Schedule 14A filing consists of a press release relating to the proposed acquisition of Avid Bioservices, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”) by Space Finco, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Parent”), pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated November 6, 2024, by and among the Company, Parent and Space Mergerco, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. The press release was first used or made available on January 21, 2025.

CDMO ISS-GL Win Release

**Avid Recommends Stockholders to Follow Recommendations of ISS and Glass Lewis
and vote FOR the Transaction with GHO and Ampersand**

*Leading Independent Advisor Firms Recognize the Significant, Immediate and Certain Cash Value
the Transaction Delivers to Avid Stockholders*

Tustin, CA, January 21, 2025 — Avid Bioservices, Inc. (NASDAQ: CDMO) (“Avid” or the “Company”), a dedicated biologics contract development and manufacturing organization (“CDMO”) working to improve patient lives by providing high quality development and manufacturing services to biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, today announced that leading independent proxy advisory firms Institutional Shareholder Services (“ISS”) and Glass Lewis & Co. (“Glass Lewis”) recommend that Avid stockholders vote “FOR” the Company’s pending transaction with GHO Capital Partners LLP (“GHO”) and Ampersand Capital Partners (“Ampersand”).

Nick Green, president and CEO of Avid Bioservices, said, “We are pleased that ISS and Glass Lewis recognize the premium value of the GHO and Ampersand transaction for Avid stockholders, as well as the process run by our Board of Directors to ensure we are maximizing value. We encourage our stockholders to vote FOR our transaction with GHO and Ampersand today.”

In making its recommendation, ISS stated in its January 17, 2025, report:*

- “The sales process was sufficiently thorough, shareholders are receiving a premium, the implied valuation supports the premium being offered, and the cash consideration provides liquidity and certainty of value for shareholders.”

VOTE TODAY

The Avid Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends that Avid Stockholders Vote “FOR” the proposed transaction with GHO and Ampersand.

Vote TODAY online, by telephone or by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card.

If you have questions or need assistance voting your shares, please contact:

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Advisors

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About Avid Bioservices, Inc.

Avid Bioservices (NASDAQ: CDMO) is a dedicated CDMO focused on development and CGMP manufacturing of biologics. The Company provides a comprehensive range of process development, CGMP clinical and commercial manufacturing services for the biotechnology and biopharmaceutical industries. With more than 30 years of experience producing biologics, Avid's services include CGMP clinical and commercial drug substance manufacturing, bulk packaging, release and stability testing and regulatory submissions support. For early-stage programs the Company provides a variety of process development activities, including cell line development, upstream and downstream development and optimization, analytical methods development, testing and characterization. The scope of our services ranges from standalone process development projects to full development and manufacturing programs through commercialization. www.avidbio.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

The Company has filed a proxy statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") with respect to a special meeting of stockholders to be held in connection with the proposed transaction. Promptly after filing the definitive proxy statement with the SEC, the Company mailed the definitive proxy statement and a proxy card to each stockholder entitled to vote at the special meeting to consider the proposed transaction. **STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT THE COMPANY WILL FILE WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Stockholders may obtain, free of charge, the preliminary and definitive versions of the proxy statement, any amendments or supplements thereto, and any other relevant documents filed by the Company with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the preliminary and definitive versions of the proxy statement, any amendments or supplements thereto, and any other relevant documents filed by the Company with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction will also be available, free of charge, at the Company's investor relations website (<https://ir.avidbio.com/sec-filings>). The information provided on, or accessible through, our website is not part of this press release, and therefore is not incorporated herein by reference.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

The Company and certain of its directors, executive officers and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding the Company's directors and executive officers is available in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the January 30, 2025 special meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on December 18, 2024 (the "Special Meeting Proxy Statement"). Please refer to the sections captioned "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Directors and Management" and "Interests of Avid's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger" in the Special Meeting Proxy Statement. To the extent holdings of such participants in the Company's securities have changed since the amounts described in the Special Meeting Proxy Statement, such changes have been reflected on Initial Statements of Beneficial Ownership on Form 3 or Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC: Form 4, filed by Nicholas Stewart Green on January 2, 2025, Form 4, filed by Daniel R. Hart on January 2, 2025, Form 4, filed by Richard A. Richieri on January 2, 2025, and Form 4, filed by Richard A. Richieri on January 13, 2025. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the Special Meeting Proxy Statement and other relevant materials filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. Free copies of the Special Meeting Proxy Statement and such other materials may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This communication contains "forward-looking statements" which include, but are not limited to, all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts, such as statements regarding the Company's expectations, intentions or strategies regarding the future, or the completion or effects of the proposed sale of Avid to GHO and Ampersand. In some cases, these statements include words like: "may," "might," "will," "could," "would," "should," "expect," "intend," "plan," "objective," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "project," "potential," "continue" and "ongoing," or the negative of these terms, or other comparable terminology intended to identify statements about the future. These forward-looking statements are subject to the safe harbor provisions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company's expectations and beliefs regarding these matters may not materialize. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements as a result of uncertainties, risks, and changes in circumstances, including but not limited to risks and uncertainties related to: the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the proposed transaction that could delay the consummation of the proposed transaction or cause the parties to abandon the proposed transaction; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement entered into in connection with the proposed transaction; the possibility that the Company's stockholders may not approve the proposed transaction; the risk that the parties to the merger agreement may not be able to satisfy the conditions to the proposed transaction in a timely manner or at all; risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed transaction; the risk that any announcements relating to the proposed transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of the Company's common stock; the risk of any unexpected costs or expenses resulting from the proposed transaction; the risk of any litigation relating to the proposed transaction; and the risk that the proposed transaction and its announcement could have an adverse effect on the ability of the Company to retain and hire key personnel and to maintain relationships with customers, vendors, partners, employees, stockholders and other business relationships and on its operating results and business generally. Additional risks and uncertainties that could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements are included under the caption "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in the Company's most recent filings with the SEC, including the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 31, 2024 and any subsequent reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q or Form 8-K filed with the SEC from time to time and available at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The forward-looking statements included in this information statement are made only as of the date hereof. The Company assumes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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