SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 5)¹

SPHERE 3D CORP.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE PER SHARE (Title of Class of Securities)

84841L100 (CUSIP number)

Jennifer M. Pulick Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P. 399 Park Avenue, 39th Floor New York, New York 10022 (212) 380-5821

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 20, 2016 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1.	NAMES OF RE	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
	Cyrus Capital	Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P.				
2.	CHECK THE A	APPROP	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP			
	(a) □ (b) ⊠					
3.	SEC USE ONL	Y				
4.	SOURCE OF F	UNDS				
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5.	CHECK BOX I	F DISC	LOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) \Box			
6.	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION			
	Delaware	_				
		7.	SOLE VOTING POWER			
NUMBER OF 0						
5	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER			
BENEFICIALLY			17,184,055 ¹			
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REPOR	TING PERSON					
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			17,184,055 ¹			
11.	AGGREGATE	AMOU!	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	17,184,055 ¹					
12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \square					
13.	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11			
	28.3% 1					
14.	TYPE OF REP	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON				
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Includes (i) 8,166,666 Common Shares issuable upon conversion of US\$24,500,000 in principal amount of the New Debentures at a Conversion Price of US\$3.00 per share, (ii) 300,000 Common Shares issuable upon exercise of the 2015 Warrants, (iii) 500,000 Common Shares issuable upon exercise of the February 2016 Warrants.

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SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER		
EFICIALLY		174,041		
ED BY EACH	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
TING PERSON		0		
WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		174,041		
AGGREGATE	AMOU	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
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TYPE OF REPO	ORTING	G PERSON		
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1.	NAMES OF RE	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS			
	CRS Master Fu	CRS Master Fund, L.P.			
2.	CHECK THE A	APPROP	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP		
	(a) □ (b) ⊠				
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	Cayman Island	ls			
7. SOLE VOTING POWER			SOLE VOTING POWER		
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S	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER		
BEN	EFICIALLY		151,458		
	ED BY EACH	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
REPOR	TING PERSON				
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
			151,458		
11.	AGGREGATE	AMOU!	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	151,458				
12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES □				
13.	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11		
	0.3%				
14.	TYPE OF REPO	ORTING	G PERSON		
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1.	NAMES OF RE	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS			
	Cyrus Opportu	Cyrus Opportunities Master Fund II, Ltd.			
2.		APPROF	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP		
	(a) □ (b) ⊠				
3.	SEC USE ONL	Y			
4.	SOURCE OF F	UNDS			
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6.	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
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NU	MBER OF				
5	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIALLY			473,355		
OWN	ED BY EACH	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
REPOR	TING PERSON				
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
			473,355		
11.	AGGREGATE	AMOU!	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	473,355				
12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES □				
13.	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11		
	0.9 %				
14.	TYPE OF REPO	ORTING	G PERSON		
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1.	NAMES OF RE	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
	Cyrus Select O	Cyrus Select Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd.				
2.	CHECK THE A	APPROF	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP			
	(a) □ (b) ⊠					
3.	SEC USE ONL	Y				
4.	SOURCE OF F	UNDS				
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6.	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION			
	Cayman Island	ls				
7. SOLE VOTING POWER						
NU	MBER OF		0			
5	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER			
BENEFICIALLY			76,427			
OWN	ED BY EACH	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
REPOR	TING PERSON		0			
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			76,427			
11.	AGGREGATE	AMOU!	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	76,427					
12.	CHECK BOX I	F THE .	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \square			
13.	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11			
	0.1%					
14.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON					
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1.	NAMES OF RE	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
	Cyrus Capital	Cyrus Capital Partners GP, L.L.C.				
2.	CHECK THE A	APPROP	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP			
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6.	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION			
	Delaware					
	•	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER			
NUMBER OF 0			0			
5	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER			
BENEFICIALLY			17,184,055 ¹			
OWNED BY EACH		9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
REPOR	TING PERSON		0			
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			17,184,055 ¹			
11.	AGGREGATE	AMOU	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	17,184,055 ¹					
12.	CHECK BOX I	F THE	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \square			
13.	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11			
	28.3% 1					
14.	TYPE OF REP	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON				
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1.	NAMES OF RE	EPORTI	NG PERSONS			
	Cyrus Capital	Cyrus Capital Advisors, L.L.C.				
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP					
	(a) □ (b) ⊠					
3.	SEC USE ONL	Y				
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	Delaware					
		7.	SOLE VOTING POWER			
NU	JMBER OF		0			
5	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER			
BEN	IEFICIALLY		325,499			
	ED BY EACH	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
REPOR	TING PERSON		0			
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			325,499			
11.		AMOU:	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	325,499					
12.	CHECK BOX I	F THE	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \square			
13.		CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11			
	0.6 %					
14.	TYPE OF REPO	ORTING	G PERSON			
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1.	NAMES OF RE	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
	FBC Holdings	FBC Holdings S.à r.l.				
2.	CHECK THE A	APPROP	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP			
	(a) □ (b) ⊠					
3.	SEC USE ONL	Y				
4.	SOURCE OF F	UNDS				
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5.	CHECK BOX I	F DISC	LOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) \Box			
6.	CITIZENSHIP	OR PL	ACE OF ORGANIZATION			
	Luxembourg					
	•	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER			
NU	MBER OF					
5	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER			
BENEFICIALLY			16,308,774 ¹			
OWNED BY EACH		9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
REPOR	TING PERSON					
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
	$16,308,774^{1}$		16,308,774 ¹			
11.	AGGREGATE	AMOU!	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	16,308,774 ¹					
12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES □					
13.	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11			
	26.9% ¹					
14.	TYPE OF REPO	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON				
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1.	NAMES OF RE	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
	Stephen C. Fre	Stephen C. Freidheim				
2.	CHECK THE A	APPROP	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP			
	(a) □ (b) ⊠					
3.	SEC USE ONL	Y				
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5.	CHECK BOX I	F DISC	LOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) \Box			
6.	CITIZENSHIP	OR PL	ACE OF ORGANIZATION			
	United States					
		7.	SOLE VOTING POWER			
NU	MBER OF		0			
5	SHARES	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER			
BENEFICIALLY			17,184,055 ¹			
OWNED BY EACH		9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
REPOR	REPORTING PERSON					
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			17,184,055 ¹			
11.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
	17,184,055 ¹					
12.	CHECK BOX I	F THE	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \square			
13.	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11			
	28.3% 1					
14.	TYPE OF REP	ORTING	G PERSON			
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Includes (i) 8,166,666 Common Shares issuable upon conversion of US\$24,500,000 in principal amount of the New Debentures at a Conversion Price of US\$3.00 per share, (ii) 300,000 Common Shares issuable upon exercise of the 2015 Warrants, (iii) 500,000 Common Shares issuable upon exercise of the February 2016 Warrants.

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ITEM 1. Security and Issuer

This constitutes Amendment No. 5 ("Amendment No. 5") to the Schedule 13D relating to the shares of Common Stock of Sphere 3D Corporation (the "Issuer" or "Sphere 3D") filed with the SEC on December 11, 2014 as subsequently amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on August 4, 2015 and further amended by Amendment No. 2 filed on January 4, 2016, Amendment No. 3 filed on April 28, 2016 and Amendment No. 4 filed on September 27, 2016 (as so amended, the "Schedule 13D") by Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Cyrus Capital"), Crescent 1, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("CRES"), CRS Master Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("CRS"), Cyrus Opportunities Master Fund II, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted limited company ("CMFII"), Cyrus Select Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted limited company ("CSOM"), Cyrus Capital Partners GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Cyrus GP"), Cyrus Capital Advisors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Cyrus Advisors"), FBC Holdings S.à r.l., a Luxembourg private limited liability company ("FBC") and Mr. Stephen C. Freidheim (each of Cyrus Capital, CRES, CRS, CMFII, CSOM, Cyrus GP, Cyrus Advisors, FBC and Mr. Freidheim, a "Reporting Person" and collectively the "Reporting Persons"). This Amendment No. 5 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein. Only those items amended are reported herein. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment No. 5 without being defined herein have the respective meanings given to them in the Schedule 13D.

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction

On December 20, 2016, Cyrus Capital sent a letter (the "Letter") to Mr. Eric Kelly, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer outlining some of its concerns with the Issuer's management, operations and performance. Attached to the Letter was the resignation of Daniel J. Bordessa, a partner at Cyrus Capital, from the Board of Directors of the Issuer.

A copy of the Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.4 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Reporting Persons expect to independently evaluate on an ongoing basis Sphere 3D's financial condition and prospects and their interest in, and intentions with respect to, Sphere 3D and their investment in the securities of, Sphere 3D, which review may be based on various factors, including whether various strategic transactions have occurred or may occur, Sphere 3D's business and financial condition, results of operations and prospects, general economic and industry conditions, the securities markets in general and those for Sphere 3D's securities in particular, as well as other developments and other investment opportunities. Each of the Reporting Persons reserves the right to change its intentions and develop plans or proposals at any time, as it deems appropriate. Each of the Reporting Persons may at any time and from time to time, in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, acquire additional securities of Sphere 3D including Common Shares, dispose of all or a portion of the securities of Sphere 3D, including the Common Shares, that the Reporting Persons now own or may hereafter acquire, and/or enter into derivative transactions with institutional counterparties with respect to Sphere 3D's securities. In addition, the Reporting Persons may engage in discussions with management of Sphere 3D, members of the board of directors of Sphere 3D, shareholders of Sphere 3D, industry analysts, existing or potential strategic partners or competitors, investment and finance professionals, sources of credit, other investors and other relevant parties concerning the operations, management, composition of Sphere 3D's board of directors and management, ownership, capital structure, balance sheet management, strategy and future plans of Sphere 3D including the possibility of proposing one of more acquisitions, business combinations, mergers, asset sales, asset purchases or other similar transactions involving Sphere 3D and other third parties.

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Except as set forth herein, the Reporting Persons do not have present plans or proposals at this time that relate to or would result in any of the transactions described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The information set forth in Item 6 of this Schedule 13D is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a) and (b) Items 7 through 11 and 13 of each of the cover pages of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference. Such information is based on 51,192,287 Common Shares outstanding at July 27, 2016 as disclosed in the Management Information Circular of Sphere 3D dated as of August 4, 2016.
- (c) There have been no transactions with respect to the securities of Sphere 3D during the sixty days prior to the date of this Schedule 13D by the Reporting Persons, or to their knowledge, by any executive officer or director of the Reporting Persons.
- (d) No other person is known by any Reporting Persons to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, securities of Sphere 3D beneficially owned by any Reporting Person.
- (e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer

The Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a "group" pursuant to Section 13(d)(3) of the Act. Neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission that the Reporting Persons or any of their respective affiliates are the beneficial owners of any Common Stock beneficially owned by any of the Reporting Persons for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act, the rules promulgated thereunder or for any other purpose.

The information set forth in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D is hereby incorporated by reference.

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ITEM 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

- 99.2 Joint Filing Agreement as required by Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (incorporated by reference to Schedule 13D as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 11, 2014)
- 99.4 Letter from Cyrus Capital to the Issuer dated December 20, 2016

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned hereby certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

EXECUTED as a sealed instrument this 21st day of December, 2016

CYRUS CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Cyrus Capital Partners GP, L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim

Title: Manager

CRESCENT 1, L.P.

By: Cyrus Capital Advisors, L.L.C., its general partner

By: Cyrus Capital Partners GP, L.L.C., its managing member

By: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim

Title: Manager

CRS MASTER FUND, L.P.

By: Cyrus Capital Advisors, L.L.C., its general partner

By: Cyrus Capital Partners GP, L.L.C., its managing member

By: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim

Title: Manager

CYRUS OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND II, LTD.

By: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim Title: Authorized signatory

CYRUS SELECT OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND, LTD.

By: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim
Title: Authorized signatory

CYRUS CAPITAL PARTNERS GP, L.L.C.

y: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim

Title: Manager

CYRUS CAPITAL ADVISORS, L.L.C.

By: Cyrus Capital Partners GP, L.L.C., its managing member

By: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim

Title: Manager

FBC HOLDINGS S.á r.l.

By: Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P., as investment manager of the

shareholders

By: Cyrus Capital Partners GP, L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Name: Stephen C. Freidheim

Title: Manager

STEPHEN C. FREIDHEIM

/s/ Stephen C. Freidheim

Stephen C. Freidheim



December 20, 2016

Via Federal Express and Electronic Mail

Mr. Eric Kelly, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Sphere 3D Corp. 240 Matheson Blvd. East Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4Z l X1

Dear Eric:

Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P., together with its managed affiliates (collectively, "*Cyrus*" or "we"), currently holds approximately 28.3% of equity interests in Sphere 3D Corp. (the "*Company*" or "*Sphere*"), and as such is one of the largest shareholders. In addition to our equity ownership, Cyrus is also a debtholder of the Company through various loan instruments (as detailed in our previously filed Schedule 13D and amendments thereto).

As you know, during Cyrus' time as shareholder, we have consistently tried to work with and be supportive of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") and management team. However, recently, we have become frustrated with numerous aspects of Sphere management's ability to address the Company's operating and costs structures as well as its ability to grow its revenue. This has led to significant financial hardships that, in our view, have endangered the Company's long-term viability.

We believe, based on our thorough evaluation, that, Sphere must implement a restructuring plan which we have discussed with the board and management. In order for Cyrus to be supportive of a restructuring, we believe that it must address the following:

- 1. Separation of Sphere assets into distinct operational segments.
- 2. Creation of wholly-owned subsidiaries of Sphere to hold the assets related to each distinct operational segment.
- 3. Exchange certain debt of the Company (including debt currently held by Cyrus) for equity interests in Sphere or such newly-formed subsidiaries.
- 4. Modification to Sphere's existing management and executive compensation arrangements and roles.
- 5. Address the revenue growth issues across all of Sphere's businesses.

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6. Provide additional financing to certain businesses of the Company, subject to the conditions outlined above.

If executed correctly, we believe that a full restructuring would bring substantial benefits to all Sphere shareholders and stakeholders. In addition, Cyrus has indicated its willingness to provide additional financing to the Company to allow it to achieve a restructuring.

Cyrus intends to continue to actively engage to influence management, the Board and the Company with respect implementing a restructuring plan. Separately, we are at an internal level, discussing various strategic alternatives, including potential merger and acquisition candidates, financing arrangements and balance sheet optimization tactics that we believe will benefit Sphere and its shareholders.

Given this recent divergence of views between Cyrus and Sphere, Daniel J. Bordessa, who is a partner at Cyrus, has decided to resign from his position on the Board before any conflicts arise. A copy of Mr. Bordessa's signed resignation letter is attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to this letter.

Cyrus believes that the businesses of Sphere are currently significantly underperforming their potential and that a restructuring of the Company on the basis outlined in this letter would allow Sphere to reach its full potential substantially increasing and maximizing shareholder and stakeholder value. We look forward to working constructively with the Board and management team in the near future.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Thomas Stamatelos</u> Thomas Stamatelos Chief Operating Officer Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P.

Enclosure

Exhibit A

Resignation Letter LETTER OF RESIGNATION

To the Board of Directors	of
SPHERE 3D CORP	

In connection with the Letter sent by Cyrus Capital Partners, L.P. on the date hereof to Mr. Eric Kelly, the Chairman of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Sphere 3D Corp. (the "Company"), I hereby resign as a member of the Company's Board, including as a member of any and all committees of the Company's Board on which I presently serve. My resignation is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Daniel Bordessa</u> Daniel Bordessa

Dated: December 20, 2016