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In preparation for the [REDACTED], we have sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and the certificate of exemption from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

According to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, our Company must have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong. This normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong.

Our headquarters and most of our business operations are based, managed and conducted in the PRC. As our executive Directors play very important roles in our business operation, it is in our best interest for them to be based in the places where our Group has significant operations. We consider it practicably difficult and commercially unreasonable for us to arrange for two executive Directors to ordinarily reside in Hong Kong, either by means of relocation of our executive Directors to Hong Kong or appointment of additional executive Directors. Therefore, we do not have, and in the foreseeable future will not have, sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 8.12 of the Listing Rules. We will ensure that there is a regular and effective communication between the Stock Exchange and us by way of the following arrangements:

- (a) both of our Company’s authorized representatives, Dr. Zhang, the chairman of our Board, our executive Director and chief executive officer, and Ms. PUN Ka Ying (盤嘉盈), one of our joint company secretaries, will act as our Company’s principal channels of communication with the Stock Exchange. Accordingly, the authorized representatives of our Company will be able to meet with the relevant members of the Stock Exchange on reasonable notice and will be readily contactable by telephone, facsimile (if any) and/or email to promptly deal with enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Each of the authorized representatives of our Company has means of contacting all Directors (including our independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange proposes to contact a Director with respect to any matter;
- (b) each Director has provided their mobile phone number, office phone number, fax number (if any) and e-mail address to the authorized representatives of our Company and the Stock Exchange, and in the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of the office, they will provide the phone number of the place of their accommodation to the authorized representatives. Each of our Directors not ordinarily residing in Hong Kong possesses or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and will be able to meet with the relevant members of the Stock Exchange within a reasonable period of time;
- (c) we have appointed Somerley Capital Limited as our Compliance Advisor, in compliance with Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules, who will also act as an additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange from the [REDACTED] to the date when our Company complies with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of its financial results for the first full financial year immediately following the [REDACTED]. We will ensure that the Compliance Advisor will have access at all times to our authorized representatives, our Directors and other officers. We shall also ensure that our authorized representatives, Directors and other officers will provide promptly such information and assistance as the Compliance Advisor may need or may reasonably require in connection with the performance of the Compliance Advisor’s duties as set forth in Chapter 3A of the Listing Rules. We shall ensure that there are adequate and efficient means of

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communication among our Company, our authorized representatives, our Directors, and other officers and the Compliance Advisor, and will keep the Compliance Advisor fully informed of all communications and dealings between us and the Stock Exchange. Any meeting between the Stock Exchange and our Directors will be arranged through the authorized representatives or the Compliance Advisor or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame. We will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any changes in our authorized representatives and/or our Compliance Advisor; and

- (d) we will also retain legal advisors to advise on on-going compliance requirements as well as other issues arising under the Listing Rules and other applicable laws and regulations of Hong Kong after the [REDACTED].

JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, the company secretary must be an individual who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of the company secretary. The Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable: (i) a member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute; (ii) a solicitor or barrister (as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong)); and (iii) a certified public accountant (as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the Laws of Hong Kong)).

Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further sets out that in assessing “relevant experience”, the Stock Exchange will consider the individual’s: (i) length of employment with the issuer and other listed companies and the roles he/she played, (ii) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant law and regulations including the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Companies Ordinance, Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code, (iii) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to the minimum requirement of taking not less than 15 hours of relevant professional training in each financial year under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules, and (iv) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, the Stock Exchange will consider a waiver application by an issuer in relation to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules based on the specific facts and circumstances. Factors that will be considered by the Stock Exchange include: (i) whether the issuer has principal business activities primarily outside Hong Kong; (ii) whether the issuer was able to demonstrate the need to appoint a person who does not have the Acceptable Qualification (as defined under paragraph 11 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants) nor Relevant Experience (as defined under paragraph 11 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants) as a company secretary; and (iii) why the directors consider the individual to be suitable to act as the issuer’s company secretary.

Further, pursuant to paragraph 13 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, such waiver, if granted, will be for a fixed period of time and on the following conditions: (i) the proposed company secretary must be assisted by a person who possesses the qualifications or experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the aforesaid waiver period; and (ii) the waiver will be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the issuer.

Our Company considers that while it is important for the company secretary to be familiar with the relevant securities regulation in Hong Kong, they also need to have experience relevant to our Company’s operations, nexus to our Board and close working relationship with the management of our Company in order to perform the function of a company secretary and to take the necessary actions in the most effective and efficient manner. It is for the benefit of our Company to appoint a person who has been a member of the senior management for a period of time and is familiar with our Company’s business and affairs as a company secretary.

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We have appointed Dr. XIAO Kai (肖凱) (“**Dr. Xiao**”) as one of our joint company secretaries. His biographical information is set out in “Directors and Senior Management.” Since Dr. Xiao does not possess a qualification stipulated in Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, he is not able to solely fulfill the requirements as a company secretary of a [REDACTED] issuer stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules in relation to the appointment of Dr. Xiao as our joint company secretary. In order to provide assistance to Dr. Xiao, we have appointed Ms. PUN Ka Ying (盤嘉盈) (“**Ms. PUN**”), a Chartered Secretary, a Chartered Governance Professional and an Associate of both The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom, who meets the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, as a joint company secretary for a three-year period from the [REDACTED] so as to enable him to acquire the relevant experience (as required under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules) duly discharge his duties.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, such waiver [has been] granted on the conditions that:

- (a) Ms. PUN is appointed as a joint company secretary to assist Dr. Xiao in discharging his functions as a company secretary and in gaining the relevant experience under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules;
- (b) our Company will further ensure that Dr. Xiao has access to the relevant training and support to enable him to familiarize himself with the Listing Rules and the duties required of a company secretary of an issuer [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange. Our Company’s Hong Kong legal advisor has provided training to Dr. Xiao on the principal requirements of the Listing Rules and the Hong Kong laws and regulations applicable to our Company after its [REDACTED]. In addition, Dr. Xiao will endeavor to familiarize himself with the Listing Rules, including any updates thereto, during the three-year period from the [REDACTED];
- (c) Dr. Xiao has confirmed that he will attend no less than 15 hours of training courses on the Listing Rules, corporate governance, information disclosure, investor relations as well as the functions and duties of a company secretary of a Hong Kong [REDACTED] issuer during each financial year as required under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules;
- (d) before the expiry of Dr. Xiao’s initial term of appointment as the company secretary of our Company, our Company will evaluate his experience in order to determine if he has acquired the qualifications required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules. We will liaise with the Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Dr. Xiao, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. PUN for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills necessary to carry out the duties of company secretary and the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary; and
- (e) this waiver will be revoked immediately if and when Ms. PUN ceases to provide such assistance during the three-year period, and we undertake to re-apply to the Stock Exchange for a waiver in the event that Ms. PUN ceases to meet the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules or otherwise ceases to serve as a joint company secretary of our Company. In addition, this waiver will be revoked in the event of any material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company.

For further information regarding the qualifications of Dr. Xiao and Ms. PUN, see “Directors and Senior Management.”

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EXEMPTION FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 342(1) OF THE COMPANIES (WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO PARAGRAPH 27 OF PART I AND PARAGRAPH 31 OF PART II OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE COMPANIES (WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE IN RESPECT OF SHORTER TRACK RECORD PERIOD FOR BIOTECH COMPANIES

Requirements under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance

Section 342(1)(b) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance requires, subject to Section 342A of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, all prospectuses to state the matters specified in Part I of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and set out the reports specified in Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

According to paragraph 27 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, our Company is required to include in this document a statement as to the gross trading income or sales turnover (as the case may be) of our Company during each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of this document as well as an explanation of the method used for the computation of such income or turnover and a reasonable breakdown of the more important trading activities.

According to paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, our Company is required to include in this document a report prepared by our Company’s auditor with respect to the profits and losses and assets and liabilities of our Company for each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of this document.

According to section 342A(1) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, the SFC may issue, subject to such conditions (if any) as the SFC thinks fit, a certificate of exemption from compliance with the relevant requirements under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance if, having regard to the circumstances, the SFC considers that the exemption will not prejudice the interest of the investing public and compliance with any or all of such requirements would be irrelevant or unduly burdensome, or is otherwise unnecessary or inappropriate.

Requirements under the Listing Rules

According to Rule 4.04(1) of the Listing Rules, the Accountants’ Report contained in this document must include, among others, the results of the company in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of this document or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Stock Exchange.

According to Rule 18A.06 of the Listing Rules, an eligible biotech company shall comply with Rule 4.04 of the Listing Rules modified so that references to “three financial years” or “three years” in that rule shall instead refer to “two financial years” or “two years,” as the case may be.

Grounds for the Exemption Application

Our Company is a Biotech Company as defined under Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules and is seeking a [REDACTED] under Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules. In compliance with the abovementioned requirements under the Listing Rules, the accountants’ report of our Company set out in Appendix I to this document is currently prepared to cover the two years ended December 31, 2025 and the six months ended June 30, 2026.

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Accordingly, we have applied to the SFC for a certificate of exemption from strict compliance with the requirements under Section 342(1)(b) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance in relation to paragraph 27 of Part I and paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, on the following grounds:

- (a) our Company is primarily engaged in the discovery and development of innovative cancer therapeutics and falls within the scope of Biotech Company as defined under Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules;
- (b) the Accountants' Report for the two years ended December 31, 2025 and the six months ended June 30, 2026 has been prepared and is set out in Appendix I to this document in accordance with Rule 18A.06 of the Listing Rules;
- (c) notwithstanding that the financial results set out in this document are only for the two years ended December 31, 2025 and the six months ended June 30, 2026 in accordance with Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules, other information required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules and requirements under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance has been adequately disclosed in this document pursuant to the relevant requirements;
- (d) furthermore, as Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules provides track record period of two years for biotech companies in terms of financial disclosure, strict compliance with the requirements of section 342(1)(b) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance in relation to paragraph 27 of Part I and paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance would be unduly burdensome for our Company; and
- (e) the Accountants' Report covering the two years ended December 31, 2025 and the six months ended June 30, 2026, together with other disclosure in this document, have already provided the potential [REDACTED] with adequate and reasonably up-to-date information in the circumstances to form a view on the track record of our Company, and our Directors are of the view that all information which is necessary for the [REDACTED] to make an informed assessment of our Group's business, assets and liabilities, financial position, [REDACTED] position, management and prospects has been included in this document. Therefore, the exemption would not prejudice the interest of the [REDACTED].

The SFC [has granted] a certificate of exemption under section 342A of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance exempting our Company from strict compliance with section 342(1)(b) in relation to paragraph 27 of Part I and paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule on the conditions that (i) the particulars of the exemption are set forth in this document, and (ii) this document will be issued on or before [REDACTED].