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In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has applied for the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and a certificate of exemption from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, we must have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong, which normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. As of the Latest Practicable Date, none of our executive Directors resided in Hong Kong.

Pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, the requirement in Rule 8.12 may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, our arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Stock Exchange.

Given that (i) our core business operations are principally located, managed and conducted in the PRC and will continue to be based in the PRC after the [REDACTED]; (ii) our Company’s head office is situated in the PRC, our executive Directors and senior management members principally reside in the PRC and will continue to be based in the PRC after the [REDACTED]; and (iii) the management and operation of our Company have mainly been under the supervision of the executive Directors and senior management members of our Company, who are principally responsible for the overall management, corporate strategy, planning, business development and control of our Company’s business, and all the executive Directors and senior management members of our Company principally reside in the PRC and it is important for them to remain in close proximity to our Group’s operation located in the PRC, we consider that it would be more practical for our executive Directors and senior management members to remain ordinarily resident in the PRC where our Group has substantial operations. For the above reasons, we do not have, and do not contemplate in the foreseeable future that we will have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has] granted us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, subject to the following conditions. We will ensure that there is an effective channel of communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of the following arrangements:

- (i) **Authorized representatives:** we have appointed Mr. Zuo Yuxing and Ms. Wong Mei Fung Carrie as the authorized representatives (the “**Authorized Representatives**”) for the purpose of Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. Our Authorized Representatives will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and would be readily contactable by phone, facsimile and email to deal promptly with enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Accordingly, our Authorized Representatives will be able to meet with the relevant members of the Stock Exchange to discuss any matters in relation to our Company within a reasonable period of time. Our Company will also inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in our Authorized Representatives. Each of the authorized representatives is authorized to communicate on behalf of our Company with the Stock Exchange;
- (ii) **Directors:** to facilitate communication with the Stock Exchange, we have provided our Authorized Representatives and the Stock Exchange with the contact details (such as mobile phone numbers, office phone numbers, facsimile number and e-mail addresses, to the extent possible) of each of our Directors such that our Authorized Representatives would have the means to contact all our Directors promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matters. In the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of office, they will provide their phone number of the place of their accommodation to our

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Authorized Representatives. To the best of our knowledge and information, each Director who does not ordinarily reside in Hong Kong possesses or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and can meet with the Stock Exchange within a reasonable period upon request of the Stock Exchange; and

- (iii) **Compliance adviser:** we have appointed Somerley Capital Limited as our Compliance Adviser (the “**Compliance Adviser**”) upon [REDACTED] pursuant to Rules 3A.19 of the Listing Rules, who will, among other things and in addition to the authorized representatives and our Directors, 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]. Pursuant to the Note of Rule 3A.23 of the Listing Rules, the Compliance Adviser 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 promptly provide such information and assistance as the Compliance Adviser may need or may reasonably require in connection with the performance of the Compliance Adviser’s duties as set forth in Chapter 3A of the Listing Rules. We shall ensure that there are adequate and efficient means of communication among our Company, our authorized representatives, our Directors, other officers and the Compliance Adviser, and will keep the Compliance Adviser fully informed of all communications and dealings between the Stock Exchange and us. Any meeting between the Stock Exchange and our Directors will be arranged through the authorized representatives or the Compliance Adviser 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 Adviser; and
- (iv) **Legal advisors:** 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].

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a company secretary who satisfies the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules. According to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint an individual as our company secretary, 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 company secretary.

Pursuant to Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, 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)).

In addition, pursuant to Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange will consider the following factors in assessing the individual’s “relevant experience”:

- (i) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he/she played;

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- (ii) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the SFO, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code;
- (iii) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to be the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (iv) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

We have appointed Mr. Wang Jingyu (“**Mr. Wang**”) as one of our joint company secretaries. He has a thorough understanding of the operations of the Board and our Company and has gained experience in handling corporate governance and general administrative matters relating to our Company. Although he presently does not possess the qualifications required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we would like to appoint him as our joint company secretary due to his past experience within our Group and his thorough understanding of the internal administration and business operations of our Group. In addition, we have appointed Ms. Wong Mei Fung Carrie (“**Ms. Wong**”) as the other joint company secretary to assist Mr. Wang in discharging the duties of a company secretary. Ms. Wong is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and the Chartered Governance Institute. Ms. Wong therefore meets the qualification requirements under Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is in compliance with Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

Our joint company secretaries will be jointly discharging the duties and responsibilities of a company secretary. Ms. Wong will be assisting Mr. Wang in gaining the relevant experience required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Mr. Wang will also be assisted by (i) our Compliance Adviser for the first full financial year starting from the [REDACTED], particularly in relation to Hong Kong corporate governance practice and compliance matters; and (ii) the Hong Kong legal adviser of our Company, on matters regarding our Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations. In addition, Mr. Wang will attend relevant trainings and familiarize himself with the Listing Rules and duties required of a company secretary of an issuer listed on the Stock Exchange. We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has] granted, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules such that Mr. Wang may be appointed as a joint company secretary of our Company.

Pursuant to the Chapter 3.10 (Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management) of the Guide, the waiver will be for a fixed period of time not exceeding three years (the “**Waiver Period**”) 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 Waiver Period; and (ii) the waiver can be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the issuer. The waiver is valid for an initial three-year period on the condition that Ms. Wong, as a joint company secretary of our Company, will work closely with, and provide assistance to, Mr. Wang in the discharge of his duties as a joint company secretary and in gaining the relevant experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and to become familiar with the requirements of the Listing Rules and other applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations. The waiver will be revoked immediately if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules or if Ms. Wong ceases to provide assistance to Mr. Wang as the joint company secretary for the three-year period after [REDACTED].

Our Company will further ensure that Mr. Wang has access to the relevant training and support that would enhance his understanding of the Listing Rules and the duties of a company secretary of an issuer listed on the Stock Exchange, and to receive updates on the latest changes to the applicable Hong Kong laws, regulations and the Listing Rules. Prior to the end of the three-year period, the qualifications and experience of Mr. Wang and the need for on-going assistance of Mr. Wang will be further evaluated by our Company. We will liaise with the Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Mr. Wang, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. Wong for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills

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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.

See “Directors and Senior Management” for further information regarding the qualifications of Ms. Wong and Mr. Wang.

EXEMPTION FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 342(1) 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

Section 342(1) 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, a listing applicant is required to include in its document a statement as to the gross trading income or sales turnover (as may be appropriate) of the listing applicant during each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of its 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, a listing applicant is required to include in its document a report by the auditors of the listing applicant with respect to profits and losses and assets and liabilities in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the 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 it thinks fit, a certificate of exemption from compliance with the relevant requirements of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance if, having regard to the circumstances, the SFC considers that the exemption will not prejudice the interests of the investing public and compliance with the relevant requirements would be irrelevant or unduly burdensome, or is otherwise unnecessary or inappropriate.

Rule 4.04(1) of the Listing Rules requires that the consolidated results of the listing applicant and its subsidiaries in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the document of the listing applicant, or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Stock Exchange, be included in the accountants’ report of the document.

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.

This document contains the consolidated results of our Group for the [REDACTED], but does not include the certain financial statements and results of our Group in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of this document as required under paragraph 27 of Part I and paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

Accordingly, we have applied for, and the SFC [has granted] us, a certificate of exemption under section 342A of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance from strict

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compliance with the requirements under 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 conditions that:

- (i) our Company is company committed to the research, development, manufacturing and sale of comprehensive, non-pharmacological, innovative management solutions for weight and metabolism-related diseases in China and globally, and falls within the scope of biotech company as defined under Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules;
- (ii) our Company has included in this document the Accountants’ Report covering the [REDACTED] in accordance with Rule 18A.06 of the Listing Rules;
- (iii) notwithstanding that the financial results set out in this document are only for the [REDACTED] 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;
- (iv) 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 unnecessary and/or irrelevant in the circumstance of our Company; and
- (v) our Directors are of the view that the Accountants’ Report covering the [REDACTED], as set out in Appendix I to this document, together with other disclosure in this document, has already provided the potential investors 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 confirm that all information which is necessary for the investing public to make an informed assessment of the business, assets and liabilities, financial position, management and prospects has been included in this document. Therefore, the exemption would not prejudice the interests of the investing public.

A certificate of exemption [has been granted] by the SFC under section 342A of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance on the conditions that (i) particulars of the exemption are set out in this document, and (ii) this document will be issued on or before [December 14, 2026].