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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 exemption from strict compliance with the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

WAIVER IN RELATION TO MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, an issuer must have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong. This normally means that at least two of its executive directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. All of our executive Directors are not or will not be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong upon the proposed [REDACTED]. Since all our business operations are not principally located, managed or conducted in Hong Kong, and our Directors consider that the relocation of our executive Directors to Hong Kong or the appointment of additional executive Directors who will be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong would not be beneficial to, or appropriate for, our Company and therefore would not be in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders as a whole, our Company does not, and, for the foreseeable future, will not, have two executive Directors who are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirements under Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 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 Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. We will ensure that there is an effective channel of communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of the following arrangements:

- (a) **Authorized Representatives:** both of our Company’s authorized representatives, Mr. ZHANG Wendong (張文棟) and Ms. Wong Mei Fung Carrie (黃美鳳), 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 and/or email.

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.

Our Company has also provided contact details of the authorized representatives to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the authorized representatives;

- (b) **Directors:** 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.

Each Director has also provided his/her mobile phone number, office phone number, e-mail address and, where available, fax number to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly if there are any changes to the contact details of the Directors;

- (c) **Compliance Advisor:** we have appointed Halcyon Capital Limited as our Compliance Advisor, in compliance with Rule 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, 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 promptly provide such

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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 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 the Stock Exchange and us.

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) **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].

WAIVER IN RELATION TO APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, the company secretary of an issuer must be an individual who, by virtue of his or her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary.

Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further provides that the Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable: (a) a member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute; (b) a solicitor or barrister as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong); and (c) 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 the factors that the Stock Exchange will consider in assessing an individual’s “relevant experience”: (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he or she played; (b) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant law and regulations including the SFO, the Companies Ordinance, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code; (c) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and (d) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

We believe that while it is important for the company secretary to be familiar with the relevant securities regulations in Hong Kong, he or she also needs to have experience relevant to our Company’s operations, a nexus to our Board and a close working relationship with our management team 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 company secretary.

We have appointed Mr. ZHANG Wendong (張文棟) and Ms. Wong Mei Fung Carrie (黃美鳳) (“**Ms. Wong**”) as our joint company secretaries. Since Mr. ZHANG 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 listed issuer stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. To support Mr. ZHANG, we have appointed Ms. Wong, an associate of both The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute, who meets the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, as a joint company secretary to provide assistance, for a three-year period from the [REDACTED] so as to enable Mr. ZHANG to acquire the relevant experience (as required under Rule 3.28(2) of the Listing Rules) to duly discharge his duties.

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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 Mr. ZHANG as our joint company secretary. Pursuant to paragraphs 13 and 15 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide, such waiver has been granted on the conditions that:

- (i) Ms. Wong is appointed as a joint company secretary to assist Mr. ZHANG in discharging his functions as a company secretary and in gaining the relevant experience under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules;
- (ii) our Company will further ensure that Mr. ZHANG 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 listed on the Stock Exchange. Our Hong Kong legal advisors have provided training to Mr. ZHANG on the principal requirements of the [REDACTED] Rules and the Hong Kong laws and regulations applicable to our Company after the [REDACTED]. In addition, Mr. ZHANG will endeavor to familiarize himself with the Listing Rules, including any updates thereto, during the three-year period from the [REDACTED];
- (iii) Mr. ZHANG has confirmed that he will attend not 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 listed issuer during each financial year as required under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (iv) the waiver is valid for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] on the conditions that (a) Mr. ZHANG must be assisted by Ms. Wong who possesses the qualifications and experience required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the waiver period, and (b) the Stock Exchange will revoke the waiver if Ms. Wong ceases to provide assistance to Mr. ZHANG during the three-year period or if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company. Prior to the end of the three-year period, the qualifications and experience of Mr. ZHANG and the need for on-going assistance of Ms. Wong will be further evaluated by our Company. The Company must demonstrate and seek the Stock Exchange’s confirmation that Mr. ZHANG, having had the benefit of the assistance of Ms. Wong for the immediately preceding three years, has acquired the relevant experience (within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules) such that a further waiver from Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules will not be necessary.

For biographical information of Ms. Wong and Mr. ZHANG, see “Directors and Senior Management”.

EXEMPTION FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 342(1)(B) OF THE COMPANIES (WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS) 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

Pursuant to section 342(1)(b) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, the document must state the matters specified in Part I of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (the “**Third Schedule**”) and set out the reports specified in Part II of the Third Schedule. Pursuant to paragraph 27 of Part I of the Third Schedule, the document must specify a statement as to the gross trading income or sales turnover (as may be appropriate) of the company during each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the document including an explanation of the method used for the computation of such income or turnover and a reasonable breakdown between the more important trading activities. Pursuant to paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule, the document must set out a report by the auditors of the company with respect to (i) profits and losses of the company for each of three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the document and (ii) assets and liabilities of the company at the last date of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the document.

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Pursuant 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 those requirements would be irrelevant or unduly burdensome, or would otherwise be unnecessary or inappropriate.

Pursuant to Rule 4.04(1) of the Listing Rules, the consolidated results of the issuer and its subsidiaries in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the listing document or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Stock Exchange must be included in the accountants’ report to its document. Pursuant to Rule 18A.03(3) of the Listing Rules, a biotech company must have been in operation in its current line of business for at least two financial years prior to listing under substantially the same management. Pursuant to Rule 18A.06 of the Listing Rules, a biotech company must comply with Rule 4.04 of the Listing Rules modified so that references to “three financial years” or “three years” in Rule 4.04 shall instead reference to “two financial years” or “two years,” as the case may be.

The Accountants’ Report set out in Appendix I to this Document is currently prepared to cover the two years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 and the six months ended June 30, 2026. Accordingly, we have applied to the SFC for an 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 on the following grounds:

- (a) our Company is primarily engaged in R&D, application and commercialization of biotech products 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, 2024 and 2025 and the six months ended June 30, 2026 has been disclosed in this document and set out in Appendix I to this document in accordance with Rule 18A.06 of the Listing Rules;
- (c) as Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules provides a track record period of two years for biotech companies in terms of financial disclosure, strict compliance with 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 would be unduly burdensome for our Company;
- (d) notwithstanding that the financial results set out in this document are only for the two years ended December 31, 2024 and 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 the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance has been adequately disclosed in this document pursuant to the relevant requirements; and
- (e) our Directors are of the view that the Accountants’ Report covering the two years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 and the six months ended June 30, 2026, together with other disclosures in this document, have already provided adequate and reasonably up-to-date information in the circumstances for potential [REDACTED] to make an informed assessment of the business, assets and liabilities, financial position, management and prospects and to form a view on the track record of our Company. Therefore, the exemption would not prejudice the interest of the investing public.

The SFC [has] granted us a certificate of exemption under section 342A of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance from strict compliance with 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 on the conditions that particulars of the exemption are set out in this document and this document will be issued on or before [REDACTED].