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## **ESSEX BIO-TECHNOLOGY LIMITED**

## 億 勝 生 物 科 技 有 限 公 司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 8151)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Reference is made to the circular of the Company dated 31 March 2009. The Board has been informed of SLPH's intention to resign as auditors of the Company with effect from 1 May 2009 due to the merger of its practice with BDO McCabe Lo Limited which will take effect on 1 May 2009 whereupon the merged firm will be renamed BDO Limited. The Board has proposed that BDO Limited be appointed as auditors of the Company subject to acceptance of such appointment by BDO Limited and approval by the shareholders of the Company in the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on 8 May 2009.

Reference is made to the circular of Essex Bio-Technology Limited (the "Company") dated 31 March 2009 in respect of, among other things, the proposals for general mandates to issue and repurchase shares, re-election of directors, amendments to the articles of association and the notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 8 May 2009.

The Board has been informed by Shu Lun Pan Horwath Hong Kong CPA Limited ("SLPH") of its intention to resign as auditors of the Company with effect from 1 May 2009 due to the merger of SLPH's practice with BDO McCabe Lo Limited which will take effect on 1 May 2009 whereupon the merged firm will be renamed BDO Limited.

The Board has proposed that BDO Limited be appointed as auditors of the Company with effect from 8 May 2009 and, subject to acceptance of such appointment by BDO Limited, such proposal will be considered and, if thought fit, approved by way of an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on 8 May 2009.

By order of the Board
Essex Bio-Technology Limited
Ngiam Mia Je Patrick
Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 April 2009

Executive directors of the Company as at the date of this announcement are Mr Ngiam Mia Je Patrick, Mr Fang Haizhou and Mr Zhong Sheng. Independent non-executive directors of the Company as at the date of this announcement are Mr Fung Chi Ying, Mr Mauffrey Benoit Jean Marie and Ms Yeow Mee Mooi.

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