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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)**

### **PROFIT WARNING**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 17.10 of the GEM Listing Rules.

The Board wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company and potential investors that it is expected that the operating results of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2009 may experience a material decline as compared to the corresponding period in 2008. Based on information currently available, the Board considers that such decline is mainly attributable to the volatility of prices of raw materials for agricultural fertilisers which had a negative impact on the Group's agricultural business, whilst the pharmaceutical business of the Group is still contributing positively.

**Shareholders of the Company and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 17.10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "GEM Listing Rules").

The board of Directors (the "Board") of Essex Bio-Technology Limited (the "Company") wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company and potential investors that it is expected that the operating results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the three months ended 31 March 2009 may experience a material decline as compared to the corresponding period in 2008. Based on information currently available, the Board considers that such decline is mainly attributable to the volatility of prices of raw materials for agricultural fertilisers which had a negative impact on the Group's agricultural business, whilst the pharmaceutical business of the Group is still contributing positively.

As the Company is still in the process of finalizing the quarterly results for the three months ended 31 March 2009, the information contained in this announcement is only based on the preliminary assessment by the Company's management according to the consolidated management accounts of the Group which have not been reviewed by the Company's auditors. The preliminary assessment of the Group's operating results is subject to further review by the management on the final results which are being prepared. Shareholders of the Company and potential investors should read the Group's quarterly results announcement for the three months ended 31 March 2009 carefully, which is expected to be published on 8 May 2009.

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By order of the Board  
**Essex Bio-Technology Limited**  
**Zhong Sheng**  
*Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 28 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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