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ESSEX BIO-TECHNOLOGY LIMITED **億勝生物科技有限公司**

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Essex Bio-Technology enters Strategic Collaboration Framework Agreement with Gunze Medical to further Commercial Access and to advance Research in Regenerative Medicine and Wound Care

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Essex Bio-Technology Limited (“EssexBio” or the “Group”, stock code: 1061.HK) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a strategic collaboration framework agreement with Gunze Medical Limited (“Gunze Medical”), a significant milestone in expanding their commercial partnership and establishing a global platform for collaboration to advance research in regenerative medicine and wound care.

This agreement builds upon their existing commercial partnership in the PRC and broadens it to key markets in Southeast Asia. It further includes the extension of Gunze Medical’s capability and resources to EssexBio for making in-road its FGF-2 based products into Japan, and the initiative to joint product development, led by Gunze, utilising EssexBio’s proprietary technology in FGF-2 and Gunze’s proprietary products (i.e PELNAC®, PELNAC® Gplus, etc.) for a Best-in-Class new product(s) addressing unmet clinical needs in wound care.

The two companies will establish a joint Steering Committee to oversee collaborative initiatives and future projects arising from the framework.

“This new strategic framework reflects the mutual trust that has been built between our organisations and creates exciting opportunities to combine our respective strengths in regenerative medicine and market access” said, Patrick Ngiam, Executive Chairman of Essex Bio-Technology. “Together, we aim to accelerate innovation and improve patient access to advanced wound care solutions across Asia.”

“We are excited to further strengthen our partnership with EssexBio, by combining our expertise in biomaterials and regulatory experience with EssexBio’s proven capabilities in growth factor therapeutics and regional commercialisation” said, Shojiro Matsuda, President of Gunze Medical Limited. “We believe this collaboration has the potential to create meaningful value for healthcare professionals and patients.”

This strategic collaboration is closely aligned with EssexBio’s overall business development strategy. It will support the Group’s continued expansion across Asia’s healthcare sector, deepen its presence in regenerative medicine and wound healing, to better address the growing demand for clinical solutions.

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About Gunze Medical

Gunze Medical markets a broad range of medical devices manufactured by its parent company, Gunze Limited. Its product portfolio includes absorbable sutures, suture reinforcement materials, bone fixation devices, and artificial dermis, all of which are designed with a focus on bioabsorbable technologies. These products are marketed not only in Japan, where they are manufactured, but also across the United States, Europe, China, and Southeast Asia, reflecting the company’s commitment to expanding its global business presence.

About EssexBio (1061.HK)

EssexBio is a bio-pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures, and commercialises genetically engineered therapeutic FGF-2, with six commercialised biologics currently marketed in China. Additionally, the Company has a diverse portfolio of commercialised preservative-free unit-dose eye drops, Shilishun (適麗順®) (Iodized Lecithin Capsules) and others, which are principally prescribed for wound healing and diseases in Ophthalmology and Dermatology. These products are marketed and sold through approximately 14,600 hospitals, supported by the Company’s 47 regional offices in China. Leveraging its in-house R&D platform in growth factor and antibody technology, Essex maintains a robust pipeline of projects in various clinical stages, covering a wide range of fields and indications.

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