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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: 1061)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of Essex Bio-Technology Limited ("**Company**") will be held at Caine Room, Level 7, Conrad Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Friday, 9 June 2023 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business:

## **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. to receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- 2. each as a separate resolution, to:
  - (i) re-elect the retiring directors of the Company (namely, Mr. Ngiam Hian Leng Malcolm as an executive director of the Company and Ms. Yau Lai Man as an executive director of the Company);
  - (ii) elect Mr. Yan Man Sing Frankie as a new independent non-executive director of the Company; and
  - (iii) authorise the board of directors to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company;
- 3. to re-appoint BDO Limited as the auditors of the Company and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration;

4. to consider and declare a final dividend of HK\$0.025 per share of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022;

and, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions (with or without modifications):

#### 5. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules"), the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (d) of this resolution) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with unissued shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights, including warrants to subscribe for shares of the Company and other securities, which might require the exercise of such powers be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (d) of this resolution) to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (d) of this resolution);
- (c) the aggregate number of shares of the Company allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined in paragraph (d) of this resolution); or (ii) the exercise of any options granted under all share option schemes of the Company (or similar arrangements) adopted from time to time in accordance with the Listing Rules; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of shares of the Company in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company in force from time to time; or (iv) any issue of shares of the Company upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed the aggregate of:
  - (aa) 20 per cent. of the aggregate number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution; and

(bb) (if the directors of the Company are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the aggregate number of shares of the Company purchased by the Company under the authority granted to the directors of the Company as referred to in resolution numbered 6 below,

and the authority pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

"**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date of the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or the law of the Cayman Islands or any other applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the directors of the Company by this resolution;

"**Rights Issue**" means an offer of shares of the Company, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares of the Company open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company on the Company's register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of shares of the Company (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements, or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange outside Hong Kong)."

### 6. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (c) of this resolution) of all powers of the Company to purchase shares in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**Stock Exchange**"), or any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Act, Chapter 22 (Act 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate number of shares of the Company which may be purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (c) of this resolution) shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution, "**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date of the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or the law of the Cayman Islands or any other applicable laws to be held; and
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the directors of the Company by this resolution."

- 7. "**THAT** conditional on the passing of resolutions numbered 5 and 6 above, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company pursuant to resolution numbered 5 above be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of shares of the Company which may be allotted, issued or dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued or dealt with by the directors of the Company pursuant to or in accordance with such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate number of shares of the Company purchased by the Company pursuant to or in accordance with the authority granted under resolution numbered 6 above, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution."
- 8. "THAT the existing share option scheme of the Company adopted on 3 May 2013 be and is hereby terminated, and subject to and conditional upon the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the approval for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the shares of the Company to be allotted and issued pursuant to the exercise of options under the new share option scheme of the Company (the "New Share Option Scheme"), the rules of which are contained in the document marked "A" produced to the meeting and for the purposes of identification signed by the chairman thereof, the New Share Option Scheme be and is hereby approved and adopted and the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to allot and issue from time to time such number of shares of the Company as may be required to be allotted and issued pursuant to the exercise of the options under the New Share Option Scheme and subject to the Listing Rules and to do all acts and to enter into all such transactions, arrangements and agreements as may be necessary or expedient in order to give full effect to the New Share Option Scheme, including but without limitation:
  - to administer the New Share Option Scheme under which options will be granted to participants eligible under the New Share Option Scheme to subscribe for the shares of the Company, including but not limited to determining and granting the options in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme;
  - (ii) to modify and/or amend the New Share Option Scheme from time to time provided that such modification and/or amendment is effected in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme relating to the modification and/or amendment and subject to Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules;
  - (iii) to make application at appropriate time or times to the Stock Exchange and any other stock exchanges upon which the issued shares of the Company may for the time being be listed, for listing of and permission to deal in any shares of the Company which may hereafter from time to time be allotted and issued pursuant to the exercise of options under the New Share Option Scheme; and

- (iv) to consent, if it so deems fit and expedient, to such conditions, modifications and/or variations as may be required or imposed by the relevant authorities in relation to the New Share Option Scheme."
- 9. "THAT the Scheme Mandate Limit (as defined in the New Share Option Scheme) on the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted to eligible participants under all the share schemes of the Company (i.e. 10.0% of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing this resolution) be and is hereby approved and adopted and the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to take all such steps and attend all such matters, approve and execute (whether under hand or under seal) such documents and do such other things, for and on behalf of the Company, as the directors of the Company may consider necessary, desirable or expedient to effect and implement the Scheme Mandate Limit."
- 10. "**THAT** the Category C Participant Limit (as defined in the New Share Option Scheme) on the total number of Shares that may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted to Category C Participants (as defined in the New Share Option Scheme) under all the shares schemes of the Company (i.e. 1.0% of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution) be and is hereby approved and adopted and the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to take all such steps and attend all such matters, approve and execute (whether under hand or under seal) such documents and do such other things, for and on behalf of the Company, as the directors of the Company may consider necessary, desirable or expedient to effect and implement the Category C Participant Limit."

For and on behalf of the Board of Essex Bio-Technology Limited Ngiam Mia Je Patrick Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 March 2023

As at the date of this notice, the directors of the Company are as follows:

*Executive directors:* Mr. Ngiam Mia Je Patrick (Chairman) Mr. Fang Haizhou Mr. Ngiam Hian Leng Malcolm Ms. Yau Lai Man Independent non-executive directors: Mr. Fung Chi Ying Mr. Mauffrey Benoit Jean Marie Ms. Yeow Mee Mooi Head office and principal place of Room 2818 business in Hong Kong: China Merchants Tower Shun Tak Centre 168-200 Connaught Road Central Hong Kong

#### Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxy to attend and, subject to the provisions of the articles of association of the Company, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- 2. In order to be valid, a proxy form and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power of attorney, must be deposited at the branch share registrar of the Company, Hong Kong Registrars Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 3. In relation to the proposed resolutions numbered 5 and 7 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders for the grant to the directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares under the Listing Rules. The board of directors of the Company has no immediate plan to issue any new shares of the Company.
- 4. In relation to the proposed resolution numbered 6 above, the directors of the Company wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to purchase shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders. The board of directors of the Company may or may not repurchase any shares of the Company pursuant to the mandate to be granted under the proposed resolution numbered 6 above depending on the prevailing market conditions.
- 5. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy should not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the above meeting or any adjournment thereof and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 6. In the case of joint holders of a share, any one of such joint holders may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the above meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. For this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.