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## JOINN LABORATORIES (CHINA) CO., LTD.

北京昭衍新藥研究中心股份有限公司

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability) (Stock code: 6127)

## **PROPOSED CHANGE IN USE OF NET PROCEEDS**

Reference are made to (i) the Prospectus in relation to the listing of the H Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange by way of the Global Offering and (ii) the announcement dated 28 April 2022 in relation to the change in use of net proceeds (the "**Previous Change**").

## **PROPOSED CHANGE IN USE OF NET PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from the Global Offering, after deducting the underwriting commissions and other estimated expenses in connection with the conduct of the Global Offering and the exercise of the over-allotment option, amounted to approximately HK\$6,373.6 million (equivalent to approximately RMB5,285.2 million). As at 30 June 2023, the Company has utilized approximately RMB2,412.7 million of the net proceeds.

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") has resolved to change the use of the remaining unutilized net proceeds after taking into account the recent business environment and development of the Group. The unutilized net proceeds up to the date of this announcement and the proposed change in the use of the remaining unutilized net proceeds (the "**Proposed Change**") are summarized below:

Use of Proceeds	Allocation of the proceeds in the Previous Change (RMB million)	Amount of net proceeds utilized as at 30 June 2023 ( <i>RMB million</i> )	Balance of the unutilized net proceeds after the Previous Change in allocation as at 30 June 2023 ( <i>RMB million</i> )	Amount of reallocation after the Proposed Change (RMB million)	Allocation of unutilized net proceeds after the Proposed Change (RMB million)	Expected timeframe for the unutilized net proceeds after the Proposed Change
<ul> <li>(A) Expand the capacity of our Suzhou facilities for non-clinical studies</li> <li>(i) renovating our existing laboratory and research model</li> </ul>	57.7	57.7	-	-	-	
facilities in Suzhou	16.0	16.0	-	-	-	
<ul> <li>(ii) constructing the infrastructure of our new facilities in Suzhou</li> <li>(iii) procurement of cutting-edge equipment and laboratory technologies and investment in the research and development of novel, customized research</li> </ul>	36.7	36.7	-	-	-	
<ul> <li>inverse customized rescared models</li> <li>(iv) upgrading our technical and scientific research capabilities with international background at our Suzhou facilities</li> </ul>	5.0	5.0	-	-	-	
<ul> <li>(B) Strengthen our U.S. operations to meet the rising customer demand for services provided by Biomere         <ol> <li>upgrading our existing facilities</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	528.5	71.5	457.0	223.2	680.2	
<ul> <li>(i) and service team in northern California</li> <li>(ii) investing in business development efforts, expanding service teams and upgrading</li> </ul>	401.7	71.5	330.2	-	330.2	by the end of 2025
laboratory equipment for Biomere	126.8	-	126.8	223.2	350.0	by the end of 2025

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<ul> <li>(C) Further expand our facility network and service capabilities in China</li> <li>(i) building the Phase I of our new Guangzhou facilities with a</li> </ul>	2,061.3	174.1	1,887.2	(398.5)	1,488.7	
focus on non-GLP and GLP- compliant non-clinical studies in Guangzhou (ii) building the Phase I of our new laboratories, research model	898.5	141.3	757.2	(398.5)	358.7	by the end of 2024
breeding facilities and clinical operations in Chongqing (iii) enhancing our technical and scientific research capabilities at	898.5	11.1	887.4	-	887.4	by the end of 2025
our Guangzhou and Chongqing facilities (iv) developing cutting-edge	137.4	21.7	115.7	-	115.7	by the end of 2026
laboratory and research model technologies	126.9	-	126.9	-	126.9	by the end of 2026
<ul> <li>(D) Broaden and deepen our integrated CRO service offerings with a particular focus on further expanding our clinical trial and related services</li> <li>(i) hiring approximately 220 experienced clinical trial operation professionals who hold at least a bachelor's degree and who have at least two years of work experience in clinical operations, medicine, quality control, statistical analysis and analysis of clinical samples, with a focus on early-stage</li> </ul>	264.3	33.0	231.3	-	231.3	by the end of
clinical trial projects	31.7	8.3	23.4	-	23.4	2024

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<ul> <li>(ii) investing in business development efforts for our growing clinical trial business</li> <li>(iii) procuring new equipment, technologies, systems, databases and infrastructure for use in clinical trials, as well as</li> </ul>	21.2	-	21.2	-	21.2	by the end of 2024
<ul> <li>in the related services such as bioanalytical services, to strengthen our service quality and customer experience</li> <li>(E) Fund potential acquisitions of suitable (i) CROs focused on non-clinical studies, (ii) CROs</li> </ul>	211.4	24.7	186.7	-	186.7	by the end of 2024
focused on clinical trials, and/or (iii) research model production facilities in both China and overseas	1,844.9	1,844.0	0.9	175.3	176.2	by the end of 2024
(F) Working capital and general corporate purposes	528.5	232.4	296.1		296.1	
	5,285.2	2,412.7	2,872.5		2,872.5	

## **Reasons for the Proposed Change in Allocation**

As at the date of this announcement, for the building of Phase I of our new Guangzhou facilities (the "Guangzhou Facilities Project"), the Company is in the process of buildings the Phase I of a safety assessment center for innovative drugs and a central laboratory with associated platforms for bioanalytical services in Guangzhou with a total GFA of approximately 18,000 sq.m., and has completed the infrastructure construction and is in the process of commencing the construction of the ancillary facilities and the fitting-out work in an orderly manner. Having considered: (i) the Group's demand for capacity deployment in the coming years; (ii) the cost of installation of ancillary facilities and fitting out of Phase I of our Guangzhou facilities, etc., the Company estimates that the capital requirement for the Guangzhou Facilities Project will be approximately RMB500 million.

In summary, based on the Company's strategic and operational development needs, the Company has reallocated part of the remaining funds of RMB398.5 million, which were originally used to further expand the facility network and service capabilities in Guangzhou, to the following matters:

In order to strengthen its U.S. operations to meet the rising customer demand for services provided by Biomere, the Company intends to allocate RMB223.2 million for the day-to-day operations and expansion of Biomere.

In order to meet the demand for mergers and acquisitions, the Company intends to allocate RMB175.3 million for potential acquisitions.

The Board is of the view that the aforesaid change in the use of the unutilized net proceeds will enable the Company to deploy its financial resources more efficiently and will meet the current needs of the Group as its business continues to develop. The Board also confirms that there has been no material change in the nature of the principal activities of the Group as set out in the Prospectus and is of the view that the Proposed Change is in line with the overall business strategy of the Group, will not have any material adverse impact on its operations and is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

The Board will continue to evaluate the plan for the use of the unutilized net proceeds and may modify or amend the plan as and when necessary to cope with changing market conditions in an effort to achieve better business performance for the Group.

> By order of the Board JOINN Laboratories (China) Co., Ltd. Feng Yuxia Chairperson

Beijing, the PRC 30 August 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. Feng Yuxia as the Chairperson and executive Director, Mr. Zuo Conglin, Mr. Gao Dapeng, Ms. Sun Yunxia and Dr. Yao Dalin as executive Directors, and Mr. Sun Mingcheng, Dr. Zhai Yonggong, Mr. Ou Xiaojie and Mr. Zhang Fan as independent non-executive Directors.