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MULTILATERAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN NIBM, MVP HEALTHCARE SDN. BHD. AND PFIZER MALAYSIA FOR NATIONAL HUMAN VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

SELANGOR, 30th JANUARY 2023 – YB Sir Chang Lih Kang, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, witnessed the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between three parties. The National Institutes of Biotechnology Malaysia (NIBM), through its institute, the **Malaysia Genome and Vaccine Institute (MGVI)**, has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **MVP Healthcare Sdn Bhd** and **Pfizer Malaysia Sdn Bhd**, supporting the National Biotechnology Policy 2.0 (NBP 2.0) under the Healthcare and Wellness Thrust.

On 1 November 2021, the Malaysian Government has mandated NIBM-MGVI to steer the research and development (R&D) of human vaccines. Pfizer and MVP Healthcare support the Government's vision and endeavour to identify strategic areas of collaboration to build a vaccine ecosystem based on the Malaysian National Vaccine Roadmap.

Pfizer is a biopharmaceutical company that applies science and global resources to bring therapies to people that extend and significantly improve their lives. The company strives to set the standard for quality,

safety and value in the discovery, development, and manufacture of health care products, including innovative medicines and vaccines.

MVP Healthcare, on the other hand, formed in 2018 for the purpose of venturing into the human vaccines manufacturing industry, focusing on halal vaccines, is a subsidiary company of Malaysian Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals Sdn Bhd, Malaysia's leading animal vaccine manufacturer.

This tripartite MoU intends to explore the potential of a joint project which could support the local vaccines ecosystem and move the needle forward in the country's pandemic preparedness. This undertaking will enable Malaysia to expand its international cooperation and identify potential areas to strengthen, promote, and develop strategic collaboration based on reciprocity and mutual benefit in line with the Malaysian National Vaccine Roadmap. **# END #**

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