



A-Bio Clinches Second Deal With GlaxoSmithKline

\$9 million Expansion of Facility Underway

Singapore, 16th August 2005 – A-Bio Pharma Pte Ltd (A-Bio) today announced its second process development and clinical supply service agreement with GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals (GSK Bio) via the signing of an agreement with Glaxo Wellcome Manufacturing PTE Ltd. Under the contract, A-Bio will work closely with GSK Bio to develop and produce clinical lots for one of its many promising vaccine products at A-Bio's GMP facility in Singapore.

This deal follows the first project with GSK Bio that was announced in November 2004 as well as the master service agreement with Novo Nordisk A/S in May 2005.

With the securing of these deals as well as a few more in the pipeline, A-Bio also announced an investment of S\$9 million (US\$5.5 million) to expand its cell culture manufacturing capacity to meet increasing customer demand. A-Bio will add a 500L stirred tank bioreactor to its existing 200L capacity.

“Working closely together on the first project, GSK Bio and A-Bio have established a very strong relationship both at the working and management level,” said Dr George Wang, Managing Director, A-Bio. Commenting on the expansion plan, he added, “With the additional capacity, we expect to meet the needs of our existing customers as well as other potential companies currently under discussion. This expansion will be our first step towards the long term growth of A-Bio.”

About A-Bio

A-Bio Pharma Pte Ltd is Asia's leading biologics contract manufacturer who provides a full range of manufacturing solutions for mammalian cell culture systems, including process development, optimisation, manufacturing scale-up, GMP production, quality control and regulatory compliance. A-Bio, funded by Bio*One Capital Pte Ltd (<http://www.bio1capital.com>), started operations in November 2003 providing GMP manufacturing of clinical Phase I and Phase II biologics. Plans are underway to expand the capacity of this facility to meet increasing production needs globally. For more information on A-Bio, please contact the company at info@a-bio.com or visit www.a-bio.com.

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