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New Bioscience Venture Starting-up in San Antonio

Heat Biologics Plans East Side Expansion to Grow Bioanalytical and Manufacturing Capabilities

SAN ANTONIO, TX – North Carolina-based bioscience company Heat Biologics plans to expand its San Antonio operations through its subsidiary Scorpion Biological Services Inc.

Scorpion Biological Services, a subsidiary of Heat Biologics, Inc., is working to expand the reach of precision medicine to more people within multiple therapeutic areas that are untreatable or treatment-resistant today. Scorpion plans to build a large molecule bioanalytical and manufacturing contract research organization in San Antonio, focused on advancing a variety of therapies targeting underserved indications. Anticipated activities include the development of in-house immuno-assays, biomarker development, a Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), Good Clinical Practice (GCP) laboratory, and cGMP manufacturing capabilities.

Jeff Wolf, Chief Executive Officer of Heat Biologics, commented, “We appreciate the tremendous support from the San Antonio community, and are excited to expand our regional operations, which we believe will help spur the development of breakthrough therapies that have the potential to dramatically improve outcomes for patients.”

This expansion would be the company’s second San Antonio-based subsidiary. Pelican Therapeutics, which relocated to San Antonio in 2017, is focused on the development of monoclonal antibody therapies designed to activate the immune system. Pelican is the recipient of a \$15 million grant from the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT).

“Our diverse medical and bioscience community has come together to form an ecosystem that’s cooperative and supportive — one that drives innovation to improve lives — and that’s attractive to startups, established corporations, and talent. We are committed to supporting Scorpion as they plan to grow their operations in our community,” said San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg.

The proposed expansion in San Antonio would add significant capabilities by tripling the analytical testing footprint as well as adding a manufacturing capability not previously available.

“San Antonio is at the intersection of discovery, research, and innovation. Our region is uniquely positioned to grow its bioscience ecosystem into a world-class hub and we are proud to welcome Scorpion to San Antonio,” said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

The company plans to expand its San Antonio operations at Texas Research & Technology Foundation’s (TRTF) Merchant Ice Complex, a new state-of-the-art innovation campus for bioscience and healthcare and home to the VelocityTX Innovation Center. The company expects to build out cleanroom suites,



laboratories, and office space in the historic east side development. Once operational, the company would provide bioanalytical services, diagnostic services, and biological manufacturing services, and continue to support Heat Biologics' ongoing therapy development and ongoing operations.

"Our community has strategically invested in growing our bioscience ecosystem anchored by Military medical innovation, world-renowned research capabilities, and growing talent pipeline. We look forward to building upon our relationship with Heat Biologics as we welcome Scorpion Biological Services to San Antonio," said Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, President and CEO of the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF).

The company worked in partnership with SAEDF, TRTF, and local government leaders through its site selection process. The company also considered locations in Houston and other areas for this project.

"TRTF is proud to have secured a partnership with a publicly traded company like Heat Biologics and its subsidiary Scorpion. This recruitment is a testament to TRTF's efforts in developing a world-class bioscience innovation district on the east side," said Randy Harig, CEO of the Texas Research & Technology Foundation.

On June 1 Bexar County Commissioners Court will consider incentive packages to support the project. The City of San Antonio is still negotiating terms of a potential incentive package. Pending local incentive approvals, the proposed expansion would grow the company's global workforce by adding new bioscience jobs in San Antonio.

About Heat Biologics, Inc.

Heat Biologics is a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing first-in-class therapies to modulate the immune system. Heat's gp96 platform is designed to activate immune responses against cancer or infectious diseases. The Company has multiple product candidates in development leveraging the gp96 platform, including HS-110, which has completed enrollment in its Phase 2 trial, and a COVID-19 vaccine program in preclinical development. In addition, Heat Biologics is also developing a pipeline of proprietary immunomodulatory antibodies and cell-based therapies, including PTX-35 and HS-130 in Phase 1 clinical trials.

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About Scorpion Biological Services, Inc.

Scorpion Biological Services, Inc. is working to expand the reach of precision medicine to more people within multiple therapeutic areas that are untreatable or treatment-resistant today. Their team is comprised of renowned experts in bioanalytics, cell biology, virology, translational biology, biomanufacturing, and drug development. Scorpion's new facility will be able to support a myriad of vaccine and biologic drugs from conception through to Phase II clinical trials and beyond to bring new drugs to market faster, safer and more reliably.

About the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation

The San Antonio Economic Development Foundation is the public private partnership leading San Antonio's transformative economic growth through business recruitment, business retention & expansion and workforce development. Leading Team San Antonio, made up of the City of San Antonio, Bexar



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About Texas Research & Technology Foundation

Established in 1984, the Texas Research & Technology Foundation is a nonprofit organization comprised of its subsidiaries, VelocityTX, Alamo Angels, and Community House. Together, these organizations work collaboratively to elevate the quality of life for San Antonio residents by advancing the bioscience and healthcare industry through effective programming, and facilitating commercialization, partnerships, and capital. Learn more at texasresearchfoundation.com.

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