



Biosion, Inc. Appoints Joel Edwards, MBA, as Chief Business Officer

Newark, DE, U.S. and Nanjing, China – February 21, 2022. Biosion, Inc. (“Biosion”), a global clinical stage biotechnology company, today announced the appointment of Joel Edwards as chief business officer. In this position, he is responsible for strategic leadership over all aspects of the company’s global business development and alliance management activities. He will report to Dr. Mingjiu Chen, chief executive officer (CEO). Prior to joining Biosion, Mr. Edwards was most recently vice president of corporate strategy and operations at Ionis Pharmaceuticals.

“We are delighted to welcome Joel to our executive leadership team in this important role as we continue to expand global business development and alliances,” said Dr. Mingjiu Chen, founder, chairman and CEO of Biosion. “Joel’s deep understanding of the biotechnology business, coupled with his successful track record in corporate deal-making and alliance management, will be instrumental in driving Biosion’s next stage of global growth. We look forward to leveraging his experience as we continue to maximize the potential of our powerful drug discovery engine and further advance our innovative pipeline into the clinic.”

“I look forward to working with the team to execute on Biosion’s vision to bring new breakthrough therapies to patients globally by forming strategic partnerships with industry leading biotech and pharmaceutical companies,” said Mr. Edwards. “Biosion has the tools and talent in place to rapidly grow its pipeline that includes innovative approaches to treat unmet needs. I’m excited to contribute to this important inflection point in the Biosion’s history and future growth as a premier in global for global biotech company.”

Mr. Edwards brings to Biosion nearly 25 years of broad pharmaceutical industry experience in business development, alliance management, and corporate development. During his 13 years at Ionis Pharmaceuticals, he was



responsible for bringing in greater than \$3.5B in partnership R&D revenue and led the M&A activities when Ionis purchased its subsidiary company. Mr. Edwards also managed collaborations while at Ionis and Valeant resulting in four marketing approvals and commercial launches with large pharma partners. Prior to Ionis, he worked in alliance and portfolio management roles while at Valeant Pharmaceuticals and Lexicon Pharmaceuticals. Mr. Edwards holds a M.B.A. from Colorado State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University.