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Laiq Ahmad Joins Avellino Labs as Chief Technology Officer

MENLO PARK, Calif. – (May 19, 2021) – Avellino Labs, a global biotechnology and genetic science innovator, announced today that Laiq Ahmad has joined the company as Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

Ahmad brings more than 22 years of experience to the role, with advanced knowledge of digital transformation, cloud technologies, big data, AI, and machine learning. In this role he will be leading technology, engineering and the innovation engine for the company's next-generation sequencing applications and platforms, drive technology breakthroughs, and support Avellino Labs' growth and innovation.

He most recently was CTO – GE Power Digital/VP & Global Head for Digital Platform Engineering for GE Digital. In this role he was responsible for building and managing innovative industrial software digital platforms and led global engineering and technology teams, including groups supporting product vision, strategy and innovation, architecture and engineering, data science and advance analytics, and UI and UX.

"Laiq has the deep technical expertise, along with a strong leadership mindset, to accelerate Avellino Labs' rapid growth and help us scale our IT infrastructure," says Avelino Labs CEO Jim Mazzo. "He is a wonderful addition to our management team, and I am confident he will help us further strengthen and streamline our processes, including the vital data needed to support our current and future innovations."

"Avellino Labs mission and dedication to improving human health through the genome is an incredibly compelling proposition, and I am humbled to be part of this amazing management team and help transform human health," says Ahmad. "With the intense focus on cybersecurity, along with the importance of data to create effective machine-learning and AI-based algorithms, I am proud to be on this journey with Avellino Labs to help unlock the power of the genome, which will usher next generation medical breakthroughs."

Ahmad holds a ALM from Harvard University, a Master's Degree in Computer Science from Boston University, an MBA from Bundelkhand University, and a graduate certificate in Systems Engineering and Product Development from MIT.

About Avellino

Avellino Lab USA, Inc. is a global leader in gene therapy and molecular diagnostics and is at the forefront of precision medicine for eye care. The company is a proud member of the California State COVID-19 Testing Taskforce, which is focused on the expansion of CoV2 testing and the reduction of testing turn-around times (TAT). Beyond the AvellinoCoV2 test, Avellino recently launched AvaGen, the world's first DNA test to confirm the presence of genetic indicators that are positively associated with corneal dystrophies and keratoconus genetic risk-factors. The company will also soon launch an infectious disease panel of diagnostic tests. Beyond diagnostics, the company is also pioneering CRISPR gene editing to manage and potentially cure inherited diseases. Avellino is headquartered in Silicon Valley, California, with operations in Korea, Japan, China, and the UK.

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