

## Lonza to establish new base in China using GE healthcare solution

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New biologics facility, scheduled to be operational in 2020, will provide development and manufacturing facilities from early- to late-clinical and early-commercial stages.



Lonza has announced an agreement with GE Healthcare under which GE Healthcare will deliver a biologics facility to Lonza in Guangzhou, China. The new facility will give Lonza Pharma & Biotech a strategic base in China to respond to growing demand for high-quality CDMO services in the country.

By working with GE Healthcare to develop the new facility, based on the KUBio platform, an off-the-shelf biologics factory, Lonza intends to offer its suite of antibody development services and manufacture GMP-certified batches by 2020. The two companies will work closely on the design of the 17,000m2 site, which will include 6,500 sq mtr of lab space and one KUBio facility.

The labs will house Lonza's proprietary platforms for cell-line construction, including the GS Gene Expression System®, as well as process development, cell banking and pilot labs. The KUBio unit will enable small-scale GMP manufacturing equipped with GE Healthcare's single-use biomanufacturing technologies, including 1,000 and 2,000L bioreactors, combined with Lonza's automation platforms for clinical and early-commercial supply.