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LONDON (Dow Jones)--Hutchison China MediTech Limited (HCM.LN), or Chi-Med, the pharmaceutical and healthcare company based primarily in China, Friday announced the intended indirect increase in its ownership of Hutchison Whampoa Guangzhou Baiyunshan Chinese Medicine Company Limited, or HBYS, one of the companies which comprise Chi-Med's China Healthcare Division.

MAIN FACTS:

- -HBYS primarily engages in the manufacture and sale of over-the-counter traditional Chinese medicines.
- -Chi-Med's wholly-owned subsidiary, Hutchison Chinese Medicine Holding Limited, has entered into agreements with Bestchosen Limited, Dian Son Development Limited and Hutchison BYS Holding Limited, or HGHL, to increase its equity interest in HGHL from 75% to 80%, for a total cash consideration of approximately \$2.7 million.
- -HGHL currently indirectly holds 50% interest in HBYS.
- -Shares at 0835 GMT unchanged at 500 pence valuing the company at GBP258.67 million.
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