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SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Provention Bio, Inc.

(Name of Subject Company)

ZEST ACQUISITION SUB, INC. AVENTIS INC. SANOFI

(Names of Filing Persons — Offerors)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.0001 Per Share (Title of Class of Securities)

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Exhibit

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99.1 Joint press release of Sanofi and Provention Bio, Inc. dated March 13, 2023.