

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 1, 2021

TELA Bio, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-37526
(Commission
File Number)

45-5320061
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**1 Great Valley Parkway, Suite 24
Malvern, Pennsylvania**
(Address of principal executive offices)

19355
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (484) 320-2930

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	TELA	Nasdaq Global Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 1, 2021, TELA Bio, Inc. (the “*Company*”) issued a press release announcing that the Company has entered into a distribution agreement with Next Science, which grants the Company exclusive rights to sell and market Next Science’s proprietary antimicrobial surgical wash with XBIO® technology across the U.S. plastic reconstructive market. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Document
99.1	Press Release of TELA Bio, Inc., dated November 1, 2021.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TELA BIO, INC.

By: /s/ Antony Koblisch

Name: *Antony Koblisch*

Title: *President, Chief Executive Officer and Director*

Date: November 1, 2021



TELA Bio and Next Science Enter into Exclusive Distribution Agreement in the Plastic Reconstructive Market for Advanced Anti-Biofilm Surgical Wash

Agreement includes exclusive right to sell and market Next Science's proprietary no rinse antimicrobial solution in the US and first right of negotiation for EU market upon CE Approval.

MALVERN, PA, November 1, 2021 -- TELA Bio, Inc. ("TELA"), a commercial-stage medical technology company focused on designing, developing, and marketing innovative tissue reinforcement materials to address unmet needs in soft tissue reconstruction, today announced it has entered into a distribution agreement with Next Science, a medical technology company, granting TELA exclusive rights to sell and market Next Science's proprietary antimicrobial surgical wash with XBIO® technology across the US plastic reconstructive market. Additionally, TELA Bio received a first right of negotiation for the EU market upon successful CE approval.

Next Science's XBIO Technology delivers an advanced option for surgical infection control by addressing the biofilms that make bacteria more resistant to traditional antimicrobial agents, disinfectants, and host immune defenses. The no-rinse delivery allows the solution to provide over five hours of ongoing protection against bacterial biofilms. With no known bacterial resistance, the XBIO Technology provides broad spectrum efficacy with exceptional rates of pathogen removal.

"We are excited to work with Next Science and will commence private label marketing of the solution for plastic surgery in early 2022," said Antony Koblisch, President and CEO of TELA Bio. "Including this novel infection control solution into our product portfolio will expand our service offerings and diversify our supplier base as we continue to create a market-leading soft tissue restoration portfolio. Surgical site infections present a significant risk to patients and are especially troubling in plastic surgery procedures where tissue preservation is critical."

Commenting on the agreement, Judith Mitchell, CEO of Next Science Limited said, "We are delighted to expand our commercial footprint through the TELA Bio sales organization. TELA Bio has a track record of success in bringing new technologies into the market and are known for their focus and drive. TELA Bio goes to market through a direct sales force to service the US plastics market. We expect this partnership will help deliver this groundbreaking technology to the hands of surgeons and aligns with Next Science's overall mission of healing patients and saving lives."

About Next Science

Next Science is a medical technology company headquartered in Sydney, Australia, with a research and development center in Florida, USA. Established in 2012 with a mission of healing patients and saving lives, the Company's primary focus is on the development and commercialization of its proprietary XBIO™ technology to reduce the impact of biofilm based infections in human health. XBIO is a unique, non-toxic technology with proven efficacy in eradicating both biofilm based and free-floating bacteria. Next Science owns 100% of the patent protected intellectual property relating to its XBIO technology. Website: www.nextscience.com.

About TELA Bio, Inc.

TELA Bio Inc. (NASDAQ: TELA) is a commercial-stage medical technology company focused on designing, developing, and marketing innovative tissue reinforcement materials to address unmet needs in soft tissue reconstruction. The Company is committed to providing patients with advanced, economically effective biologic material repair solutions to minimize long-term exposure to permanent synthetic materials and improve clinical outcomes. TELA Bio's OviTex® and OviTex PRS Reinforced Tissue Matrix products are purposefully designed to address the shortcomings of existing reinforcement materials in hernia repair, abdominal wall reconstruction, and plastic and reconstructive surgery. For more information, visit www.telabio.com.

Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "may," "might," "will," "should," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "continue," "predict," "forecast," "project," "plan," "intend" or similar expressions, or statements regarding intent, belief, or current expectations are forward-looking statements and reflect the current beliefs of TELA's management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and events to differ materially and adversely from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties are described more fully in the "Risk Factors" section and elsewhere in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov, including in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Any forward-looking statements that we make in this announcement speak only as of the date of this press release, and TELA assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise after the date of this press release, except as required under applicable law.

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