

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
February 17, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Option Agreement between the University of Michigan and Wolverine Energy Solutions Technology, Inc.

Action Requested: Approval of Option Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Technology Transfer while reviewing the technology transfer agreement that then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by this Board and agreed to by the parties involved in this plan.

This proposed option agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Theodore Goodson and Dr. Stephanie Goodson are both employees of the University of Michigan ("University") and partial owners of Wolverine Energy Solutions Technologies, Inc. (the "Company" or "WEST"). The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Background:

Dr. Theodore Goodson, a professor in Chemical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Dr. Stephanie Goodson, an Instructor in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at the Medical School are the partial owners of a for-profit company called Wolverine Energy Solutions Technologies, Inc. The Company was formed recently to commercialize specialty materials for use in power storage capacitors and desires to obtain an option to the University's rights associated with the following technology:

UM OTT File No. 3405, entitled: "Organic Branched and Hyperbranched Systems for High Dielectric and Capacitance Applications," (Theodore Goodson III, Xingzhong Yan)

The Office of Technology Transfer selected the Company as a University partner and negotiated the terms of the proposed Agreement in accordance with University policy and its accepted licensing principles.

Parties to the Agreement:

The Regents of the University of Michigan and WEST.

Agreement Terms Include:

Agreement terms include granting the Company an option to obtain an exclusive license with the right to grant sublicenses. The Company will pay a royalty on sales and reimburse patent costs. The University will retain ownership of the licensed technology and may continue to further develop it and use it internally. No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreement may be amended by consent of the parties, such as adding related technology. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Pecuniary Interest:

The pecuniary interests of Drs. Goodson and Goodson arise from their ownership interests in WEST.

Net Effect:

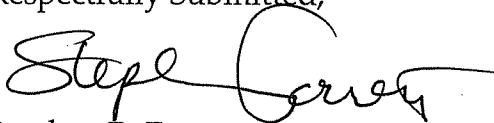
The Office of Technology Transfer has negotiated and finalized the terms of a world-wide exclusive option agreement for patents related to UM OTT File No. 3405 for all fields of use.

WEST will obtain use and commercialization rights to the above listed University technology.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Agreement between the University and WEST.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen R. Forrest
Vice President for Research

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