Regents Communication

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Subject: Regental Action Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements Under the MINTS Program for GreenMark Biomedical Inc.

Background

In December 2011, the Board of Regents approved guidelines for the MINTS (“Michigan Investment in New Technology Startup”) program.

The proposed investment agreements (the “Agreements”) fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because the listed Interested Individual is both an employee of the University and a member of the Board of Directors of the company. 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 Board of Regents.

The parties to the Agreements include the University and the entity listed below. The University will receive an equity interest in the entity in return for its investment(s).

No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreements. Agreements standard for venture capital investing will be executed.

The Investment Office is seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of $5 million in potential investments (through one or more rounds of financing) under MINTS for the following startup:

GreenMark Biomedical Inc., founded in 2016 and headquartered in East Lansing, MI, is a healthcare company focused on minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic agents for dental caries with the goal to assist dentists in early detection and improve oral health outcomes for patients. The technology is based on starch nanoparticles, which target and enter the interior of active dental pre-cavities.

Interested Individual:

Joerg Lahann, Ph.D., Professor
Departments of Chemical Engineering, Material Science and Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, and Macromolecular Science and Engineering

We believe state law requirements have been met with the disclosure of the interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan.

We recommend that the Board of Regents authorize execution of agreements between the University of Michigan and GreenMark Biomedical Inc., as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

February 2019

Approved by the Regents
February 21, 2019