

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

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

Action Requested: Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements for the Accelerate Blue Fund (“A-B Fund”) for Movellus Circuits, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”).

Preamble:

In October 2019, the Board of Regents approved the A-B Fund and its guidelines. The purpose of the A-B Fund is to provide seed capital to nascent University of Michigan (the “University”) startup companies based on underlying technologies from the University’s vast research enterprise to support commercialization efforts in the most impactful way possible.

The proposed investment agreements (the "Agreements") fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because each person listed as Interested Individuals is both an employee of the University and a partial owner of the Company. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents (“Regents”) of the University and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Based on recommendations from the A-B Fund Investment Advisory Board (“IAB”) and A-B Fund Manager, and in accordance with approved operational procedures and protocols, the A-B Fund is seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of \$250,000 in potential investments (through one or more rounds of financing) in the Company. It is understood that, upon approval of this item, A-B Fund will have no obligation to enter into the Agreements or proceed with any investment in the company.

The Company, founded in 2014 and headquartered in San Jose, California, offers analog solutions with the flexibility of complete digital designs. The Company’s mixed-signal semiconductors provide software solutions to optimize system-on-chips (SoCs) resulting in faster time to market, lower power consumption and lower overall cost, enabling clients to improve performance and alleviate non-idealities in designs. The Company was formed to commercialize the technology developed at the University.

Interested Individuals:

David D. Wentzloff, Ph.D. Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science:  
Associate Professor

Pecuniary Interest:

The pecuniary interest of Dr. Wentzloff arises from his membership on the board of directors of the Company.

Parties to the Agreement:

The Regents of University of Michigan and Movellus Circuits, Inc.

Agreement Terms Include:

A-B Fund will execute applicable standard agreements for venture capital investing. The University will receive future equity in the Company, along with the right to purchase more equity.

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. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Recommendations:

We believe state law requirements have been met with the disclosure of the pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisors or designated conflict managers under the Conflict of Interest Policy at the applicable school, college or administrative unit within the University must be analyzed and managed in addition to the foregoing approval process.

I recommend that the Board of Regents authorize execution of agreements between the University of Michigan and Movellus Circuits, Inc. as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,



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