THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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Subject:

Alternative Asset Commitment

<u>Background and Summary</u>: Under a May 1994 Request for Action, the University may commit to a follow-on investment in a new fund sponsored by a previously approved partnership provided the fund has the same investment strategy and core investment personnel as the prior fund.

Pursuant to that policy, this item reports on the University's follow-on investment with a previously approved venture capital partnership listed below.

Sequoia Capital 2010, L.P., a fund sponsored by Sequoia Capital, a venture capital firm headquartered in Menlo Park, CA, will invest in early and growth stage companies located in the U.S. and in China. Sequoia Capital 2010 is a continuation of Sequoia's long- established strategy to invest in early and growth stage technology companies in the U.S. and its more recent strategy to expand its investment portfolio to include early and growth stage technology and consumer companies in China. Sequoia 2010, L.P. is Sequoia's first vintage fund and affords the opportunity for global investing by local teams of professionals who benefit from access to Sequoia's firm resources and proven investment model for founding highly successful companies.

In the U.S., venture investments will be primarily in new technology companies formed in the western part of the country, particularly California's Silicon Valley. The China investments will focus on companies positioned to benefit from China's growing economy and increasing number of consumers and are expected to be in the financial services, consumer services, technology, and healthcare, and internet sectors.

This is the University's ninth investment with Sequoia Capital. The University committed \$15 million to Sequoia Capital 2010, L.P. in March 2010. The University previously committed \$78 million to eight prior Sequoia sponsored funds.

Respectfully-submitted,

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