

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: License Agreement between the University of Michigan and Hosagrahar V. Jagadish

Action Requested: Approval of License 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 UMOR 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 Committee and agreed to by the parties involved in this plan.

This proposed license agreement (“Agreement”) falls under the state of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Hosagrahar V. Jagadish is an employee of the University of Michigan (“University”) and a direct party to an agreement with the University. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents (“Regents”) of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Hosagrahar V. Jagadish, PhD, a Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, desires to personally license from the University of Michigan the University’s rights associated with the following technology:

UM OTT File No. 3020, entitled: “A Natural Language Interface to a Database” (Inventors: Hosagrahar V. Jagadish and Yunyao Li)

The Office of Technology Transfer negotiated the terms of the proposed Agreement in accordance with University policy and its accepted principles related to granting rights back to inventors.

Parties to the Agreement:

The Regents of the University of Michigan and Hosagrahar V. Jagadish.

Agreement Terms Include:

Agreement terms include granting Hosagrahar V. Jagadish an exclusive license with the right to grant sublicenses. Hosagrahar V. Jagadish will pay a royalty on sales, milestone payments, 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 interest of Hosagrahar V. Jagadish would arise from receipt of a license of the technology.

Net Effect:

The Office of Technology Transfer has negotiated and finalized the terms of a worldwide exclusive license agreement for copyrights related to UM OTT File No. 3020 for all fields of use. Hosagrahar V. Jagadish will obtain use and commercialization rights to the above listed University technology.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the UMOR 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 Hosagrahar V. Jagadish.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Jack Hu  
Vice President for Research

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