

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: License Agreement between the University of Michigan and DDM Systems, Inc.

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 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 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 John Halloran is both an employee of the University of Michigan ("University") and a partial owner of DDM Systems. 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. Halloran, a Professor in Materials Science & Engineering, in the College of Engineering, is the partial owner of a for-profit company called DDM Systems (the "Company"). The Company was formed recently to commercialize systems and methods for fabricating three-dimensional objects developed at the University of Michigan and Georgia Tech. Through an inter-institutional agreement with the University of Michigan, Georgia Tech is the lead for entering into license agreements with the Company. The Company wishes to obtain such a license to the following technology:

UM OTT File No. 4099, entitled: "LAMP" (John Halloran, Suman Das)

The University and Georgia Tech 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 Georgia Tech Research Corporation and DDM Systems. The University of Michigan is a joint owner of the technology and will share in any revenues through its separate agreement with Georgia Tech.

Agreement Terms Include:

Agreement terms include granting the Company an exclusive license with the right to grant sublicenses. The Company will pay a royalty on sales and reimburse patent costs. The University may receive equity in the Company, along with the right to purchase more equity. 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 Dr. Halloran arise from his ownership interest in DDM Systems.

Net Effect:

Georgia Tech, in coordination with the Office of Technology Transfer, has negotiated and finalized the terms of a worldwide exclusive license agreement for patents related to UM OTT File No. 4099 for all fields of use.

DDM Systems will obtain use and commercialization rights to the above listed University technology. Pursuant to the Michigan Investment in New Technology Startups program ("MINTS") approved by the Regents on December 15, 2011, the University may invest up to \$1,000,000 per qualifying financing round up to, for purposes of this approval, a total of \$2.5 million in this Company.

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 covering the joint invention described above.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen R. Forrest
Vice President for Research

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