

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents  
September 19, 2013

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and Svaati Scientific, LLC

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form which then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with any conflicts of interest was developed and approved by the Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

The proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Mark Hammig is an employee of the University of Michigan ("University"), and a partial owner of Svaati Scientific, LLC. 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:

Dr. Hammig, an Assistant Research Scientist in Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, is a partial owner of a for-profit company called Svaati Scientific, LLC (the "Company"). The Company wishes to fund a NIH (prime) SBIR Phase I project entitled "Non-Invasive, Real-Time Measurement of Blood Glucose via Microwave Impedance Spectroscopy" (ORSP# 13-PAF04962) in the College of Engineering under the direction of Dr. Hammig. The purpose of this project is to support the Company in developing a non-invasive real time measurement of blood glucose, which would be a highly desirable outcome for patients, which must monitor blood glucose, but would also remove a significant barrier to the development of a highly effective artificial pancreas system to the further benefit of those patients.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately eight (8) months. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$41,542. Since research projects are often amended, these agreements include provisions for changes in time, amount, and scope of each supported project. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

## Impact of the Agreement

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. Hammig to use his expertise and University laboratory, as well as other University resources to evaluate and develop these beneficial technologies further.

## Recommendation:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. In light of the disclosure made in this document and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices. I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Agreement with Svaati Scientific, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Forrest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephen R. Forrest  
Vice President for Research

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