## 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 from the Accelerate Blue

Fund ("A-B Fund") for M3D, Inc., a Michigan Domestic Profit

Corporation (the "Company").

## Background:

In October 2019, the Board of Regents approved the Accelerate Blue Fund ("A-B Fund") and its guidelines.

The proposed investment agreements (the "Agreements") fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because the listed Interested Individuals are employees of the University and have sufficient pecuniary interest in the Agreements as partial owners of the company, and/or undertake a senior company officer or board role. 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 of the Board.

No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement.

If the transaction proceeds, the parties to the Agreements would include the University and the Company, and the University would receive an equity interest or future equity interest in the Company in return for its investment(s). The Agreements would reflect typical venture capital investing documentation.

The A-B Fund is seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of \$2,000,000 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 2023 and headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, offers a variety of radiation gamma cameras for use in healthcare facilities by surgeons, physicians, physicists, and environmental safety personnel. This technology was developed and licensed from the University of Michigan.

## **Interested Individuals:**

Zhong He, Ph.D. – Professor, Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences at the University of Michigan, College of Engineering

We believe state law requirements have been met with the disclosure of the interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan.

We recommend that the Board of Regents authorize execution of agreements between the University of Michigan and M3D, Inc., as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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