

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: License Agreement between the University of Michigan and CSquared Innovations LLC

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 Pravansu Mohanty and Nicholas Moroz are both employees of the University of Michigan ("University") and partial owners of CSquared Innovations LLC. 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. Mohanty, a professor in Mechanical Engineering, and Nicholas Moroz, a Ph.D. student in Mechanical Engineering, are the partial owners of a for-profit company called CSquared Innovations LLC (the "Company"). The Company was formed recently to commercialize an in-situ plasma/laser hybrid process for the direct synthesis of battery electrodes and desires to license from the University of Michigan the University's rights associated with the following technologies:

UM OTT File No. 4306, entitled: "In-Situ Plasma/Laser Hybrid Scheme" (Mohanty, Moroz)

UM OTT File No. 4422, entitled: "Coaxial Laser Assisted Cold Spray Nozzle" (Mohanty)

UM OTT File No. 4462, entitled: "Manufacturing of Li Ion Battery Electrodes by Plasma/Laser Hybrid Technique" (Mohanty, Moroz, Satishkumar Chikkannanavar)

The Office of Technology Transfer 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 Regents of the University of Michigan and CSquared Innovations LLC

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 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 warrantees 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. Mohanty and Mr. Moroz arise from their ownership interest in CSquared Innovations LLC.

Net Effect:

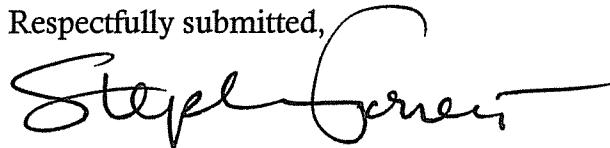
The Office of Technology Transfer has negotiated and finalized the terms of a worldwide exclusive license agreement for patents related to UM OTT File Nos. 4306, 4422, 4462 for all fields of use.

CSquared Innovations LLC will obtain use and commercialization rights to the above listed University technology.

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 between the University and CSquared Innovations LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



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