

May 22-23, 2019

ITEM 183-2005-R0519

Request for approval of University System/Employee Intellectual Property Joint Participation under MUSP 407-Sofie, Montana State University

THAT

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves MSU faculty Dr. Stephen Sofie to have an equity interest in, and to serve on, the Executive Advisory Board of Glacigen Materials, Inc., a Montana company. The Board of Regents of Higher Education further authorizes Montana State University to enter into licensing agreements and contractual arrangements with Glacigen Materials, Inc. for use of University facilities, if needed.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Stephen Sofie is a Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at Montana State University. Dr. Sofie is also the Campus Director for the Materials Science PhD Program. He seeks approval to hold an equity interest in, and to serve on, the Executive Advisory Board of Glacigen Materials, Inc., a Montana Company. Glacigen is a materials science company based in Bozeman which specializes in developing structurally engineered foams which can be used in battery production and optimization.

Dr. Sofie will work in accordance with a Conflicts Management Plan developed by the MSU Office of Research Compliance. Under Policy 407 and MCA 20-25-109, university employees must have board approval to serve as officers, employees, or members of a governing board of a business entity, or to hold an equity interest in a business entity which has an agreement with, or share ownership of intellectual property with, the university, relating to the development, licensing, or commercial exploitation of that intellectual property.

MSU and MUS will benefit from this approval, including in-state economic development, technical advancements, and collaborative research opportunities for the university and its students.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Submission Form