

STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMISSION MEMBER CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission (“Commission”), functioning within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (“TEDCO”) through its Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund Program (“MSCRF”), desires to increase the results of research and development into human stem cells by universities, nonprofit research institutions and companies located in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and TEDCO, with awards of funds from its MSCRF and investments of funds from other technology transfer initiatives, wish to increase the number and enhance the value of technologies arising from the stem cell research that are successfully translated to clinical tools; and

WHEREAS, premature disclosure of information in applications for the award of funds from the MSCRF would harm the attainment of these objectives; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned (the “Commission Member”) as part of official Commission duties will engage in the review of one or more proposals received from universities, nonprofit research institutions and companies (an “Applicant”) applying for funding from the MSCRF (an “Application”).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of service on the Commission:

(1) Commission Member agrees, on Commission Member’s behalf and on behalf of Commission Member’s employees and agents, if any: (a) to keep all the information Commission Member may acquire concerning an Application (“Information”) in strict confidence; (b) not to disclose, divulge or reveal the Information or any part of it to any person; and (c) not to disclose, other than to other Commission Members or TEDCO or its designee, any analysis or conclusions made by Commission Member about any Information contained in any Application.

(2) Commission Member shall not be obligated to maintain in confidence any Information: (a) which was already known to Commission Member; or (b) which is or comes into the public domain through no fault of Commission Member; or (c) which is independently developed by Commission Member; or (d) which comes to Commission Member from a third party who is not in violation of any obligation of confidentiality to an Applicant, the Commission, or TEDCO.

Commission Member:

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____