Approved by the Board of Trustees

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Board Meeting

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APPOINT AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIAISON OFFICE IN NEW DELHI, INDIA

**Action:** Appoint Authorized Representative of the Board of Trustees of the

University of Illinois for the University of Illinois Liaison Office in New Delhi, India

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The University of Illinois intends to apply to the Reserve Bank of India for permission to establish a University of Illinois Liaison Office ("LO") in New Delhi, India, with a branch office in Bangalore. The LO must be established within six months of the approval date. Once established, the LO will have authority to represent the University in India, promote export/import from/to India, promote technical/financial collaborations between the University of Illinois and entities in India and act as a communication channel between the University and Indian entities.

In order to establish the LO, the Board is required to appoint, by resolution, a resident of India to serve as its Authorized Representative in India. The Authorized Representative must have the authority to sign various documents required to be filed with the Indian government and to accept service of process on behalf of the University.

The Office of the Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation, University of Illinois System has arranged for Vivek Madhav Damle, who resides in Mumbai, India, to serve as the Board's Authorized Representative in India. Damle is an alumnus of the University and has assisted the various units of the University of Illinois in the past in making relevant contacts in India and suggesting opportunities to engage with higher education institutions, corporations, and other organizations.

The Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation, University of Illinois System recommends that the Board approve the proposed resolution appointing Vivek Madhav Damle to serve as the Authorized Representative for the Liaison Office in India.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable state and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.

(A biosketch follows.)

VIVEK MADHAV DAMLE

**EDUCATION:**

**Ph.D. NRES/Agribusiness Management:** Unique interdisciplinary program involving doctoral disciplines of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences and Agribusiness Management, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A. 2000

**D.B.M. Diploma in Business Management:** Nagpur University, India 1989

**M.Sc. Agriculture/ Horticulture:** College of Agriculture Nagpur, Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth Akola, India 1988

**B.Sc.Agriculture:** College of Agriculture Nagpur, Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth Akola, India 1984

**EXPERIENCE SUMMARY:**

Vivek Madhav Damle has over 30-plus years of experience in the areas of general management, sales and marketing, industry analysis, high-tech research, and business development. He oversees the Global Operations and Corporate Development activities of SkillNet Solutions Inc. U.S.A., a silicon valley based technology and software consulting company. He is the Chairman & Managing Director of SkillNet Solutions India Private Limited (SSIPL), a Mumbai based software development company and is responsible for the coordination between the India Development Center, EMEA, Asia-Pacific operations, and the U.S. office.

Damle serves as the Chairman of **Savida Agri-Com Private Limited**, a global agri-business consulting firm involved in end-to-end agriculture with a vision of empowering rural citizens and uplifting their standard of living to ensure food and nutritional security. Previously, he has worked in the seed industry and agri–biotech sector starting from Indo American Hybrid Seeds, University of Illinois, and was a consultant to Monsanto Company in the U.S.A. and India.

**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Chairman: Since November 1998

Savida Agri-Com Private Limited, Mumbai: Global Agribusiness Consulting

Chairman and Managing Director: Since January 2001

SkillNet Solutions India Private Limited, Mumbai: Software Development

President: Since 2007 and Chairman Since 2008

Trimiti Technologies Inc., California, U.S.A. and Trimiti Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, India: Technology Holding, Development & Consulting

**PROFESSIONAL/COMMERCIAL MEMBERSHIPS: Past & Present in INDIA:**

Indian Society of Agricultural Information Technology (INSAIT)--Life Member

Interdisciplinary Society for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (ISASaT)--Life Member

Golden Maharashtra Development Council (GMDC)--Governing Board Member Chairman - Food & Agribusiness Committee & Co-Chairman--Technology, Innovation and Education Committee--GMDC

Trans Asian Chamber of Commerce & Industry--Co-Chairman IT Committee

Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC)--Life Member

Environmental Club of India--Life Member

Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry Agribusiness Committee--Member

Indo-Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry--Member Executive Committee