

Minutes of the Venture Capital Committee Meeting

The Venture Capital Committee (the "Committee") of the Illinois Finance Authority (the "IFA"), pursuant to notice duly given, held a special meeting at 10:00 A.M., on March 7, 2005 at the Illinois Finance Authority, located at 2 Prudential Plaza, Suite 2555, 180 North Stetson in Chicago, Illinois.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demetris Giannoulis (arrived 1:00)
Andrew Rice (arrived 1:00)

STAFF PRESENT:

C. Vandenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy Ozark

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary at approximately 10:00 a.m. There being no quorum, the meeting was recessed until 1:00.

The Meeting was re-adjourned at approximately 1:00, with the above mentioned members present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Rice asked if any member had any comments regarding the minutes of the Committee's February minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

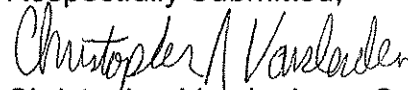
New Business

Mr. Vandenberg presented to the Committee, with a recommendation to invest up to an additional \$50,000, into SmartSignal Corporation – an existing IFA portfolio company. Mr. Vandenberg noted that all of the current investors, with the exception of one, were participating in this round. Furthermore, he stated that this company had over 40 people currently employed and projected 79 employees by 2007. Discussion ensued. The Committee voted to recommend this investment to the IFA Board of Directors at its March 2005 meeting.

Mr. Vandenberg then presented Protez Pharmaceuticals for follow on investment. Discussion ensued. Specifically, Mr. Vandenberg noted that the consensus was that the company is doing very well, but its recent relocation presented an issue about the Authority investing outside of Illinois. Chairman Rice noted that the Authority's investment in AccelChip, which is located outside of Illinois, was in order to protect the Authority's existing investment in a significant down round. The Authority's investment in Protez will not be negatively impacted by not participating in this transaction. The Committee agreed to recommend to the IFA Board they decline investment at its March 2005 meeting.

Chairman Rice asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee or if any member of the public wished to address the Committee. There being no further business and no one seeking to address the Committee, Chairman Rice adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher Vandenberg, Secretary