

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**OON No. 18** 

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY Ms Leanne Castley MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Johnathan Davis MLA

# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by ELIZABETH LEE MLA: To ask the Chief Minister

Ref: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

- 1. What is the total amount of funding, grants or any other Territory expenditure that has been provided to, or related to, Significant Capital Ventures, broken down by financial year?
- 2. Please provide a copy of the agreement and/or contract with Significant Capital Ventures.

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. Total funding provided to Significant Capital Ventures:

Financial Year	Amount
2015-16	\$100,000
2018-19	\$150,000
2019-20	\$150,000
2020-21	\$300,000

2. Our current agreement dated 30 July 2018 (<u>Attachment A</u>) and its Deed of Variation dated 13 November 2020 (<u>Attachment B</u>) are attached.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender Equality

Signature: Andrew San Date: 19.3.22

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA



# **DEED OF GRANT**

**Date** 

**Parties** 

30 14/4 2018

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY** 

SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL VENTURES LIMITED PTY LIMITED ABN 32 607 951 986

Prepared by

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Enterprise Canberra Innovation, Industry and Investment

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PARTIES:

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, the body politic established by section 7 of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 (Cwlth) (Territory) represented by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL VENTURES PTY LIMITED ACN 607 951 986 of CAMPBELL ACT 2612 (Recipient).

#### BACKGROUND

The Territory has agreed to make and the Recipient has agreed to accept the Grant for the purpose of the Funded Activity on the terms and conditions of this Deed.

IT IS AGREED by the parties as follows.

# 1. Interpretation

#### 1.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply in this Deed, unless the context otherwise requires.

**Contact Officer** 

means, in relation to each party, the representatives whose names and contact details are specified in **Item** 5 **Schedule 1**, or as notified in writing from time to time by one party to the other.

**Funded Activity** 

means the activity described in Schedule 2.

Grant

means the amount specified in Item 2 Schedule 1 and any interest accruing on that amount after it has been paid to the Recipient.

**Grant Material** 

means all material created, written or otherwise brought into existence as part of, or for the purpose of carrying out the Funded Activity including all reports (whether in draft or final form), documents, equipment, information and data stored by any means.

**Grant Period** 

means the period specified in Item 1 Schedule 1, and if extended, the initial period and the extended period.

**GST** 

has the same meaning as it has in the GST Act.

GST Act

means the A New Tax System (Goods and Services

Tax) Act 1999 (Cwlth).

#### Invoice

#### means an invoice that:

- (1) if GST is payable in respect of any taxable supply made under this Deed, is a valid tax invoice for the purposes of the GST Act;
- (2) clearly sets out the details of the Funded Activity undertaken or to be undertaken and the amount that is due for payment, is correctly calculated and is in respect of the Funded Activity;
- (3) sets out or is accompanied by any other details or reports required under this Deed; and
- (4) is rendered at the times specified in **Item 2 Schedule 1** (if any) and addressed to the Territory's Contract Officer.

#### **Special Condition**

means any provision set out in Schedule 3.

#### Territory

means:

- (1) when used in a geographical sense, the Australian Capital Territory; and
- (2) when used in any other sense, the body politic established by section 7 of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 (Cwlth).

# 1.2 General

In this Deed, unless a contrary intention is expressed:

- (1) references to "Recipient" includes any employees, agents or subcontractors of the Recipient;
- (2) references to legislation or to provisions in legislation include references to amendments or re-enactments of them and to all regulations and instruments issued under the legislation;
- (3) words importing a gender include the others; words in the singular number include the plural and vice versa; and where a word or phrase is given a particular meaning, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings;
- (4) "include" is not to be construed as a word of limitation;
- (5) headings have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions; and

(6) an obligation imposed by this Deed on more than one person binds them jointly and severally.

# 2. Payment and Use of Grant

#### 2.1 Payment of Grant

The Territory must pay the Recipient the Grant following its receipt of an Invoice and otherwise in accordance with Item 2 Schedule 1.

#### 2.2 Use of Grant

The Recipient must:

- (1) use the Grant only for the Funded Activity;
- (2) undertake the Funded Activity diligently and otherwise in accordance with this Deed; and
- (3) complete the Funded Activity by the end of the Grant Period.

#### 3. Grant Period

This Deed is for the Grant Period unless extended or terminated under the provisions of this Deed.

# 4. Separate accounting for Grant

## 4.1 Separately account for Grant

The Recipient must, within its accounting system, account for the Grant separately from any other funds of the Recipient.

## 4.2 Bank account

If required by the Territory, the Recipient will deposit and hold in a separate bank account the Grant, and must:

- (1) promptly notify the Territory of:
  - (a) the details of that account, and
  - (b) any change to that account.
- (2) not cause or allow any funds other than the Grant to be deposited into that account.

#### 5. GST

If the Recipient is registered under the GST Act, the Territory will, on receipt of an Invoice, pay to the Recipient an amount equal to the GST under the GST Act lawfully payable by the Recipient in respect of supplies to the Territory that are taxable supplies under the GST Act.

#### 6. Records

# 6.1 Obligation to keep records

The Recipient must:

- (1) keep all records necessary to substantiate expenditure of the Grant in compliance with applicable laws;
- (2) provide a complete and detailed record and explanation of:
  - (a) expenditure of the Grant,
  - (b) other money received and spent on the Funded Activity,
  - (c) the progress of the Funded Activity, and
  - (d) any other records in respect of the Funded Activity,

that the Territory may reasonably require from time to time; and

(3) retain the records referred to in this clause for at least 7 years following the completion of the Funded Activity or the expiration or termination of this Deed, whichever occurs first.

#### 6.2 Access

- (1) To audit the Recipient's compliance with this Deed, the Territory may, at reasonable times and on reasonable notice, enter the Recipient's premises and inspect the records kept by the Recipient and the progress of the Funded Activity.
- (2) The Recipient must:
  - (a) give the Territory access to those facilities and such assistance as may reasonably be necessary to enable the Territory to conduct an audit under clause 6.2(1), and
  - (b) permit the Territory, at its own cost, to take copies of any records which it reasonably considers relevant to its audit.

#### 6.3 Territory's Auditor-General

Any of the Territory's rights under this **clause** 6 may be exercised by the Territory's Auditor-General, her delegate or any relevantly qualified person engaged to perform any functions of the Auditor-General.

# 7. Reporting of progress and expenditure

# 7.1 Progress reports

The Recipient must provide written reports to the Territory relating to the progress of the Funded Activity and expenditure of the Grant in the manner and at the times required in **Item 3 Schedule 1**.

#### 7.2 Other notifications

The Recipient must keep the Territory reasonably informed about all matters which are likely to materially and adversely affect the timing, scope or cost of the Funded Activity or the Recipient's ability to carry on or complete the Funded Activity in accordance with this Deed.

# 8. Acknowledgement of Funding

# 8.1 Acknowledgement of Territory support

The Recipient must in relation to the Funded Activity:

- (1) acknowledge the support of the Territory in any public event, media release or media coverage; and
- (2) include an acknowledgement in the form set out in **Item 6 Schedule 1** in all documents, brochures, books, articles, newsletters, other artistic works or literary works or advertising.

#### 8.2 Other obligations

The Recipient must:

- (1) in relation to the material referred to in clause 8.1(2), promptly provide to the Territory:
  - (a) if requested by the Territory, a draft of that material at least 10 days prior to publishing or printing, and
  - (b) a copy of that material; and
- (2) on reasonable notice, invite the Territory to participate in any public event, media release or media coverage related to the Funded Activity.

# 9. Intellectual Property Rights

# 9.1 Ownership of Grant Material

Ownership of all Grant Material, including any intellectual property rights, vests on its creation in the Recipient.

# 10. Insurance and Indemnity

#### 10.1 Recipient's insurance

The Recipient must effect and maintain for the Grant Period:

- (1) all insurance coverage required by it by law;
- (2) public liability insurance with coverage in the amount of not less than the amount specified in **Item 4(1) Schedule 1** in respect of each claim, including voluntary workers insurance cover if volunteers are engaged by the Recipient; and
- (3) any other insurance specified in Item 4(2) Schedule 1,

with an insurer having a Standard and Poor's or Best's Rating A- or better and must produce evidence of that insurance as required by the Territory.

# 10.2 Indemnity

The Recipient indemnifies the Territory, its employees and agents against liability in respect of all claims, costs and expenses in relation to all loss, damage, injury or death to persons or property caused by the Recipient, its employees, agents or contractors in connection with the use of the Grant or the conduct of the Funded Activity except to the extent that the Territory caused the relevant loss, damage or injury.

## 11. Termination of Grant

# 11.1 Breach

The Territory may terminate this Deed at any time by written notice to the Recipient, if the Recipient:

- (1) is or becomes bankrupt or insolvent, enters into voluntary administration or makes any arrangement with its creditors or takes advantage of any statute for the relief of insolvent debtors;
- (2) fails to:
  - (a) commence the Funded Activity in a timely manner,
  - (b) undertake the Funded Activity diligently, or

- (c) meet any timeframes specified in this Deed; or
- (3) commits any other breach of a provision of this Deed, where that breach:
  - (a) if capable of being remedied, is not remedied within the period specified in a written notice by the Territory, or
  - (b) is not capable of being remedied.

#### 11.2 Termination or reduction of funding for any reason

The Territory may, at any time by written notice to the Recipient, terminate this Deed or reduce the funding for the Funded Activity for any reason, and in that event the Recipient must:

- (1) in the event of termination, comply with the notice and clause 12; or
- (2) in the event of a reduction in funding, continue to undertake the Funded Activity in accordance with the notice.

# 11.3 No prejudice

Nothing in this clause 11 prejudices any other rights or remedies of the Territory in respect of any breach of this Deed.

#### 12. Refund of Grant

# 12.1 Repayment of unacquitted funds

At the end of the Grant Period, or earlier termination of this Deed, the Recipient must:

- (1) unless otherwise required under this Deed, within 30 days, provide the Territory with a statement of expenditure of the whole of the Grant; and
- (2) promptly repay any or all of the Grant that remains unacquitted.

#### 12.2 Meaning of unacquitted funds

For the purposes of clause 12.1, the Grant remains unacquitted if it:

- (1) is not spent and is not contractually committed to be spent; or
- (2) has been spent in breach of this Deed.

# 13. Dispute Resolution

#### 13.1 Negotiation and Mediation of Dispute

(1) If a difference or dispute (**Dispute**) arises in relation to this Deed, then

either party may give written notice to the other that a Dispute exists, which specifies details of the Dispute, and the parties agree that they will endeavour to resolve the Dispute by negotiations, or, if the Dispute has not been resolved within 28 days of the issue of the notice, undertake a mediation process.

(2) If a mediation process is undertaken in accordance with **clause 13.1(1)** the mediator will be an independent mediator agreed by the parties or, failing agreement, nominated by the chairperson of The Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia, ACT Chapter. Unless otherwise agreed, the parties will equally share the costs of the engagement of the mediator.

# 13.2 No prejudice

Nothing in this **clause 13** will prejudice the rights of either party to institute proceedings to enforce the Deed or to seek injunctive or urgent declaratory relief in respect of any Dispute.

# 14. Variation

## 14.1 Variation to Funded Activity

The Recipient must obtain the Territory's prior written approval for any variation to the Funded Activity, including:

- (1) the Funded Activity or work programs;
- (2) the Funded Activity's objectives or outcomes;
- (3) variation of more than 10% in expenditure for a specified item of the approved budget that forms part of the Recipient's application for a grant for the Funded Activity; and
- (4) the Grant Period.

#### 14.2 Variation to Deed

This Deed may only be varied by the written agreement of the parties prior to the expiration of the Grant Period.

#### 15. General

# 15.1 No assignment

The Recipient must not assign the whole or any part of this Deed without the prior written consent of the Territory. If the Territory gives its consent, the Territory may impose any conditions.

#### 15.2 Conflict of interest

The Recipient warrants that at the start of the Grant Period no conflict of interest exists or is likely to arise in the performance of the Funded Activity and of its other obligations under this Deed and must, if a conflict or risk of conflict of interest arises during the Grant Period, notify the Territory immediately in writing and comply with any requirement of the Territory to eliminate or otherwise deal with that conflict or risk.

## 15.3 No employment, partnership or agency relationship

Nothing in this Deed constitutes the Recipient, or its employees, agents or subcontractors as employees, partners or agents of the Territory or creates any employment, partnership or agency for any purpose and the Recipient must not represent itself, and must ensure its employees, agents and subcontractors do not represent themselves, as being employees, partners or agents of the Territory.

# 15.4 Entire Agreement

This Deed comprises the entire agreement between the parties in relation to the Grant and the Funded Activity and supersedes any prior representations, negotiations, writings, memoranda and agreements.

#### 15.5 Severability

Any provision of this Deed that is illegal, void or unenforceable will not form part of this Deed to the extent of that illegality, voidness or unenforceability. The remaining provisions of this Deed will not be invalidated by an illegal, void or unenforceable provision.

#### 15.6 No waiver

Failure or omission by the Territory at any time to enforce or require strict or timely compliance with any provision of this Deed will not affect or impair that provision in any way or the rights and remedies that the Territory may have in respect of that provision.

#### 15.7 Compliance with laws and governing law

- (1) The Recipient must comply with the laws from time to time in force in the Territory in performing the Funded Activity.
- (2) This Deed is governed by and construed in accordance with the law for the time being in force in the Territory and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Territory.

# 15.8 Notices

Any notice, including any other communication, required to be given or sent to either party under this Deed must be in writing and given to the relevant Contact Officer. A notice will be deemed to have been given:

- (1) if delivered by hand, on delivery;
- (2) if sent by prepaid mail, on the expiration of two days after the date on which it was sent;
- (3) if sent by facsimile, on the sender's facsimile machine recording that the facsimile has been successfully and properly transmitted to the recipient's address; or
- (4) if sent by electronic mail, on the other party's acknowledgment of receipt by any means.

#### 15.9 Forms and statements

The Territory may reasonably require any form, record or statement required under this Deed to be in a particular form.

# 15.10 Special Conditions

In the event of any inconsistency between any Special Condition and any other provision of this Deed then, to the extent of any inconsistency, the Special Condition will prevail.

#### 15.11 Survival of clauses

Clauses 6, 7.1, 10.2 and 12 will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Deed.

# **SCHEDULE 1**

# **GRANT DETAILS**

Item 1. Grant Period

See clauses 1.1 and 3

Item 2. Grant

See clauses 1.1 and 2.1

From the date of this Deed until 30 June 2021

(1) Grant:

\$450,000 GST Exclusive

(2) The Grant is payable by instalments. Invoices may only be rendered in accordance with the following.

Amount	When Invoice may be rendered
\$150,000	the instalments will be linked to
	the completion of milestones
	listed in Schedule 2, Item 2.
	The Invoice should be made out
	to:
ı	Chief Minister, Treasury and
	Economic Development
	Directorate
	Economic Development
	Innovation, Industry and
	Investment
	Attention: Lena Desyatnykova

- (3) Except if otherwise stated in this Deed, the Grant is:
  - (a) Payable within 30 days of receipt by the Territory of an Invoice;
  - (b) Inclusive of GST and all other taxes, duties and charges; and
- Item 3. Reporting and Acquittal
  See clause 7.1
- Item 4. Other insurance requirements

See clause 10.1

- (1) The recipient is required to submit reports in accordance with Item 3 Schedule 2.
- (1) Public Liability Insurance: Not used
- (2) Other Insurance: Not used

# Item 5. Contact Officers

See clauses 1.1 and 15.8

For the Territory:

Brent Chick Manager Innovation, Industry and Investment Canberra Nara Centre 1 Constitution Avenue Canberra ACT 2601

Email: brent.chick@act.gov.au

Phone: 02 6207 7215

# For the Recipient:

Michele Troni Director Significant Capital Ventures Pty Limited Email: michele.tronl@hindmarsh.com.au Phone: 02 6129 1591

# Item 6. Form of Acknowledgement

See clause 8.1

This statement should be included in all material: "With assistance from the ACT Government". The ACT Government logo, in accordance with any Territory policy governing its use, should also be displayed on any promotional material that relates to the Funded Activity.

# **SCHEDULE 2**

# THE FUNDED ACTIVITY

#### Item 1. Activities

Funding will support costs related to the administration and management of Significant Capital Ventures Pty Limited's Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership.

# **Item 2: Payment Schedule**

The Recipient may invoice in accordance with the following Schedule.

Date	Prerequisite event	Amount
On execution of	Payment on signing of Deed of	\$150,000
this Deed of Grant	Grant	
15 July 2019	Submission of progress report	\$150,000
	for the period 1 July 2018 to	
	30 June 2019	
15 July 2020	Submission of progress report	\$150,000
	for the period 1 July 2019 to	
	30 June 2020	
15 July 2021	Submission of final progress	\$0
	report for the period 1 July 2020	
	to 30 June 2021	

# Item 3: Reporting and Acquittal

#### **Progress Reports**

The Recipient must provide Progress Reports by the date specified in Item 2 of Schedule 2.

The Recipient must include in the report:

- A statement of financial performance; and
- Information on investments made, book value and main business location of investee company.

# **SCHEDULE 3**

# **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

See clauses 1.1 and 15.10

Not used

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		Print name and position  Affix common seal if required under constitution
Note:		
Date:	Must be dated on the date the last pa exchanged, the date of exchange. Al	arty signs the Deed or, if signed counterparts of the Deed are so date the cover page.
Individual;	Must be signed by the individual Rec	ipient and witnessed.
Incorporated Association:	Must be signed in accordance with the Recipient's constitution, which may or may not require the common seal to be affixed. As a minimum, 2 authorised officers must sign.	
Company;	Must be signed in accordance with example, by 2 directors or a director under the Recipient's constitution.	h section 127 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cwlth), for r and a secretary. Common seal may be affixed if required



# **DEED OF VARIATION**

**Dated** 

13 NOVEMBER 2020

**Parties** 

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY** 

SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL VENTURES ABN 32 607 951 986

VARIATION OF THE DEED OF GRANT TO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT COSTS OF SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL VENTURES PTY LTD

Prepared by

CHIEF MINISTER TREASURY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANBERRA NARA CENTRE 1 CONSTITUTION AVENUE CANBERRA CITY Ref: CM2020/4419

Version

Final 10 November 2020

#### PARTIES:

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**, the body politic established by section 7 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth) (**Territory**) represented by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL VENTURES PTY LIMITED ACN 607 951 986 of CAMPBELL ACT 2612 (Recipient).

#### BACKGROUND

- A. The Territory and the Recipient executed a Deed of Grant on 30 July 2018 in relation to supporting the administration and management costs of Significant Capital Ventures Pty Limited's Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership.
- B. Clause 14.2 provides for variations to the Deed of Grant to be made only by the written agreement of the parties.
- C. The parties have agreed to vary the Deed of Grant in accordance with the terms of this Deed.

**IT IS AGREED** by the parties as follows.

# 1. Interpretation and Governing Law

- (1) Unless the context requires or it is otherwise specified in this Deed, any words used in this Deed that are defined in the Deed of Grant have the same meaning for the purpose of this Deed.
- (2) This Deed is governed by and construed in accordance with the law for the time being in force in the Territory and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Territory.

# 2. Effective Date

The variations to the Deed of Grant described in this Deed take effect on the date of this Deed.

# 3. Variation

(1) **Item 1 Schedule 1** is deleted and replaced with the following.

Item 1. Grant Period
See clauses 1.1 and 3

From the 30 July 2018 until 30 July 2021

(2) **Item 2 Schedule 1** is deleted and replaced with the following.

## Item 2. Grant

See clauses 1.1 and 2.1

(1) Grant: \$600,000 GST Exclusive

(2) The Grant is payable by instalments. Invoices may only be rendered in accordance with the following.

Amount (GST Exclusive)	When Invoice may be rendered
\$150,000	the instalments will be linked to
and the second s	the completion of milestones
	listed in Schedule 2, Item 2.
	The Invoice should be made out
-	to:
	Chief Minister, Treasury and
	Economic Development
	Directorate
	Economic Development
_	Innovation, Industry and
2	Investment
	Attention: Glen Hassett

- (3) Except if otherwise stated in this Deed, the Grant is:
  - (a) Payable within 30 days of receipt by the Territory of an Invoice;
  - (b) Inclusive of GST and all other taxes, duties and charges; and
- (3) **Item 2 Schedule 2** is deleted and replaced with the following.

# Item 2: Payment Schedule

The Recipient may invoice in accordance with the following Schedule.

Date	Prerequisite event	Amount
30 July 2018	Payment on signing of Deed of Grant	\$150,000
15 July 2019	Submission of progress report for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	\$150,000

15 July 2020	Submission of progress report for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020	\$150,000
On execution of this Deed of Variation	Payment on signing of Deed of Variation	\$150,000
15 July 2021	Submission of final progress report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	\$0

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So?	986 in the presence of:	)	Signature of director/ authorised officer/ individual* *DELETE whichever is not applicable (see note below)  JOHN KINLOCH HINDMARSH DIRECTOR  Print name
MICHELE VLA COMPANY SEC Print name	DIMIRO TRONI CRETARY		Signature of second authorised officer* *only use if Incorporated Association (see note below)
			Print name  Affix common seal if required under constitution
Note:			
Date:			ns the Deed or, if signed counterparts of the Deed are
Company:	exchanged, the date of exchange. Also date the cover page.  Must be signed in accordance with section 127 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth), for example, by 2 directors or a director and a secretary. Common seal may be affixed if required under the Contractor's constitution.		
Individual:	Must be signed by the individual Contractor and witnessed.		
Incorporated Association:	Must be signed in accordance with the Contractor's constitution, which may or may not require the common seal to be affixed. As a minimum, 2 authorised officers must sign.		