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Dear Mr Haller,

Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Information

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 15 October 2009 timed 15:06 hours, requesting the following information:

“...the IP Group has invested £450,000 in ReactivLab Ltd for a 33.2% stake. How much of a share does the University have in this company?”

What is the status of the other two companies named (XanIC Limited, and Wireless bioDevices Limited), what is the level of investment from IP Group, what % stake does this equate to, and are all of these companies still trading?

However, given that Reactiv Labs was formed in Aug 2007 and there does not appear to have been any further activity since then, is it reasonable to assume that this partnership has been terminated due to lack of interest/funds by the IP Group? How much have IP group actually invested out of the initial £5m indicated in the announcement four years ago?

Has the University agreed to similar partnerships with any other external party? I believe that both Edinburgh and Strathclyde have agreements with a technology and investment management company called Braveheart (Edinburgh having a £25m fund formed in 2007 over eight years; Strathclyde having a £12m fund formed 2007, £4.5m committed as of 2008). Did Braveheart ever approach University of Glasgow?”

University's Response

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<u>Company</u>	<u>IPG Investment</u>	<u>IPG Equity %</u>	<u>GU Equity %</u>
Mode Diagnostics (formerly Wireless bioDevices Ltd)	£400k	42.6%	19.4%
Reactivlab Ltd	£450k	40.3%	20.2%
XanIC Ltd (now being wound-up)	£140k	18%	30.5%
Total	£990k		

(Please note, as at 9 November 2009, the IP Group has a 33.72% shareholding in Reactivlab. In addition, IP2IPO Nominees Ltd which is associated to the IP Group has a 6.53% shareholding in Reactivlab. Therefore, between both holdings IP Group has 40.3% of the shares in Reactivlab.)

Current Status of IP Group Companies

Wireless BioDevices Ltd (now named Mode Diagnostics Ltd). This company continues to operate fully and is currently developing its product. The company has changed its name to reflect a re-focus of the direction of the business and the markets it aims to address.

Reactivlab Ltd. This company continues to operate fully and is currently developing its product offering as well as providing services.

XanIC Ltd. The company was aimed at commercialising a high-risk technology. Unfortunately the technology did not translate from the academic laboratory due to a series of technical problems. In the circumstances it was decided that the company should cease trading and the technology return to the University for further development. Xanic Ltd ceased to trade on 30 April 2009. It is in the process of being voluntarily wound-up. All creditors have been paid in full.

However, given that Reactiv Labs was formed in Aug 2007 and there does not appear to have been any further activity since then, is it reasonable to assume that this partnership has been terminated due to lack of interest/funds by the IP Group?

Please see the answer to the previous question for details of Reactivelab Ltd's current activity. The IP Group partnership is with the University rather than Reactivlab Ltd. This partnership remains very active. Currently there are venture propositions being matured and it is hoped that these will lead to spin-out companies in due course.

How much have IP group actually invested out of the initial £5m indicated in the announcement four years ago?

The IP Group have invested £990,000 as indicated in the table above.

Has the University agreed to similar partnerships with any other external party?

Currently the University does not have any other partnerships that are similar to the one entered into with the IP Group plc.

Did Braveheart ever approach the University of Glasgow?"

The University had a partnership agreement with Braveheart Ventures in June 2005 in relation to the commercialisation of technology funded under the Scottish Enterprise Proof of Concept Scheme. Braveheart Ventures terminated the agreement in late 2006 with no investments made.

In 2006 the University received a proposal from Braveheart, however, after internal consideration it was decided not to progress this further.

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Yours sincerely,

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