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To whom it may concern:

I, Professor Max Gunzbunger of Florida State University, while serving as a faculty member at Iowa State University, was the principal investigator of the research project "Controlling transport phenomena in the Czochralski crystal growth process" which was funded over the years 1995 to 2001 by grant number F49620-95-1-407 issued by United States Air Force Office of Scientific Research with a funding total of US\$5,000,000. Professor James C. Turner who at that time was at the Arizona State University served as a co-principal investigator. Professor Hui Zhang of the State University of New York at Stony Brook served as a consultant on the project.

Dr. Ersin Ozugurlu served as a Postdoctoral Associate whose research was funded by this grant with Professor Turner and me serving as his mentors. Dr. Ozugurlu started work on this project in March 1999 and successfully completed his work in July 2001. The compensation received by Dr. Ozugurlu was US\$73,500.

Sincerely,