

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to Lignin Ventures, LLC of Austin, Texas, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 9,540,244, "METHODS FOR SYNTHESIZING GRAPHENE FROM A LIGNIN SOURCE," issued on January 10, 2017, and U.S. Patent No. 10,669,155, "METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING GRAPHENE FROM ENCAPSULATED PARTICLES," issued on June 2, 2020.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 5th, 2022.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in these inventions are assigned or licensed to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as Lignin Ventures, LLC of Austin, Texas has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published Notice, the Forest

Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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