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 TAF Composites USA LLC, c/o Delaware Corporate Services Inc.,

Wilmington, Delaware, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application No. 15/896,265,

"LIGNIN-BASED CARBON FOAMS AND COMPOSITES AND RELATED METHODS,"

filed on February 14, 2018, and U.S. Patent Application No. 16/391,424, "SELF-EXPANDING

LIGNOFOAM COMPOSITIONS AND LIGNOFOAMS MADE THEREFROM," filed on April

23, 2019, and all related foreign patent applications.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 16, 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as TAF Composites USA LLC, c/o Delaware Corporate Services Inc., Newcastle, Delaware 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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