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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 10:27 AM  
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(wwinters@iastate.edu); dacker@iastate.edu; Craig A. Lang (craiglangbor@ifbf.org)  
**Subject:** Statement on Rastetter Recusal

FYI- In our continuous efforts to be open and transparent, below is a copy of a statement we have provided in response to a media inquiry asking Bruce Rastetter to discuss his involvement in the Agrisol project in Tanzania. Please feel free to distribute as appropriate, and contact me if you have any questions.

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After careful review, we have concluded it would not be appropriate for Mr. Rastetter to participate in an interview regarding the AgriSol project in Tanzania.

Mr. Rastetter serves as both a member of the Iowa Board of Regents and an investor in the AgriSol Tanzania project, a potential conflict he identified shortly after he officially became a member of the Board of Regents. Upon further review, and consistent with his prior disclosure, he has decided to recuse himself from any involvement in discussions, decisions or other actions involving ISU and their involvement in AgriSol Energy's Tanzanian project.

As such, we believe participating in an interview regarding that project, or ISU's role in that project could, in itself, violate his recusal or create confusion about which entity Mr. Rastetter is representing. Therefore, we regretfully must cancel the scheduled interview.

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June 16, 2011

The Honorable Charles Isenhart  
State Capitol  
Des Moines IA 50319

Re: Tanzanian Ag Project

Dear Representative Isenhart:

Iowa State University provided the following information in response to your request on ISU's involvement in the project outlined in the referenced Des Moines Register article and sources of funding and any contracts or MOUs in place to specify the outcomes to be achieved and the University's role:

Iowa State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences was invited by AgriSol Energy Tanzania, Ltd., to provide planning assistance in developing a new model for a socially and environmentally responsible agricultural development project in western Tanzania. The request was made based on the success of an ISU program in rural Uganda on improving food security and livelihoods of farmers and families. David Acker, Associate Dean for Academic and Global Programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, has served as the point person for the AgriSol project due to his past experience and background in Tanzania and his responsibilities in organizing international activities for students. So far, three ISU students have been involved in the project planning process. In Uganda, a key feature of ISU's work has been student participation in service learning projects. Replicating that kind of student activity in Tanzania would be a high priority for ISU. If the project moves forward into the implementation stage, AgriSol and ISU would discuss how the University may assist in designing an extension/outreach program that serves limited-resource farmers and their families in food security, natural resource development, borehole (well) development, education of children and nutrition. During this planning phase, Iowa State University has not signed or executed any contract or MOU. AgriSol has reimbursed the University for travel expenses incurred during planning visits to Tanzania.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Robert Donley

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**Friedrich, Jean [BOARD]**

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**From:** McCarthy, Ann M [GOV R]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2011 11:26 AM  
**To:** Friedrich, Jean [BOARD]  
**Subject:** FW: Iowan Rastetter leads Tanzanian ag project

Jean,

Please have the portion of this request dealing with the DM Register story sent up to ISU for a response.

The local foods meeting request I can handle with ISU Extension people.

Many thanks,

Ann

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Isenhart, Charles [LEGIS] [<mailto:Charles.Isenhart@legis.state.ia.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** McCarthy, Ann M [GOV R]  
**Cc:** Seng, Joe [LEGIS]  
**Subject:** Re: Iowan Rastetter leads Tanzanian ag project

Ann, I would like to have more information on ISU's involvement in the project outlined in this DM Register article -- sources of funding and any contracts or MOUs in place to specify the outcomes to be achieved and the university's role:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110614/BUSINESS01/106140371/Iowan-Rastetter-leads-Tanzanian-ag-project?Business>

Also, Senator Seng and I would like to meet with the folks in ISU Extension who would be stepping up to the plate to move the local farm and food initiative forward under the language we have included in the omnibus budget bill.

I expect that we will be available to do that in Des Moines some time in the next two weeks.

Thank you.

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I am a shareholder in Agrisol Holdings, which is working with the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University on a Tanzania Ag Project. Previous to becoming a regent, Agrisol

Provided a scholarship commitment and travel expense reimbursement for travel to TZ.

I additionally have 3 gifts to Iowa State University and the University of Iowa.

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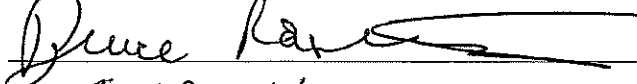
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I certify that I have read and understand the Board's policy expressed in Board of Regents Policy Manual §4.40, and that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Bruce Rastetter

Signature: 

Date: 6-17-11