

## RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

The Polymer Industry Cluster, as an initiative of the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce (“GAC”) has requested project descriptions (“Proposals”) to review for inclusion in its Innovation Pipeline program, which aims to support innovators in the polymer industry through funding, networking, and other means of support (“Innovation Pipeline”). In collaboration with the Polymer Industry Cluster, Bounce Innovation Hub administers the Synthe6 Materials Accelerator, which is a component of the Innovation Pipeline.

The undersigned person or entity (“Submitter”) has submitted or desires to submit a Proposal for consideration. In consideration for the Greater Akron’s Chamber’s consideration of the Proposal, the Submitter agrees to the terms of this Release and Authorization Agreement (“Agreement”).

1. **Conditions.** Submitter acknowledges that acceptance of this Agreement is required for consideration and review of a Proposal for the Innovation Pipeline program.
2. **No Confidentiality.** Submitter agrees that the Proposal does not include any confidential information or trade secrets. The GAC has no obligation to keep the Proposal, the fact of submission, or the information in or related to the Proposal secret or confidential. Submitter further acknowledges the Proposal may be accessed by or shared with directors, officers, employees, agents, members, affiliates of the GAC, the Bounce Innovation Hub, any proposal reviewers, the people who make funding and fund allocation decisions and potential funding partners (collectively the “Program Participants”).
3. **Release and Waiver.** Submitter hereby releases the GAC and the Program Participants from and waives any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and causes of action in connection with or arising out of this Agreement or the submission or review of a Proposal or participation (or lack of thereof) in the Innovation Pipeline.
4. **Non-Obligation and Funding Decisions.** All decisions regarding acceptance into the Innovation Pipeline, continued membership in the Innovation Pipeline, whether to fund Submitter, and funding amounts are final, not subject to challenge or appeal, and are at the sole discretion of the GAC and/or the Program Participants. Submitter acknowledges that any funding offered by or through the GAC shall be subject to a separate written agreement.
5. **Publicity.** Submitter agrees the GAC may use and publish (digitally or otherwise) Submitter’s name for the limited purpose of identifying Submitter as a participant in the Innovation Pipeline.
6. **Use of Proposal.** The GAC will not publish or otherwise publicly disclose the Proposal without Submitter’s prior approval.
7. **Representations.** Submitter hereby represents and warrants to the GAC that: (i) Submitter has the right to submit the Proposal subject to the terms of this Agreement; and (ii) Submitter has not entered into any agreement that would conflict with Submitter’s obligations under this Agreement or that would prohibit the GAC from exercising any of its rights under this Agreement.
8. **Miscellaneous.** The terms of this Agreement are complete, supersede any prior or contemporaneous agreement, and may not be amended except by a signed written agreement. The GAC may assign its rights under this Agreement to an affiliate or successor of the GAC. If any provision is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted, and rest of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect. The parties are independent contractors; neither party is an agent of the other party. The parties shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and court and governmental orders in their performance of this Agreement. This Agreement is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Ohio.

Agreed and acknowledged as of the date set forth below:

[Submitter]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_