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Development and Processing of Dielectric Films for Application in Large Wound Capacitors PolymerPlus LLC

## WHO

## SYSCOM: ONR

Sponsoring Program: ONR Code 33 - Sea Warfare and Weapons
Transition Target: Railguns

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Other transition opportunities: Pulsed Power Capacitors
Electric Ships


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## WHAT

Operational Need and Improvement: Develop and process a dielectric film that: has increased energy storage density relative to very thin Biaxially-Oriented PolyPropylene (BOPP); has low dielectric and leakage losses in a wound capacitor; exhibits graceful failure; and retains performance to $125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or higher.
Specifications Required: 10 joule capacitors with a 1 kHz discharge time, graceful failure, desired temperature performance, and a wound capacitor energy density above $2 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{cc}$
Technology Developed: Multilayer film technology with operational temperature of $160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and density of $9 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{cc}$ at film level was demonstrated. $40 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor prototypes were fabricated and tested at temperatures up to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
Warfighter Value: Dielectric multilayered films technology enables up to a $1 / 2$ reduction in capacitor volume by replacing BOPP or Mylar while extending usage temperatures to $160{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and maintaining similar product price levels.

## HOW

Projected Business Model: PolymerPlus technology can begin low rate film production on its pilot scale film production line. Currently positioned to fabricate 3000 to 5000 sq . ft samples, PolymerPlus has also identified partners for scaling up film production. It has also identified production equipments necessary for film production scale-up in-house within 6 to 12 months. We will work with commercial capacitor manufacturers to develop capacitor prototypes that meet Navy needs.
Company Objectives: The objective of the company is to become a major multilayer dielectric film manufacturer and work with partners to develop metallized films and capacitors.
Potential Commercial Applications: * DC, Pulsed, high frequency AC applications - Examples: DOD railguns, electric ships

* Vehicles and Electric Vehicles - Examples: DC link, IGBT, power electronics, DC link capacitors for hybrid electric vehicles and inverters for grid-connected photovoltaics.
* Pulsed power market - Examples: power drilling technology for the oil and gas industry and deep enhanced geothermal power
* IGBT Power Electronics - Examples: Inverters, Electric vehicles, trains, variable speed refrigerators, lamp ballasts, air-conditioners, alternative Energy power management systems, power supplies, motor controllers
* Power Factor Correction - Examples: single and three phase power factor correction capacitors
* Medical Applications -Examples: External defibrillators, ICDs

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