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Topic # N121-095 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 Power Conditioning



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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 °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 J/cc

**Technology Developed:** Multilayer film technology with operational temperature of 160 °C and density of 9 J/cc at film level was demonstrated. 40  $\mu$ F capacitor prototypes were fabricated and tested at temperatures up to 150 °C.

**Warfighter Value:** Dielectric multilayered films technology enables up to a ½ reduction in capacitor volume by replacing BOPP or Mylar while extending usage temperatures to 160 °C and maintaining similar product price levels.

#### WHEN

Contract Number: N00014-14-C-0096 Ending on: September 30, 2015

| Milestone                                    | Risk<br>Level | Measure of<br>Success      | Ending<br>TRL | Date          |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Multilayer film production                   | Low           |                            | TRL 5         | November 2012 |
| Material Catalog Development                 | High          |                            | TRL 4         | January 2014  |
| Film production scale-up                     | Med           | 3000 sq. ft. film<br>rolls | TRL 5         | December 2014 |
| Film metallization and prototype fabrication | Med           | 40 μF<br>prototypes        | TRL 6         | June 2015     |

### 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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