

September 30, 2005

Maurice R. Ferre, M.D.
President and CEO
MAKO Surgical Corporation
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RE: INQUIRY 05-162

Dear Dr. Ferre:

You requested an opinion regarding your ability to serve as a member of the Public Health Trust. I am rendering this opinion based on the facts contained in your request.

You have recently applied for a position on the Public Health Trust. In your letter, you stated that you are the President and CEO of MAKO Surgical Corp., a medical device company in Broward County. The company is developing robotically assisted implants in the field of orthopedics. MAKO is not currently doing any business with Jackson Memorial Hospital.

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits you to serve as a member of the Public Health Trust. The Conflict of Interest ordinance does not prohibit principals of medical companies from serving on the trust as long as they do not take any action where their financial interests are involved or disclose confidential information acquired as a result of their service in the Trust. Therefore, you may serve as a member of the Public Health Trust.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any

conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding possible conflicts under state law.

If you have any questions regarding the opinion, please call the undersigned at (305) 579-2954.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Meyers".

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director

Signed by: *RL*

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Maurice Ferre [mferre@makosurgical.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2005 11:50 AM
To: 'Meyers, Robert (COE)'
Subject: RE: JHT
Attachments: MAKO Series B Press Release - FINAL.doc

Dear Mr. Meyers

As discussed yesterday, I currently do not have any financial or contractual obligations or ties to Jackson Memorial Hospital or the any of the members in the Trust.

As disclosed in my application, I am the President and CEO of a medical device company in Hollywood , Florida (Broward County) called Mako Surgical Corp. Mako Surgical is venture backed private medical device company that is developing robotically assisted implants in the field of orthopedics. The company does not have any ties with Jackson Memorial Hospital. The website for our company is www.makosurgical.com . I have enclosed a recent press release on the company for your review.

If you have any questions lease feel to call

Regards

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE) [mailto:RMEYERS@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2005 5:25 PM
To: Maurice Ferre
Subject: RE: JHT

Dr. Ferre,

I am in by office today until 6:30 p.m. or you can call me tomorrow afternoon in the office as well. My office number is (305) 350-0613. Also, you can reach me on my cell phone at (305) 986-5955.

9/28/2005

Thank you,

Robert Meyers

From: Maurice Ferre [mailto:mferre@makosurgical.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2005 5:08 PM
To: rmeyers@miamidade.gov
Subject: JHT

Dear Mr. Myers

When would be a good time talk regarding the JHT.
Thanks

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Mr. Ferre,

Please contact Mr. Robert Meyers, Commissioner of Ethics, regarding a request to advise if your serving as a member on the Board of Public Health Trust will be a conflict of interest. You can reach Mr. Meyers at 305-350-0613 (office), 305-986-5955 (cell) or via e-mail at rmeyers@miamidade.gov

In addition, I would like to confirm an interview appointment with the Public Health Trust (PHT) Nominating Council regarding your interest in serving as a member of the PHT Board of Trustees. Please advise if you will be available this **Monday, October 3rd at 2:40 pm**, 2nd floor BCC Main Conference Room, Govt' Ctr, 111 NW 1st Street

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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