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Office of the President
May 4, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

SECAT, INC. GIFT TO REPLACE UNFULFILLED PLEDGES
TO UK CENTER FOR ALUMINUM TECHNOLOGY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$370,000 from Secat, Inc., of Lexington, Kentucky, to replace unpaid pledges made in 1999 to the Center for Aluminum Technology Endowment Fund to support the UK Center for Aluminum Technology in the College of Engineering.

In accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that it has primary responsibility for the implementation of the Endowment Match Program and is responsible for providing oversight of all endowment funds.

Background: Secat, Inc., located at UK's Coldstream Research Park, was established in 1999 to focus and coordinate the research efforts of the aluminum industry, the UK Center for Aluminum Technology, and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Laboratories. Secat has become a generous supporter of the UK College of Engineering.

In June, 1999 the Board of Trustees accepted pledges totaling \$1,450,000 from 12 aluminum companies and related organizations to create and endow a fund to establish a center for aluminum technology. The \$1,450,000 was matched by the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF). The guidelines for RCTF require pledges to be paid within five years of the pledge date. Four of the companies making pledges toward the \$1,450,000 have been unable to fulfill their commitments, leaving \$370,000 in outstanding pledges. Secat's gift replaces the unpaid pledges.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____