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**BOBBY McCOOL**

May 31, 2019

Mr. S.F. Piccolo, CEO  
CEO ELIXSYS Inc.  
958 Millbrook Avenue SW, Suite 7  
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Re: Support of the proposal entitled ELIXSYS Inc. Demonstration of Rare Earth Elements, Critical Materials and Supplemental Industrial Material Recovery From Coal Ash submitted in response to DE-FOA- 0002003 "Process Scale-Up and Optimization/Efficiency Improvements For Rare Earth Elements (REE) and Critical Materials Recovery From United States Coal Based Resources".

Dear Mr. Piccolo:

Senator Linsey Graham and his staff have been working closely with Senator Mitch McConnell and his staff in support of the economic and environmental recovery of the ELIXSYS Inc. process to recover REE, CM, and other industrial minerals and metals with zero waste. This process has the ability to solve a major strategic US issue for a US source of REE and CM for generations while cleaning up the waste cycle from coal in an environmentally friendly way.

The factories built as a result of this development will be located in economic hub zones and create industrial jobs replacing some losses of coal jobs. Worker skills and retraining would support recovery in these hub zones.

Further, this meets the objectives for a substantial reuse and redevelopment of assets in distressed economic areas in Kentucky while supporting the growth of a clean chemical belt in South Carolina.

I support this effort and believe it to be in the strategic interest of the US to enhance the rapid scale-up and deployment of this technology.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby W. McCool". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bobby McCool  
State Representative  
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