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Air-Bearing Specification
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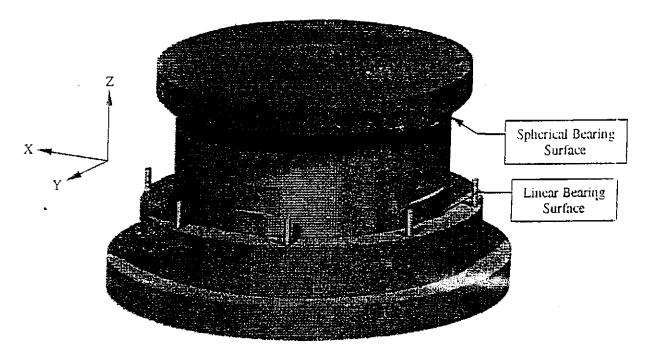
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Exhibit III Hytec, Inc. Purchase Order LIGO PO Number 1112



DESIGN ENGINEERING ADVANCED COMPOSITE APPLICATIONS ULTRA-STABLE PLATFORMS

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PHONE 505 661-3000 FAX 505 662-5179 WWW.HYFECING.COM

January 28, 1998

Marc Hadarik Specialty Components 27A Village Lane Wallingford, CT 06492

Subject: LIGO-PO-1112

Dear Marc:

Enclosed are two copies of the drawings (Drawing #D972106) on the referenced purchase order.

This letter is confirmation of LIGO-PC-1112 that was verbally issued on January 12. 1998 that requested you to begin ordering materials and preparing the design. Deliveries of the 1st Article bearings are critical to the LIGO program.

This procurement is in support of the UGO Project, collaboration between the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), managed by Caltech and sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF). UGO is intended for detection and study of gravitational waves from astrophysical sources.

This procurement is structured as a two phased effort, namely the 1st Article Phase (the first 20 Air Bearings) and a Production Phase (88 Air Bearings with an option for 2 spares). HYTEC is currently responsible for procurement of the 1st Article hardware and Caltech will be responsible for the procurement of the production hardware. This is reflected in UGO-PO-1112 with a request to purchase the first 20 air bearing. 1st Article Phase, and a priced option (Page 2) for the procurement of the remaining 90 air bearings by Caltech.

Specially Components shall perform acceptance testing of each air bearing prior to being delivered to the appropriate facility. It shall be required that the acceptance testing of the first 1st Article bearing must be witnessed and signed off by a HYTEC or Cattech representative to ensure that the air bearing design meets or exceeds the requirements outlined in LIGO-TS-AB (Attached), prior to completing the 1st Article Phase. Please notify the appropriate HYTEC representative two weeks prior to the actual testing date. This will allow ample time to make the appropriate travel arrangements and minimize the impact on the air bearing schedule.

Delivery Schedule:

Time is of the essence on this procurement. The first bearing should be delivered 16 weeks ARO. Since you have been issued a P.O. number, this should in effect be 16 weeks from 1/14/98, which would be 5/6/98. The first 4 bearings will in turn be delivered to HYTEC on or before 5/13/98. The remaining 16 bearings of the 1st Article Phase shall be delivered to the Hanford Observatory during the next 6 weeks, shipped in lots of 4. The 1st Article Phase is expected to be complete on or before 6/17/98. Please note that we anticipate a 2-month hiatus between the shipment of the 1st Article and the beginning of the production article phase. This will allow us time to evaluate the hardware and to incorporate any changes into the production hardware.

Note: Delivery of the production phase hardware will begin within I month after notification, verbal or written, from Callech to begin the production phase. Partial shipments will be required to meet facility deadlines. The UGO facility will require that a minimum of 20 bearings be shipped each month in order to meet schedule deadlines. However, all of the remaining bearings (88 total) are expected to arrive at the appropriate UGO facility by the end of December 1998. The two remaining spare bearings shall be shipped anytime during this time period.

Erik Swensen will act as live technical point of contact for this order. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (505) 661-3000. You may also call Erik Swensen at (505) 661-4021.

Sincerely.

Tim Thompson Vice President

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LIGO-PO-1112

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Erik Swensen HYTEC
Marilyn Johnson HYTEC



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P. CHASE ORDER

P.O. NUMBER: LIGO-PO-1112

TOTAL

\$16!:,400.00

The PO number shown above must appear on all related correspondence, shipping papers, and invoices

To:	Specialty Components 27A Village Lane Wallingford, CT 06492
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	MI-IIIII CT 06492
- 1	Wallingtore, CT 50452
ŀ	Phone: (203) 284-9112
- 1	Phone. (200) 204 0112
1	Fax: (203) 265-9804
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UNIT PRICE

TOTAL

Your Reference:

	DO DATE	REQUISITIONER	SHIP VIA	F.O.B. POINT	TERMS
ĺ	P.O. DATE		Fastest Ground	To LIGO Facilities	Net 30
	January 19, 1998	Erik A. Swensen	. 201001	<u></u>	

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·	11117	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	IOIAL
QTY	UNIT	HAM Air Bearing ^{2,8} – 1 st Article (Includes the Following Parts)	\$8,270.00	\$132,320.00
16	each		<u> </u>	
		a. Spherical Air Bearing – Drawing #D972106		
		b. Linear Air Bearing - Drawing #D972106		
	.,,	c. Air Bearing Base - Drawing #D972106		
4	each	BSC Air Bearing ^{1,8} – 1 st Article	8,270.00	33,080.00
· ·		Packaging and Shipping ⁷	0	0
20	each	r ackaging and or apply	SUBTOTAL	\$165,400.00
		(TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE WILL BE PROVIDE	D) SALES TAX	0
		(See Above) SHIPPING	3 & HANDLING	0
		,	OTHER	0

Note 1: Deliver to: HYTEC Inc.

110 Eastgate Dr. Suite 100 Los Alamos, NM 87544 Ph: (505) 661-4021 Fax: (505) 662-5179 LIGO Hanford Observatory

Note 2: Deliver to:

Route 10, Mile Marker #2 Richland, WA 99352 C/o Dr. Fred Raab/Jill Berry

Note 6:

It is critical that Specialty Components adheres to the schedule outlined in their quote dated December 12, 1997.

Note 7:

The Packaging and Shipping costs have been included in the purchase price as part of the bearing costs. The actual costs are:

Packaging - \$70 and Shipping - \$120.

Note 8:

The air bearings shall meet or exceed the requirements outlined in the technical specification - "LIGO Seismic Isolation System Air

Bearing Specification*, LIGO-TS-AB.

- Please send two copies of your invoice.
- Enter this order in accordance with the prices, terms, delivery mathod, and specifications listed above.
- Please notify us immediately if you are unable to ship as specified.
- 4. Send all correspondence to: III FEC Inc. 110 Eastgale Dr. Suite 100, Los Alamos, NM 87544 (505) 661-3000; Fax (505) 662-5179

Authorized by: The Thompson Date: January 28, 1998

Priced Option



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PURCHASE ORDER

P.O. NUMBER: LIGO-F J-1112

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To:	Specially Components	Ship to:	See Notes Below	
- 1	27A Village Lane]		
	Wallingford, CT 06492			
ı	Phone: (203) 284-9112	ļ		
	Fax (203) 265-9804	Į		

Your Reference:

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		DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	JOINE
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		b. Linear Air Bearing - Drawing #D972106		
		c. Air Bearing Base - Drawing #D972106		
16	each	HAM Air Bearing ^{3,8} – Production Phase	3,843.00	61,488.00
		BSC Air Bearing ^{2,8} – Production Phase	3,843.00	138,348.00
36	each	BSC Air Bearing ^{3,8} – Production Phase	3,843.00	70,860.00
20	each		3,843.00	7,686.00
2	each	Spare BSC/HAM Air Bearing ^{4,8}	0	0
90	each	Packaging and Shipping ⁷		\$345,870.00
			SUBTOTAL	
-		(TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE WILL BE PROVIDE	D) SALES TAX	0
		(See Above) SHIPPING	& HANDLING	0
		•	OTHER	0
			TOTAL	\$345,870.00

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Route 10, Mile Marker #2 Richland, WA 99352 C/o Dr. Fred Raab/Jill Berry Ph: (509) 372-2325

LIGO Livingston Observatory Note 3: Deliver to:

P.O. Box 940 Livingston, LA 70754

C/o Dr. Mark Coles/Bonnie Wascom

The LIGO Collaboration shall have the option to purchase these two spores at the purchase price provided above, anytime during the Note 4:

This priced option shall be transferable to the California Institute of Technology after the 1" Article Phase of this Purchase Order without Note 5.

modifications to the agreed upon pricing information provided above.

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1. PACKING AND SHIPPING

Each container and accompanying packing lists must show this Order number. The Order price includes all charges for packaging, packing and shipping, and no additional charge for such will be paid unless authorized by Buyer. All goods shall be packaged to assure safe delivery, to meet the carrier's requirements, and pobtain the most favorable transportation and insurance rates. Routing, shipping and delivery instructions shown on the face of this Order must be followed, and Seller shall be flable for any excess charges or damage resulting from deviation therefrom. Seller shall not declare excess value on shipments unless authorized by Buyer or done for his own account.

2, VARIATION IN QUANTITY - EXTRAS

No variation in quantity will be accepted unless caused by conditions of loading, shipping, packing or allowances in manufacturing process. No payment for extras will be made unless such extras and the price thereof are authorized in writing by the Buyer.

3. INSPECTION

- a) All goods (which term includes without limitation raw materials, components, intermediate assemblies, and end products, identified to this Order) to be delivered hereunder, may be inspected by Buyer, or Buyer's authorized representative, at any reasonable time and place, including Seller's plant, and in any reasonable manner, before payment or acceptance and without regard to the manner of shipment or any shipping or price terms contained in this Order. All goods tendered are subject to count and inspection for a reasonable period of time after receipt. Payment shall not terminate Buyers right to inspect, and no inspection shall be deemed to constitute acceptance. Non-contonning goods may be rejected at any time prior to final acceptance. and without limiting any other rights Buyer may have. Seller shall be flable for all expenses of inspection, re-packing and packaging, handling, shipping and storing, attributable to such non-conforming goods.
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4. PAYMENTS

The Seller will be paid, upon the submission of a proper invoice, the prices stipulated for goods delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less deductions and discounts, if any, as herein provided. Unless otherwise specified, payment will be made for any portion of the work delivered or rendered and accepted for which a separate or unit price is stated in the Order. Discount periods shall be computed from the date a proper invoice is received by the Buyer, or from the date of delivery, whichever is later. For the purpose of earning any discount, payment shall be deemed made on the date Buyers check is alled

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 - (2) state that the termination is either total or partial, and if putial, specify what items or services are terminated;
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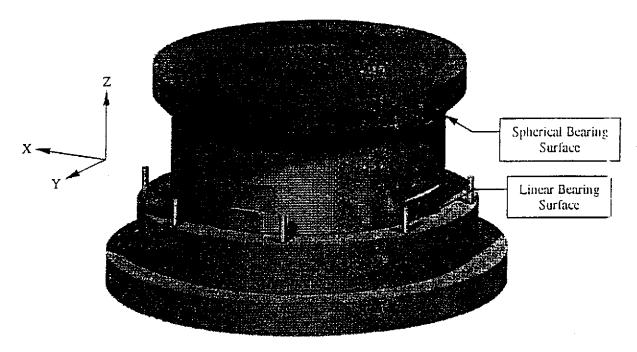
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