5iTech, LLC **Cross-border Collaboration in Technology**

A Path to Sustainable Growth and a Better World

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CAPITALIZATION & COMMERCIALIZATION

Introduction to 5iTech



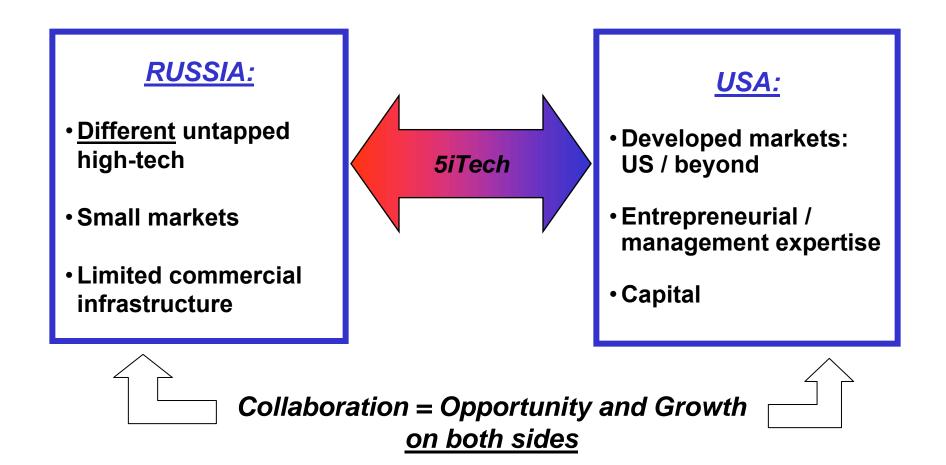
- 5iTech partners with Russian inventors in order to bring innovative products to US and other western markets.
- Works with Russian Companies expanding into US
- Assists US Companies seeking goods and/or partnerships in FSU
- Examples of startup success
 - Imalux Corporation (\$10 Million invested, ≈ \$1M Grants, valuation >\$20M)
 - Aelita Software (Sold in 2004 for \$130 Million)
 - Polott was Tech Transfer Counsel
 - Aria Analytics (2nd Round, valuation = \$6M)
 - Oculatek (launched, valuation \approx \$7+M)

Cross-Border Collaboration → A vehicle for Local Growth



- Technology innovation = growth PROVIDED innovation enters the stream of commerce
- Majority of innovation in US in small to mid-size companies
- Highly entrepreneurial
- Supported by risk capital
 - No large R&D staffs
 - Always seeking an edge
 - Always in need of cash
 - Always seeking efficiency

R&D seeks access to markets = opportunity for innovators and businesses



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lower cost R&D

true value is in the differences – diversity of ideas and approaches

Effective collaborations, ... joint R&D

built for short and long term economic benefit of <u>both</u> sides

Should be encouraged and supported by economic development policies and agencies of both countries at Federal and State level

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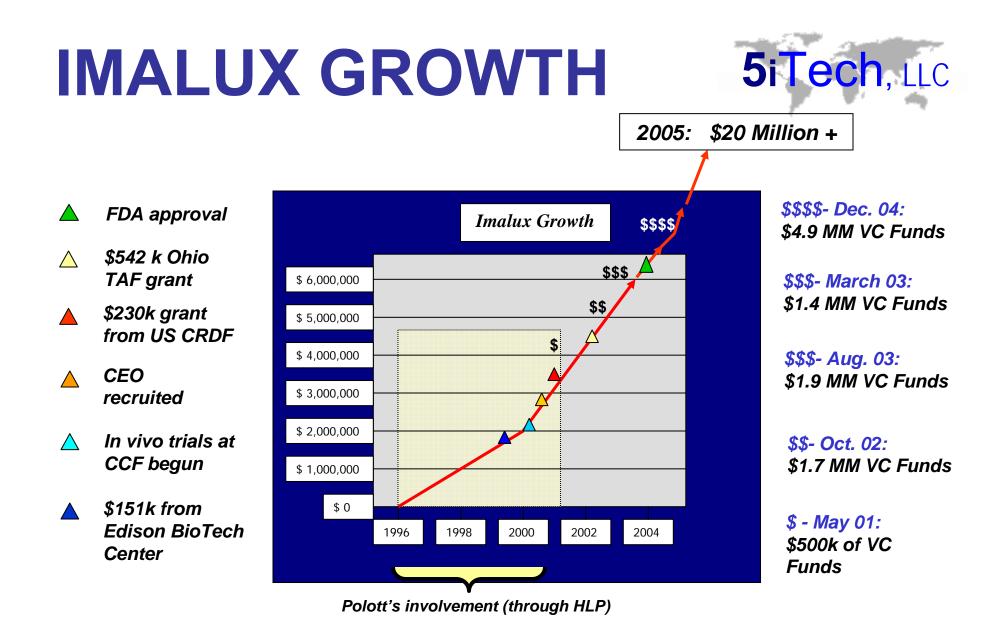


- In any given deal there is
 - pressure on the parties to try to grab the lion's share and
 - there are significant trust issues
- In US / western only deals we tend to gloss over much of this
 - Through perceived like-mindedness and
 - By over reliance on veneer of the legal system
- In cross-border deals the differences = fears are emphasized and must be addressed

Fairness and Perception are Critical



- Fair dealing must be productively supported
 - Ohio Dept of Development, for example, has recognized the need for growth on both sides of the ocean and has repeatedly expressed this view in relation to the Eurasian Investment Forum
- Advisors and consultants interested in more than the one deal
 - 5iTech serves as the balance for its deals as we must protect our reputation in both countries to maintain our ability to access Capital in US <u>and</u> Inventors in Russia
 - We work to ensure that inventors participate in the short and long term returns of commercialization



IMALUX - Results New Equipment sales starting in



IAP RAS elaborations

Russian and US Markets



Imalux corporation



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IMALUX Spending – Local Infusion of Funds



R&D Contract \$\$ from Imalux to Russia \$500k per year 3 years ≈ \$1.5Million in Russia

3 years ≈ \$7Million in USA

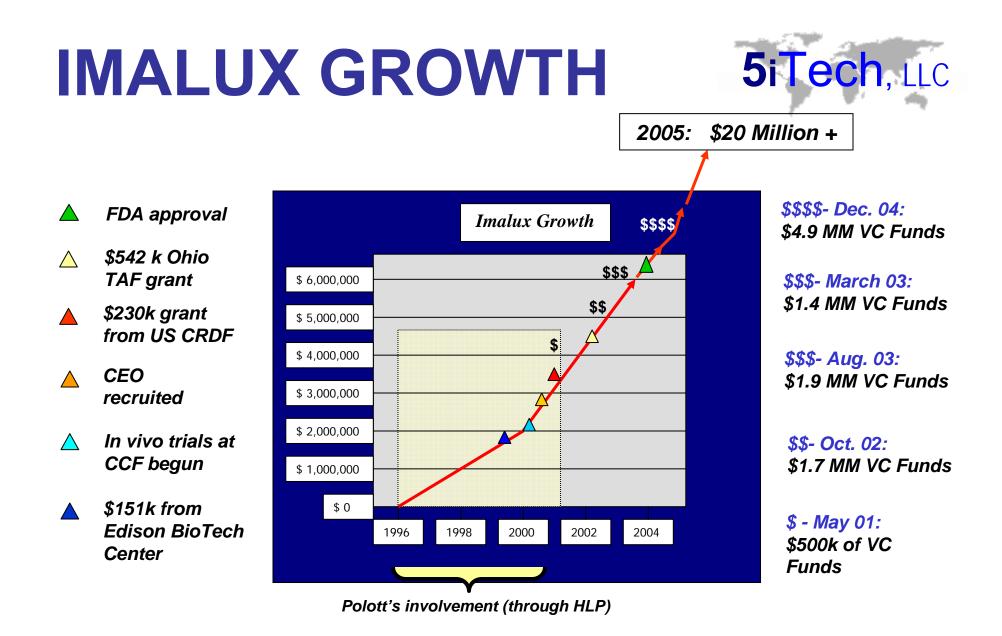
Economic Impact on Regional Economies will Grow as Imalux Grows

IMALUX - Results Personnel Supported (Full and Part-time)



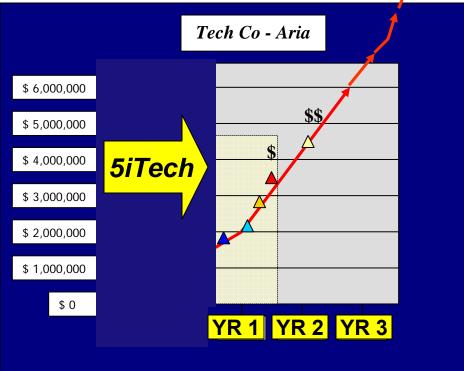
	Russia	Ohio, USA	Puerto Rico
Medical Personnel	30 - 40	1	4
<i>Scientific and Engineering Personnel</i>	20	11 + ≈ 10 corporate service providers	
Total	50 - 60	12	4

Total: 66 - 76



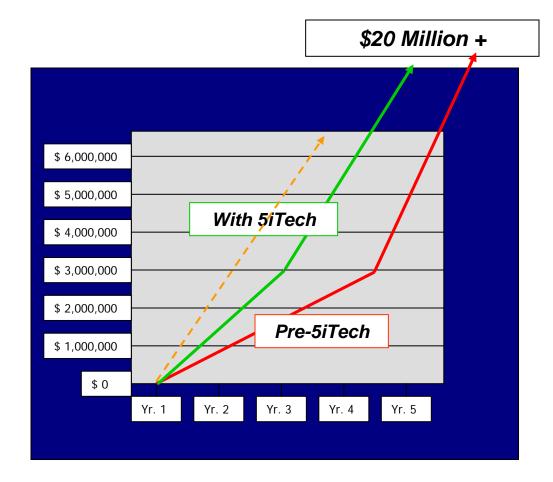
5iTECH's ROLE: *Compresses the Commercial Launch Time*





Growth of Startup Value







This level of growth is more easily achieved in effective US-RU deals

Increased number of such transactions will result in increased growth in both countries

Increased stability growth of entrepreneurial middle class small and mid-size businesses ...

