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### **IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PROPOSED NAMING**

**Action Requested:** Recommend the Board approve the proposed naming of the Iowa State University Curtiss Farm Feed Mill and Grain Science Complex as the “**Iowa State University Kent Corporation Feed Mill and Grain Science Complex.**”

- Board’s *Policy Manual* §2.3, section 16 requires the Board approve the naming of all proposed honorary names of facilities, properties, or university units (except minor facilities as defined) at the Regent institutions.

**Executive Summary:** Kent Corporation is an Iowa-based company, located in Muscatine. Kent Corporation provided the lead commitment of \$8,000,000 toward construction costs of the \$21,200,000 complex, which has been funded entirely through private gifts. The feed mill and grain science complex would encompass 10 acres of university-owned land southwest of the intersection of Highway 30 and State Avenue in Ames, and would include a feed mill tower, feed milling and mixing structures, grain storage bins, warehouse and an educational building with classrooms.

The complex would be a state-of-the-art facility used by faculty and staff to prepare students, train industry professionals and conduct impactful research that would make Iowa State University a recognized leader in support of the feed industry. It would enhance programs related to feed technology, grain science and animal nutrition, as classes and short courses would be taught at the complex with students and industry trainees learning how to keep the food system secure and sustainable.

The Kent Corporation is a diversified, family-owned corporation with operating subsidiaries involved in corn-wet milling, the production of animal feeds and the manufacture of food products. It has a strong commitment to the educational and research mission of Iowa State University. That is demonstrated by Kent Corporation through this significant commitment to the feed mill and grain science complex and the creation of the Kent Corporation Chair in Business in the Ivy College of Business. It is further demonstrated by Gage Kent’s service on the Ivy College of Business Dean’s Advisory Council, engaging with Supply Chain Management students and recruiting Iowa State University students in career fairs held in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Ivy College of Business and College of Engineering.

The University is grateful for the financial support Kent Corporation is providing to Iowa State University and respectfully requests Board approval to name this important complex the “**Iowa State University Kent Corporation Feed Mill and Grain Science Complex.**”