

EXCLUSIVE: Hunter Biden DID help secure millions in funding for US contractor in Ukraine specializing in deadly pathogen research, laptop emails reveal, raising more questions about the disgraced son of then vice president

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Moscow's claim that [Hunter Biden](#) helped finance a US military 'bioweapons' research program in Ukraine is at least partially true, according to new emails obtained exclusively by DailyMail.com.

The commander of the Russian Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Protection Forces, claimed there was a 'scheme of interaction between US government agencies and Ukrainian biological objects' and pointed to the 'financing of such activities by structures close to the current US leadership, in particular the investment fund Rosemont Seneca, which is headed by Hunter Biden.'

Intelligence experts say the Russian military leader's allegations were a brazen propaganda ploy to justify president Vladimir [Putin's invasion of Ukraine](#) and sow discord in the US.

But emails from Hunter's abandoned laptop show he helped secure millions of dollars of funding for Metabiota, a Department of Defense contractor specializing in research on pandemic-causing diseases that could be used as bioweapons.

He also introduced Metabiota to an allegedly corrupt Ukrainian gas firm, Burisma, for a 'science project' involving high biosecurity level labs in Ukraine.

And although Metabiota is ostensibly a medical data company, its vice president emailed Hunter in 2014 describing how they could 'assert Ukraine's cultural and economic independence from Russia' – an unusual goal for a biotech firm.



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Metabiota is a Department of Defense contractor specializing in research on pandemic-causing diseases that could be used as bioweapons

Subject: MEMO: Ukraine Science

From: Mary Guttieri

Date: 4/4/14, 6:14 AM

To:

CC:

Hi Hunter,

I hope you enjoyed a smooth flight across the pond and that this finds you and your wife enjoying a wonderful Friday in beautiful Lake Como!

Thanks so much for taking time out of your intense schedule to meet with Kathy and I on Tuesday. We very much enjoyed our discussion. As promised, i've prepared the attached memo, which provides an overview of Metabiota, our engagement in Ukraine, and how we can potentially leverage our team, networks, and concepts to assert Ukraine's cultural and economic independence from Russia and continued integration into Western society. The pdf comprises English and Ukrainian versions of the document.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require clarification. We look forward to hearing the outcome of your discussions on this topic.

Wishing you successful meetings and a great visit!

Best regards,
Mary

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In April 2014, Metabiota vice president Mary Guttieri wrote a memo to Hunter outlining how they could 'assert Ukraine's cultural and economic independence from Russia'. 'Thanks so much for taking time out of your intense schedule to meet with Kathy [Dimeo, Metabiota executive] and I on Tuesday. We very much enjoyed our discussion,' Guttieri wrote

Subject: Fwd: MEMO: Ukraine Science
From: Devon Archer [REDACTED]
Date: 4/8/14, 12:24 PM
To: Hunter Biden [REDACTED]

See questions below. Probably best if we could get a quick turnaround on answers from the team.

Devon Archer
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vadim Pozharskyi [REDACTED]
Date: April 8, 2014 at 5:03:36 AM EDT
To: Devon Archer [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: MEMO: Ukraine Science

Dear Devon,

Please find few initial points to be discussed for the purposes of analyzing the potential of this as you called, "Science Ukraine" project.

1. Financing. As I understand the Metabiota was a subcontract to principal contactor of the DoD B&V. Today they seem to state that financing is closed. What was the reason of stopping the projects and financing of the projects? They look for a new financing. Do they expect to receive it again from B&V or they look for else were?

2. What kind of partnership Metabiota is looking for in Ukraine? From potential non-governmental player in Kiev? Rebuilt the ties with respective ministries in Ukraine, and on the basis of that reinstate the financing from the B&V? Or they look for partnership in managing projects in Ukraine, PR with Government institutions here, financing of the projects?

((Metabiota counterparts in Ukraine were (i.e. final beneficiary and the recipient of the results of the projects) were ministries of from Ukraine, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health.

From the Ukrainian governmental point of you, it looks like standard International Assistance project, that could be technical, financial, etc))

3. The principal contactor B&V seems to be also the party that operates in Ukraine on the similar or the same projects. There is no competition here?

Best regards, vadym

2014-04-07 20:28 GMT+03:00 Devon Archer [REDACTED]

Vadim,

Send me some general questions if you have time so I can work on responses and w

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Four days after Guttieri's April 2014 email, Burisma executive Vadym Pozharskyi wrote to Hunter revealing that the then-Vice President's son had pitched a 'science project' involving Burisma and Metabiota in Ukraine. 'Please find few initial points to be discussed for the purposes of analyzing the potential of this as you called, 'Science Ukraine' project,' Pozharskyi wrote

Contract Summary

Definitive Contract  PIID HDTRA114C0104

Awarding Agency

Department of Defense (DOD)

Recipient

METABIOTA, INC.

1 SUTTER ST STE 600
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104-4923
Congressional District: CA-12
UNITED STATES

\$ Award Amounts

\$18.4 Million

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Government spending records show the Department of Defense awarded an \$18.4million contract to Metabiota between February 2014 and November 2016, with \$307,091 earmarked for 'Ukraine research projects'

Emails and defense contract data reviewed by DailyMail.com suggest that Hunter had a prominent role in making sure Metabiota was able to conduct its pathogen research just a few hundred miles from the border with Russia.

The project turned into a national security liability for Ukraine when Russian forces invaded the country last month.

Metabiota has worked in Ukraine for Black & Veatch, a US defense contractor with deep ties to military intelligence agencies, which built secure labs in Ukraine that analyzed killer diseases and bioweapons.

Earlier this month US officials warned congress that 'Russian forces may be seeking to gain control' of these 'biological research facilities', prompting fears that deadly and even engineered pathogens could fall into Russian hands.

Hunter and his colleagues at his investment firm Rosemont Seneca Technology Partners (RSTP) routinely raised millions of dollars for technology companies, hoping the firms would take off and make them all fortunes.

Metabiota was one of those firms. Emails between Hunter and his colleagues excitedly discuss how the company's monitoring of medical data could become an essential tool for governments and companies looking to spot outbreaks of infectious diseases.

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They raised several million dollars of funding for the company from investment giants including Goldman Sachs.

But emails show Hunter was also particularly involved in Metabiota's operations in Ukraine.

Hunter's pitches to investors claimed that they not only organized funding for the firm, they also helped it 'get new customers' including 'government agencies in case of Metabiota'.

He and his business partner Eric Schwerin even discussed subletting their office space to the firm in April 2014, their emails reveal.

That month, Metabiota vice president Mary Guttieri wrote a memo to Hunter outlining how they could 'assert Ukraine's cultural and economic independence from Russia'.

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Former senior CIA officer Sam Faddis, who has reviewed emails on Hunter's laptop, told DailyMail.com that the offer to help assert Ukraine's independence was odd for a biotech executive.

'It raises the question, what is the real purpose of this venture? It's very odd,' he said.



Burisma adviser Vadym Pozharskyi (pictured). 'As I understand the Metabiota was a subcontract to principal contactor of the DoD B&V [Black & Veatch],' he wrote in an email in 2014

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TRILATERAL MEETING WITH UKRAINE, POLAND, AND THE UNITED STATES REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON BIOLOGICAL SECURITY, SAFETY, AND SURVEILLANCE



On October 3-4, 2016 in Lviv, Ukraine, a tri-lateral meeting with representatives of Ukraine, Poland, and the United States of America convened to discuss regional collaboration on biological security, safety, and surveillance. Attendees included government and scientific experts, who discussed regional (Ukraine and Poland) cooperation in surveillance and prevention of especially dangerous infectious diseases, including zoonotic diseases in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Expertise in Kyiv and Lviv's Institute of Epidemiology and Hygiene also took an active part in the discussions.

The Chief Veterinary Officer of the National Veterinary Research Institute in Pulawy, Mr. W. Skorupski, led the Polish delegation which included subject matter experts from the same organization. The United States delegation included representatives of the US Department of Defense DTRA (K. Garrett, G. Braunstein, W. Sosnowski, and J. Wintrol), as well as representatives of the Black & Veatch and Metabiota corporations (D. Mustra, Dr. M. Guttieri, S. Anderson, T. Borth and others). Curtis "BJ" Bjelajac, Executive Director, and Vlada Pashynska, Senior Specialist represented the STCU.

The meeting focused on existing frameworks, regulatory coordination, and ongoing cooperative projects in research, surveillance and diagnostics of a number of dangerous zoonotic diseases, such as avian influenza, leptospirosis, Congo hemorrhagic fever, and brucellosis. A special session was devoted to the current cases of African Swine Fever (ASF) in both

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Mary Guttieri, Metabiota vice president, is seen at a meeting with U.S. and Ukrainian military



Russia's Defense Ministry on Thursday put out a diagram with arrows connecting Biden, Soros and the Democratic Party to Ukrainian biolabs

Subject: IC Materials
From: John DeLoche [REDACTED]
Date: 3/10/14, 2:36 AM
To: Hunter Biden [REDACTED], Devon Archer [REDACTED], Neil Callahan [REDACTED], William Lee <will@rstp.com>

IC Committee,

In the interest of establishing a clear process for our investment approvals I wanted to give you a preview of the agenda for the first IC Committee call, which I hope we can do on our weekly call tmw. In the future we will plan to have full memos distributed to the committee for each deal the friday before the Monday committee meeting. Apologies we were not able to put together a memo for Metabiota given our front end loading of Lyft. We will put one together for Metabiota shortly.

We have three deals to discuss tmw.

The first is an increase in our investment in Metabiota by \$250k. Docs are attached. They raised about \$2.4mm of which we represent \$500k (250k from the first investment plus this one). They intended to raise a max of \$1.6mm but it was oversubscribed. They way to think about this one is that Palantir is the to the CIA what Metabiota is to the USDA. The company's plan is to take advantage of the current fundraising climate and start raising a series A as soon as this series seed closes. They hope to raise another \$15mm at at least \$80mm pre which would be a nice 5x mark-up to our investment. We are planning to show it to Founders Fund, Andreessen and Google Ventures (among others) as potential leads.

The second is an investment in Lyft (doc attached)

The third is an increase in our investment in Counsyl. Goldman is going to committee on Lyft and Counsyl on Tuesday.

Best,

John

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Subject: RSTP Fundraising Update

From: Eric Schwerin [REDACTED]

Date: 12/15/14, 10:04 PM

To: Hunter Biden [REDACTED]

From the RSTP call today, it seems that there will be an \$11m close of the Metabiota deal on Friday. Short of the \$25m that we had carved out – and that was apparently oversubscribed. John told Nathan that the final amount would close by end of January. It sounds like the groups coming in for Metabiota are not coming into the fund itself so the idea is to have the next close of the fund be at the end of January to sync up with the Metabiota close.

Unclear if we would see a distribution out of the \$11m close this month. Also, not sure if there is some benefit to push the close to January in order to rejigger the splits beforehand.

Finally RSTP filed an amended Form D with the SEC which stated that we had only raised \$27.5m of our \$250m and gives us an extra six months to continue to fundraise. Apparently Nueberger begrudgingly agreed to the six months but won't go beyond that.

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Guttieri had a leading role in Metabiota's Ukraine operations, meeting with other company executives and US and Ukrainian military officials in October 2016 to discuss 'cooperation in surveillance and prevention of especially dangerous infectious diseases, including zoonotic diseases in Ukraine and neighboring countries' according to a 2016 report by the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine.

At the time, Hunter was serving as a board member of Ukrainian gas firm Burisma, owned by former top government official and allegedly corrupt billionaire Mikolay Zlochevsky.

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Faddis told DailyMail.com that the attempt to get Metabiota to form a partnership with Burisma was a perplexing and worrying revelation.

'His father was the Vice President of the United States and in charge of relations with Ukraine. So why was Hunter not only on the board of a suspect Ukrainian gas firm, but also hooked them up with a company working on bioweapons research?' Faddis said.

'It's an obvious Russian propaganda attempt to take advantage of this. But it doesn't change the fact that there does seem to be something that needs to be explored here.

'The DoD position is that there's nothing nefarious here, this is pandemic early warning research. We don't know for sure that's all that was going on.

'But the question still remains: why is Hunter Biden in the middle of all this? Why is the disgraced son of the vice president at the heart of this – the guy with no discernible skills and a cocaine habit.'

Pozharsky said in his email to Hunter that he had encountered such biological research projects before in his former job as a Ukrainian government official, and claimed that B&V worked on 'similar or the same projects' as the proposed contract for Metabiota.

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The US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) also commissioned B&V to build a Biological Safety Level 3 laboratory in Odessa, Ukraine in 2010, which 'provided enhanced equipment and training to effectively, safely and securely identify especially dangerous pathogens' according to a company press release.

Such labs are used to 'study infectious agents or toxins that may be transmitted through the air and cause potentially lethal infections,' the US Department of Health and Human Services says.

B&V was awarded a further five-year \$85million contract in 2012.

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Subject: Metabiota
From: Eric Schwerin [REDACTED]
Date: 5/29/14, 4:22 AM
To: Hunter Biden [REDACTED]

Now that you got me thinking this way there are obviously some real potential synergies between Xiaoying's husband's work at CDC and what Metabiota does. Something else to think about.

Eric D. Schwerin
[REDACTED]

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In a May 2014 email, RSTP partner Schwerin suggested: 'there are obviously some real potential synergies between Xiaoying's husband's work at the CDC and what Metabiota does. Something else to think about'

Re: Metabiota DD

Subject: Re: Metabiota DD
From: Rob Walker [REDACTED]
Date: 10/10/14, 12:07 AM
To: John DeLoche [REDACTED]
CC: Devon Archer [REDACTED], Hunter Biden [REDACTED], Eric Schwerin [REDACTED], Neil Callahan [REDACTED], William Lee [REDACTED], Rob Walker [REDACTED]

I am going to have a friend reach out to DoD on the down low.

On Oct 9, 2014 5:49 PM, "John DeLoche" [REDACTED] wrote:
Guys,

Is there anyone we can call in DC to get a sense of how Legit Metabiota is viewed within the various government agencies? We want to make sure we thoroughly do our diligence here, especially as Goldman and now Morgan Stanley will be doing diligence on the fund and Metabiota towards investing in both.

Additionally, who have we introduced them do in DC? Can you please provide a list of the various folks within Cornerstone as well as outside the firm where we have made intros? This data will go in our investment memo which we are trying to complete and get to potential LPs by Tuesday.

Will and I met with Nathan on Tuesday and he said they plan to retain Cornerstone btw which is great news so they have come around on that front. We are meeting again with them today and tomorrow to discuss terms of the Series A.

Thanks for the help and input.

Best,

John

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RSTP was a subsidiary of Rosemont Capital, an investment company founded by Hunter and former Secretary of State John Kerry's stepson Chris Heinz in 2009.

Metabiota also has close ties to the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), suspected to be the source of the COVID-19 outbreak.

WIV was a hotspot for controversial 'gain of function' research that can create super-strength viruses.

Chinese scientists performed gain of function research on coronaviruses at the WIV, working alongside a US-backed organization EcoHealth Alliance that has since drawn intense scrutiny over its coronavirus research since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Researchers from the Wuhan institute, Metabiota and EcoHealth Alliance published a study together in 2014 on infectious diseases from bats in China, which notes that tests were performed at the WIV.

Shi Zhengli, the WIV Director of the Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases who became dubbed the 'bat lady' for her central role in bat coronavirus research at the lab, was a contributor to the paper.

Metabiota has been an official partner of EcoHealth Alliance since 2014, according to its website.