

ANNOUNCEMENT

UBC TREAD Robotics Receives Funding from the Professional Activities Fund

16 October 2007 – Vancouver, BC – UBC TREAD Robotics received notice today that it has been awarded funding through the UBC Faculty of Applied Science’s Professional Activities Fund (PAF). The PAF was introduced to increase undergraduate engineering student access to professional development activities. These funds will be devoted to the continued development of a competitive excavator to enter in the 2008 Regolith Excavation Challenge.

“The support of the Faculty of Applied Science forms a great foundation for our team. This grant allows our team to revamp last year’s excavator to meet the more restrictive rules for this year’s challenge. The team is excited to continue design and fabrication of a new excavator that will be up to spec,” says team co-leader Jun Wei Fu.

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UBC TREAD Robotics is a student team based in Vancouver, BC. The team is building a robotic excavator that will compete in the 2008 NASA Regolith Excavator Challenge. The robot will be capable of autonomously mining 150kg of regolith, a fine type of sand, in less than 30 minutes, while using only 150 Watts of power. The 20 members of UBC TREAD Robotics are students in computer science and various engineering disciplines, including Engineering Physics, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering

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