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PROPOSITIONS
ACCOMPANYING THE DISSERTATION
MATTERING MORE-THAN-HUMAN CARE IN BIODESIGN
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1. Performing more-than-human care needs attuning to more-than-human temporalities. (this dissertation)
2. Everyday more-than-human care comes to matter through creative, performative mattering. (this dissertation)
3. Understanding microbes requires a delicate balance between scientific and designerly ways of knowing. (this dissertation)
4. Regenerative ecologies call for ongoing crafting of relations in designing with and cohabiting with living organisms.
5. I make cyanobacteria artefacts, yet cyanobacteria made us.
6. If beings do not pre-exist their relatings, then designing does not pre-exist caring.
7. Every biodesign lab needs a technician that doesn't mind "contaminations" occasionally in both practices and ideas.
8. We have got on to slippery ice where there is no friction and so in a certain sense the conditions are ideal, but also, just because of that, we are unable to walk. We want to walk: so we need friction. Back to the rough ground! (Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations*. 107, p46)
9. The best staff at Starbucks are those who make efforts to pronounce every name.
10. The maturity of a researcher is reflected in knowing when to stop. (attributed to Elvin Karana)

These propositions are regarded as opposable and defensible, and have been approved as such by the promoters Prof. dr. E. Karana, Prof. dr. E. Giaccardi, and copromotor Dr. ir. E.L. Doubrovski.