1054-46-108 Paul S. Muhly\* (pmuhly@math.uiowa.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, and Baruch Solel (mabaruch@techunix.technion.ac.il), Department of Mathematics, Technion, 32000 Haifa, Israel. *Morita Transforms of Operator Tensor Algebras.* Preliminary report.

Suppose that  $E_i$  is a  $C^*$ -correspondence over the  $C^*$ -algebra  $A_i$ , i = 1, 2. A (strong) Morita equivalence between  $(A_1, E_1)$ and  $(A_2, E_2)$  is an invertible  $C^*$ -correspondence X from  $A_1$  to  $A_2$  such that  $E_1 \otimes_{A_1} X \simeq X \otimes_{A_2} E_2$ . In Proc. London Math. Soc. 81 (2000), 113–168, we showed that a Morita equivalence between  $(A_1, E_1)$  and  $(A_2, E_2)$  induces a strong Morita equivalence between the corresponding tensor algebras  $\mathcal{T}_+(E_1)$  and  $\mathcal{T}_+(E_2)$  in the sense of Blecher, Muhly and Paulsen in the Memoirs of the AMS 143 (2000), no. 681. In this talk we will make precise the sense in which a strong Morita equivalence between  $(A_1, E_1)$  and  $(A_2, E_2)$  induces an isometry between the space of completely contractive representations of  $\mathcal{T}_+(E_1)$  and the completely contractive representations of  $\mathcal{T}_+(E_2)$  and discuss other features of the representation theory of tensor algebras that are preserved under this notion of Morita equivalence. (Received September 09, 2009)