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Cheryl R. Blanchard, et al § **Date:** April 20, 1998
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Serial No.: 08/979,456 § **Action:** Assignment
§
Filed: November 26, 1997 §

Title: KERATIN-BASED HYDROGEL FOR BIOMEDICAL
APPLICATIONS AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION

**TO: Commissioner of Patents
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WHEREAS, SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, having its principal office at 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, is the owner by assignment from Cheryl R. Blanchard and Scott F. Timmons, of all their right, title and interest in a patent application for KERATIN-BASED HYDROGEL FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION, which has been executed by them and their co-inventor, Robert A. Smith, on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Keraplast Technologies, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, having a place of business at 2391 NE Loop 410, Suite 404, San Antonio, Texas, is desirous of obtaining ASSIGNOR'S right, title and interest in and to said patent application and the inventions therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon said patent application or for the inventions therein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

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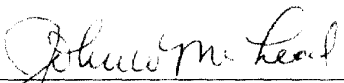
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I John W. McLeod, have hereunto set my hand and seal on behalf of said corporation this 21st day of April, 1998.

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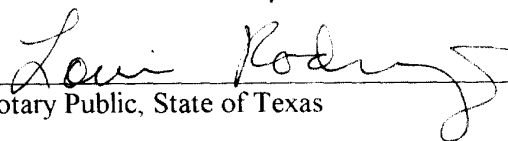
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By 
John W. McLeod
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GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 21st day of April, 1998.


Notary Public, State of Texas