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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, David H. Sherman, residing at 2248 Drew Avenue South, St. Louis Park, MN 55416, and Mark D. Williams, residing at 1414 Breda Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108, and Yongquan Xue, residing at 1403 Cleveland Avenue North, St. Paul, MN 55108, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which We executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on Even Date Herewith, which is entitled METABOLIC ENGINEERING OF POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE MONOMER SYNTHASES.

AND WHEREAS, Regents of the University of Minnesota, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having an office and place of business at Morrill Hall, 100 Church Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455, (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the said application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the said inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the said Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable more effectually to secure to and vest in said Assignee, its successors or assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

AND, furthermore we covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by me/us and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15 day of June, 1998.

David H. Sherman

STATE OF Minnesota)
)ss.
COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 15 day of June, 1998 before me personally appeared David H. Sherman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she duly acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[SEAL]

Walter J. Lee
Notary Public

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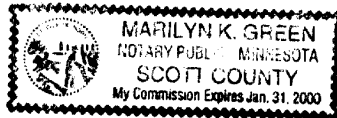


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15 day of June, 1998.

Mark D. Williams
Mark D. Williams


STATE OF Minnesota)ss.
COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 15 day of June, 1998 before me personally appeared Mark D. Williams to
me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument,
and he/she duly acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein
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Marilyn K. Lee
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15 day of June, 1998.


Yongquan Xue

STATE OF Minnesota
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COUNTY OF Hennepin

On this 15 day of June, 1998 before me personally appeared Yongquan Xue to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she duly acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

 MARILYN K. GREEN



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