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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, Mark C. Starrett, residing at 36 Alder Lane, Burlington, Vermont 05401, citizen of the United States of America; Frank A. Blazich, residing at 806 Merwin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606, citizen of the United States of America; and Larry F. Grand, residing at 3600 Morning Side Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606, citizen of the United States of America;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in **METHODS FOR LYOPHILIZING AND USING ERICOID MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI**, for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 19, 1998; Serial No. 09/026,437; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina State University, a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, and an educational institution chartered under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having a principal operation at Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Outreach, Extension and Economic Development, Box 7003, North Carolina State University, City of Raleigh, County of Wake, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 7th day of August, 1998.

Larry F. Grand (SEAL)
Larry F. Grand

STATE OF North Carolina
COUNTY OF WAKE) ss:

Before me personally appeared, Larry F. Grand, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument; and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose therein stated, this 7th day of August, 1998.

Patti Dennis Stevens
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: 7/26/2003