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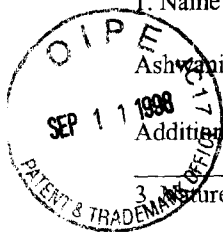
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Whereas, we, Ashwani Kumar, Oleh Kutowy and Shi Qiu Zhang, citizens of Canada, residing at 1759 Cara Crescent, Orleans, Ontario, Canada K1A 1M8; R.R. #3, North Gower, Ontario, Canada KOA 2T0; and 130 Thornbury Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2G 6C2; respectively, have made an invention for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and

Whereas **National Research Council of Canada**, incorporated as a company under the National Research Council Act by the Parliament of Canada, and situated in the city of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we Ashwani Kumar, Oleh Kutowy and Shi Qiu Zhang do sell and assign to National Research Council of Canada, our full and exclusive right, for the territory of Canada and the United States Of America and all other countries, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention, in and to the said invention as described and claimed in the application for patent entitled

"EXTRACTION OF SWEET COMPOUNDS FROM
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U.S.S.N. 09/116,925 filed on the **17th** day of **July, 1998** in the United States of America therefor; and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent, as far as our rights are concerned, to National Research Council of Canada, as the assignee, for the sole behoof of said National Research Council of Canada, and its legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 3rd day of September, 1998

at Ottawa.

Ashwani Kumar
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Declaration by Witness

I, Mary Legault, whose full post office address is
NRC, Montreal Rd, M-12 say:

That I was personally present and did see, Ashwani Kumar, who is
personally known to me duly sign and execute the above Assignment.

Mary Legault

Executed this '5 day of July, 1998

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Oleh Kutowy
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That I was personally present and did see, Oleh Kutowy, who is
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RK Tyagi
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Executed this 24th day of July, 1998
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Shi Qiu Zhang
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I, Karen A. Lamb, whose full post office address is
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Karen A. Lamb
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