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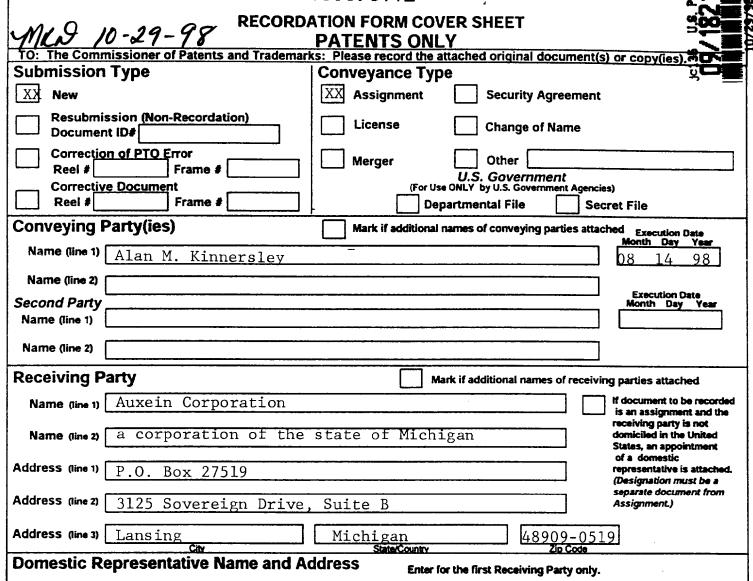
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Alan M. Kinnersley, 447 Kensington Road, East Lansing Michigan 48823, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has made a new and useful invention in METHOD FOR INCREASING PLANT PRODUCTIVITY USING GLUTAMIC ACID AND GLYCOLIC ACID for which Assignor has made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Auxein Corporation, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of the State of Michigan having a principal place of business at P.O. Box 27519, 3125 Sovereign Drive, Suite B, Lansing, Michigan 48909-0519, desires to acquire all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW. THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application for United States Letters Patent executed by Assignor this 20th day of August, 1998, and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the firm of Woodard, Emhardt, Naughton, Moriarty & McNett of Bank One Center Tower, 111 Monument Circle. Suite 3700, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-5137 to insert here in parentheses (Serial No._____, Filed ______) the date and serial number of said application when officially known, and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Honorable Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to Assignee, its assigns and legal representatives.

Assignor agrees to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable for the procurement of Letters Patent on said invention in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

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Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above-named Assignor, to me personally known, and who executed the foregoing Assignment in my presence and acknowledged the execution thereof as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed.

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