11-17-1998 4729-002-0 Atty Docket No.: FORM PTO-1595 1-31-92 100879629 To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Tragemains, I was attached original thereof. locumen 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): 1. Name of conveying party(ies): Hydro Agri Italia S.p.A. Name: Agricoltura S.p.A. in Liquidazione ddress: Viale Corsica, 7 Milan, Italy Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached 3. Nature of Conveyance: ■ Assignment □ Merger □ Change of Name □ Security Agreement □ Other Additional name(s) and address(es) attached? □Yes ■No Execution Date: May 8, 1997 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application B. Patent No.(s) A. Patent Application No.(s) 5,378,259 Additional numbers attached? □Yes ■No 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total applications and patents involved: 1 concerning document should be mailed: OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00 NEUSTADT, P.C. Enclosed Attorneys at Law □ Authorized to be charged to deposit account Fourth Floor 1755 Jefferson Davis Highway 8. Deposit account number: 15-0030 Arlington, Virginia 22202 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) 4729-002-0 /klh DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Marvin J. Spivak Name of Person Signing Registration Number: 24,913 Total number of pages including this cover sheet: 11/16/1998 DNGUYEN 00000278 5378259 01 FC:581

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box Assignments Washington, D.C. 20231

Do not detach this portion

PATENT REEL: 9570 FRAME: 0653

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, AGRICOLTURA S.p.A. in Liquidazione (formerly Enichem Agricoltura S.p.A.), an Italian company of Via Ruggero Settimo, 55 - PALERMO, Italy

acquired the entire interest in the invention entitled

PROCESS FOR GRANULATING AMMONIUM NITRATE FERTILIZER

for which Letters Patent of the United States of America have been granted on January 3, 1995 under number 5,378,259, said entire interest having being acquired by virtue of a Deed of Assignment recorded at the United States Patent Office on April 5, 1993 under Reel 6454 - Frame 0481.

AND WHEREAS, **HYDRO AGRI ITALIA S.p.A.**, an Italian company of Viale Corsica, 7 - MILAN, Italy is desirous of acquiring an interest in the said patent No. 5,378,259.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$. 10) and other valuable considerations to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged we have assigned, sold, and set over, and by these presents do assign, sell and set over unto the said HYDRO AGRI ITALIA S.p.A. for the territory of the United States of America, and not elsewhere, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the said Letters Patent No. 5,378,259, said Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said HYDRO AGRI ITALIA S.p.A. to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this day of

^{at} 8 MAG, 19**97**

RECORDED: 11/12/1998

Milan, Italy

per AGRISOLTIVA S.p.A in liquidaz

PASQUALE AMODIO FABILI SHITISELLI PIERO PAR

PATENT REEL: 9570 FRAME: 0654