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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Edwin Lee Johnson, residing at 4007 Eastlake Sammamish, Shore Place S.E., Issaquah, WA 98029 and Everett Junior Nichols, residing at 22204 92nd Avenue W., Edmonds, WA 98020, are the inventors named in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled HIGH TAP DENSITY CHITOSAN, AND METHODS OF PRODUCTION, Serial No. 09/114,023, filed on July 10, 1998;

AND, WHEREAS, Vanson, Inc., a Washington corporation, having a principal place of business at 8840 - 152nd Avenue, N.E., Redmond, WA 98052-3535 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring our entire right and title to and interest in our invention disclosed in said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, for sufficient, good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE our entire right and title to and interest in said application and said invention, including the right to apply for international patents and patents thereon in foreign countries in our name or in the name of ASSIGNEE, said invention and all applications and patents on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this sale, assignment and transfer not been made, and we do hereby further agree and promise to execute all instruments and render all such assistance as ASSIGNEE may request in order to make and prosecute any and all applications on said invention, to enforce any and all patents on said invention, and to confirm in ASSIGNEE legal title to said invention and all applications and patents on said invention, all without charge to ASSIGNEE but at no expense to us.

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Edwin Lee Johnson is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument

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and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument. Signature
Printed Name: ROBIN' L. JOHNSON
Notary Public
My appointment expires 12-28-98 (Seal or stamp) Executed at <u>Reduced</u> (city), <u>WW</u> (state), this <u>15</u> day of <u>Sept.</u>, 19<u>98</u>. Everett Junior Nichols STATE OF WASHINGTON) ss. COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH) KM & I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Everett Junior Nichols is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument. Dated: 9-15-98 Signature
Printed Name: ROBIN C. JOHNSON (Seal or stamp) Notary Public My appointment expires 12-28-98 BFM:clf

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