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1. Name of conveying party:
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 Yes
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3. Nature of conveyance:
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Merger
 Change of Name

Execution Date: December 15, 1998

Domestic Address: 601 East Kensington

City: Mount Prospect State IL ZIP 60056

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):
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A.

(1) Patent Number: 5,773,261
Issue Date: June 30, 1998

(2) Patent Application Number: 09/013,032
Filing Date: January 26, 1998

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B. Title of Inventions:
1) REGIOSELECTIVE α -HYDROLYSIS OF AMINO ACID DIESTERS USING PIG LIVER ESTERASE
2) REGIOSELECTIVE α -HYDROLYSIS OF AMINO ACID DIESTERS USING PIG LIVER ESTERASE

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6. Number of applications and patents involved:
SIX

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PART A

- 3) PATENT NO. 5,326,908
Issue Date: July 5, 1994
- 4) PATENT NO. 5,437,991
Issue Date: August 1, 1995
- 5) PATENT NO. 5,610,307
Issue Date: March 11, 1997
- 6) PATENT APPLN.
NO.: 08/424,797
Filing Date: April 19, 1995

PART B

TITLE

- PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF ASPARAGINE
- PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS
NATURAL AROMATICS
- DIRECT ISOLUTION OF OPTICALLY
PURE (3S)-1,2,3,4-TETRAHYDRO-
ISOQUINOLINE-3-CARBOXYLIC
ACID
- MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF D-PHENYLALANINE

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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, The NutraSweet Company, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having offices formerly located at 1751 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, Illinois 60015-5239, with new offices located at 200 World Trade Center, Suite 900, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654, and that The NutraSweet Company has acquired the entire right, title and interest in and to the following Letters Patent of the United States of America and applications for Letters Patent of the United States of America:

Letters Patent

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Surname of Inventors</u>
5,326,908	July 5, 1994	Erickson, Bray, Johnson, Klein and Seagle
5,437,991	August 1, 1995	Kittleson and Pantaleone
5,610,307	March 11, 1997	Erickson
5,773,261	June 30, 1998	Prakash, Ager and Pantaleone

Applications for Letters Patent

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Surname of Inventors</u>
08/424,797	April 19, 1995	Fotheringham, Taylor and Yoshida
09/013,032	January 26, 1998	Prakash, Ager and Pantaleone

AND WHEREAS, NSC Technologies LLC having an office at 601 East Kensington, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056, a company incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the above listed United States Letters Patent and applications for United States Letters Patent and the invention and inventions covered thereby;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said The NutraSweet Company has assigned, sold and transferred and by these presents does assign, sell and transfer unto the said NSC Technologies LLC, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention or inventions, in the United States and its territorial possessions and the entire right, title and interest in and to said listed Letters Patent and applications for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on said applications in the United States and its territorial

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possessions and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said NSC Technologies LLC its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for the said listed Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on said applications as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by The NutraSweet Company if this assignment and transfer had not been made.

The NutraSweet Company hereby authorizes and requests the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all of the Letters Patent on said applications, when granted, to said NSC Technologies LLC as the assignee of The NutraSweet Company's entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and enjoyment of said NSC Technologies LLC its successors and assigns.

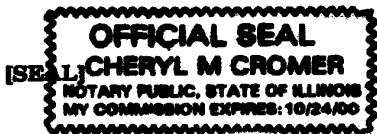
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The NutraSweet Company has caused its Common Seal to be affixed this 15th day of December, 1998.

THE COMMON SEAL OF The NutraSweet Company was hereunto affixed in the presence of

By: *J. M. Hoster*
Jeffrey M. Hoster
Title: Assistant General Counsel

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) ss.

On this 15th day of December, 1998, before me personally appeared JEFFREY M. HOSTER, known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he is Assistant General Counsel of The NutraSweet Company, the company described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he knows the seal of said company; that the seal affixed to said instrument is said company seal; and that he was duly authorized to execute said instrument on behalf of said company.



Cheryl M. Cromer
Notary Public

My commission expires: 10/24/00

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