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Thomas L. Krinski
K. C. Hou

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

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Name: Protein Technologies International, Inc.

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Legal Department - 4C

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Protein Technologies International, Inc.
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City: St. Louis State: MO ZIP: 63188

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Richard B. Taylor

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Signature

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Krinski and K. C. Hou, residing at 3309 Franklin, Granite City, Illinois 62040 and 14447 White Pine Ridge, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017 have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by us on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Protein Technologies International, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at P.O. Box 88940, St. Louis, MO 63188, USA, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, we the said Thomas L. Krinski and K. C. Hou, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Protein Technologies International, Inc., full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Protein Technologies International, Inc., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said Protein Technologies International, Inc., its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said Protein Technologies International or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said inventions, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said Protein Technologies International, Inc., make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Protein Technologies International, Inc., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 19th day of May, 1999.

Signed in the presence of:

Linda Reeves

Christine M. Rosenkrantz

Signed: Thomas L. Krinski

Signed: Kwang-Chung Hou

Signed:

Signed:

Signed:

STATE OF MISSOURI)ss
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 19th day of May, 1999 personally appeared before me the above named Thomas L. Krinski and K. C. Hou to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Kathryn R. Robinett
Kathryn R. Robinett, Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: April 21, 2000

KATHRYN R. ROBINETT
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