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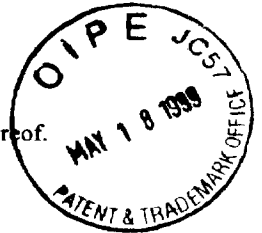
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, William A. Farone, a United States citizen, residing at 14112 Picasso Court, Irvine, California 92606, and John E. Cuzens, a United States citizen, residing at 11871 Woodlawn, Santa Ana, California 92705, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LEVULINIC ACID AND ITS DERIVATIVES for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, application no. 09/076,941, filed on May 13, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/747,441 filed on November 8, 1996;

AND WHEREAS, Arkenol, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Nevada Corporation, with its principal place of business at 27401 Los Altos, Suite 400, Mission Viejo, California 92691, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) each to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of November, 1998.

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WILLIAM A. FARONE

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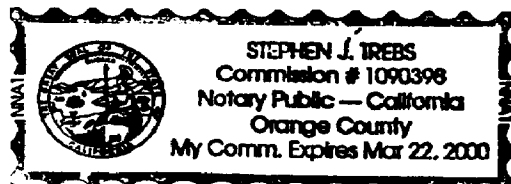
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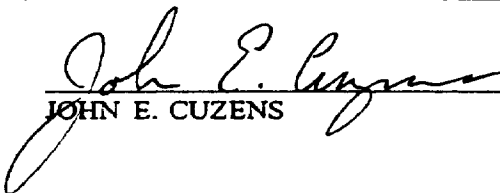
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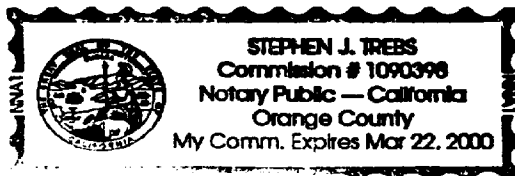
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