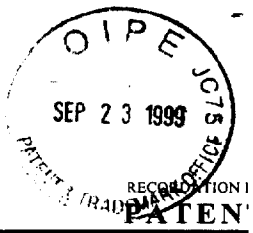


Atty Docket No.: 0524-2847-0  
PCT/smc



09-27-1999

FORM PTO-1595  
1-31-92

med 9-23-99



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office

101154091

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Bernhard KNUTH and Rainer DIERCKS

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: BASF Aktiengesellschaft

Address: 67056 Ludwigshafen, FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

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

3. Nature of Conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: March 3, 1997

Additional name(s) and address(es) attached?  Yes  No

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 is: N/A

A. Patent Application No.(s)  
09/029,853

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER &  
NEUSTADT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
Fourth Floor  
1755 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

6. Total applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00  
 Enclosed  
 Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number: 15-0030  
(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

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.

C. Irvin McClelland

Name of Person Signing

Registration Number: 21,124

Robert J. Grusa  
Registration Number: 27,295

9/23/99  
Date

Total number of pages including this cover sheet: 2

Do not detach this portion

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

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

09/27/1999 NTHA11 00000061 09029853  
01 FC:581 40.00 OP

PATENT  
REEL: 010254 FRAME: 0967

# Assignment of Application

O. Z. 0050/46580

WHEREAS, I (WE)

*Bernhard Knuth, Danziger Platz 5, 67059 Ludwigshafen*  
*Rainer Diercks, Am Schlittweg 8, 67141 Neuhofen*  
*Federal Republic of Germany*  
*citizen(s) of the Federal Republic of Germany*

respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Preparation of formaldehyde

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on

(Application No. 09/029,853, filed 03/13/98), and

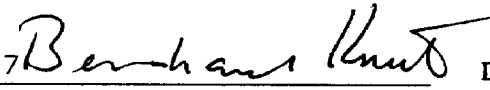
WHEREAS, *BASF Aktiengesellschaft* (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), having a place of business at *67056 Ludwigshafen, Federal Republic of Germany*, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefore in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries;

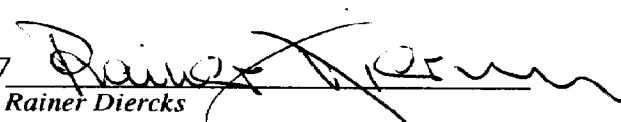
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I (WE), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States 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, substitutions and renewals thereof.

I (WE) hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and its territorial possessions and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of my (our) entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, its (his) successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me (us) had this Assignment and sale not been made.

FURTHER, I (WE) agree that I (WE) will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or its (his) representatives any facts known to me (us) respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letter Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths, and, generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its (his) successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries

The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of **Oblon, Spivak, Mc.Clelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C.** of Fourth Floor, 1755 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202 the power to insert on this assignment any further identification, including the application number and filing date, which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

Date: 03/03/97   
 Bernhard Knuth

Date: 03/03/97   
 Rainer Diercks