



## Assignment

WHEREAS, we, Caryl Heintz Wyatt, of 3410 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas, Bobby Gene Wyatt, of 3410 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas, and Deborah L. Carr of 5806 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas, all being citizens of the United States of America, have made an invention as set forth in United States Letters Patent 5,656,490, issued August 12, 1997, entitled "Enzyme Compositions and Methods for Biodegradation Separation of Natural Fibers and Adsorbed Petroleum Products";

WHEREAS, we represent and warrant that we are together the record owners of said invention and Letters Patent;

WHEREAS, Texas Tech University, a university chartered by the State of Texas, having a correspondence address of Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, Administration Building, P.O. Box 42007, Lubbock, Texas 79409, is desirous of acquiring the entire record right, title, and interest in said Letters Patent (which they, in fact, legally hold under the University Patent Policy);

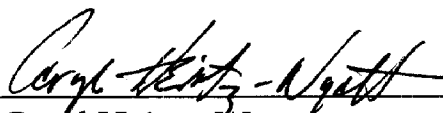
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by us, we have assigned, sold, transferred and set over and by these presents do assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said Texas Tech University the entire right, title and interest in and to (a) said invention and world-wide rights therein, and (b) all United States and foreign patents which shall issue on said invention, including all reissues, renewals and extensions thereof, for the United States, its territories and possessions and all foreign countries, including the right to file applications for Letters Patent on said invention in any and all foreign countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by Texas Tech University, its assigns and successors, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us, had this assignment not been made.

Each of us covenants and agrees that he/she will, at any time upon the request and at the expense of said Texas Tech University jointly, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable, in the opinion of Texas Tech University, to enable and assist said Texas Tech University to (a) obtain Letters Patent, both domestic and foreign, on said invention, (b) establish, maintain and secure title in Texas Tech University, its successors and assigns, to said invention, and Letters Patent, including making such title of lawful public record, and (c) defend, establish or otherwise preserve

the validity of said Letters Patent against any and all infringers, and perform such other acts as are necessary to give full force and effect to this assignment.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent based on said application and all said divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, renewals and extensions to Texas Tech University, its successors and assigns.

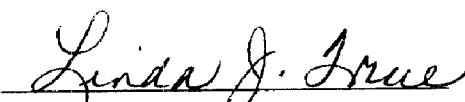
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have duly executed this assignment on the dates indicated:

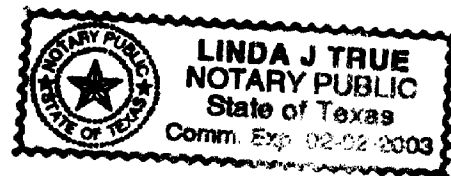
  
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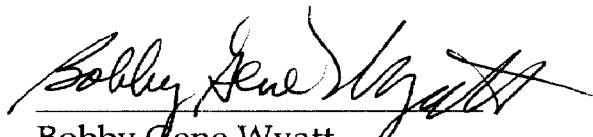
STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Caryl Heintz Wyatt, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing assignment to Texas Tech University, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 15 day of September  
A.D., 1999.

  
Notary Public

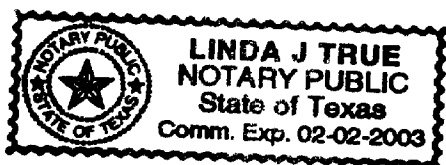


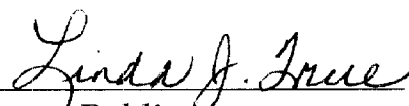
  
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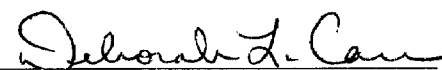
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Bobby Gene Wyatt, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing assignment to Texas Tech University, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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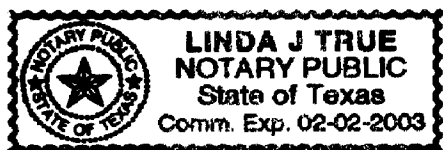
  
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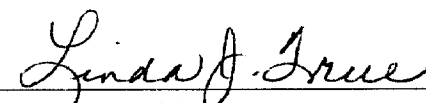
  
Deborah L. Carr

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Deborah L. Carr, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing assignment to Texas Tech University, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 17 day of September  
A.D., 1999.



  
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