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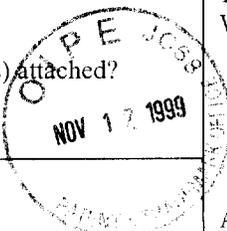
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- Matthew Hikade of Memphis, TN, and
- Vernell Stornes of Memphis, TN,

hereinafter collectively called "Assignors", have invented certain improvements in one or more of the following patent applications, as indicated below:

- U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/033,572 filed December 19, 1996, entitled "Chemically Stable, Insecticidally Active Phosphoroamidothioate Pellet Compositions And Methods For Their Manufacture", naming Gary L. Cummings, Young-Jin Lee, Matthew Hikade and Vernell Stornes as inventors, hereinafter called "the '572 provisional application";

- U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/039,504 filed March 4, 1997, entitled "Chemically Stable, Insecticidally Active Phosphoroamidothioate Pellet Compositions And Methods For Their Manufacture", naming Gary L. Cummings, Young-Jin Lee, Matthew Hikade and Vernell Stornes as inventors, hereinafter called "the '504 provisional application"; and

- an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, executed in December, 1997 on the date shown below next to each Assignor's signature, entitled "Chemically Stable, Insecticidally Active Phosphoroamidothioate Pellet Compositions And Methods For Their Manufacture", naming Gary L. Cummings, Young-Jin Lee, James L. Platt, Jr., Matthew Hikade and Vernell Stornes as inventors, and which claims benefit and priority of each of the '572 provisional application and the '504 provisional application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), hereinafter called "the patent application", U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/992,714, filed December 17, 1997 (we hereby authorize and request our attorneys Sughrie, Mion, Zinn, Macpeak & Seas, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3202 to insert here the filing date and application number of the patent application when known);

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