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Respectfully submitted,

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, BRUCE BUDDMEYER of 5628 Northern Avenue, Raytown, Missouri 64133, WENG KIT CHEONG of 6306 North Wayne Avenue, Gladstone, Missouri 64118, and HERMAN H. HAGEDORN of 2318 N.E. 37th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64116 have jointly invented certain new and useful improvements in

IMPROVED CALCIUM ENRICHMENT COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, ROOTS, INC., a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 3120 Weatherford Road, Independence, Missouri 64055, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledge, WE, BRUCE BUDDMEYER, WENG KIT CHEONG, and HERMAN H. HAGEDORN as co-inventors, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ROOTS, INC., the full and exclusive right, title and interest, throughout the world, in, to and under the following:

(a) said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared, and executed by each of such as co-inventors on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor;

(b) said application;

(c) any and all refilings and continuations of said application;

(d) any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application, refilings, division and continuations;

(e) any and all reissues of said Letters Patent of the United States of America;

(f) any and all applications for Letters Patent upon said inventing which may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;

(g) any and all refilings, divisions and continuations of said foreign-filed applications;

(h) any and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America which may issue from the said foreign-filed applications, refilings, divisions and continuations; and

(i) any and all extension of, and additions to, said Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America.

ALL of the above shall be held and enjoyed by said ROOTS, INC. for its own use and behoof, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

Executed this 15th day of March, 2000.

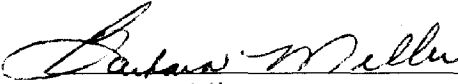

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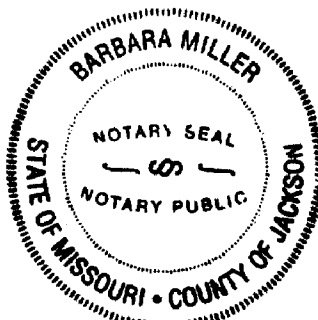
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) SS.
COUNTY OF Jackson)

On this 15th day of March, ~~19~~2000, before me personally appeared BRUCE
BUDDEMEYER, WENG KIT CHEONG, and HERMAN H. HAGEDORN to me known to be
the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they duly acknowl-
edged to me that they executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

12/20/2003



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
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