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5,628,247  
4,974,505

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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

A.I.D. Agriculture Industrial Development S.p.A.

hereby sell, assign and transfer to

A.A.T. - Agroindustry Advanced Technologies - S.p.A.

a corporation of Italy

having a place of business at Zona Industriale, Blocco Palma I, Catania, Italy

its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, the entire right; title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent

No. 5,628,247 filed on February 14th, 1996 granted on May 13th, 1997

No. 4,974,505 filed on May 22nd, 1989 granted on December 4th, 1990

and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements.

I agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements in its own name; and when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, I agree to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, by executing all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other Patent applications on any and all said improvements, by executing all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers, by communicating to said Assignee all facts known to me relating to said improvements and the history thereof, and generally by doing everything possible which said Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting title to said improvements and all applications for patents and all patents on said improvements, in said Assignee.

I hereby request the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee.

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Date: 14-03-2000

A.I.D. Agriculture Industrial  
Development S.p.A.

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