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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND
PATENTS THEREON

WHEREAS, We, 1) Dr. Maik RAAP of Linnéstraße 8, 04103 Leipzig,
Germany and

2) Dr. Arnd G. HEYER of Gerstnerweg 2
12305 Berlin, Germany

have invented a new and improved Means and methods for influencing the flowering
behaviour of plants

as fully disclosed in an application for Patent and filed by us on even date herewith,
preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and whereas, _____
Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften e.V., Berlin

a corporation organized under the Laws of Germany and
having its principal office at _____, 80539 München, Germany

desires to acquire the entire interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said
application and in and to all patents issued or to be issued thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for and
in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable
consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and
transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Max-Planck-Gesellschaft
zur Förderung der x1 our entire right, title and interest in and to the subject-matter
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Union, European Patent Convention, Common Market Convention, or any other
Convention or Union for each country of said Convention or Union; and we do hereby
authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the Letters Patent granted on
said application and all future patents granted upon the subject-matter disclosed therein to
the above named Assignee, its legal representatives and assigns.
x1 Wissenschaften e.V., Berlin

Witness my hand this 14 day of December, 1999

Maik Raap
(Name of Inventor) Dr. Maik RAAP

Witness my hand this 30 day of November, 1999

Arnd G. Heyer

(Name of Inventor) Dr. Arnd G. HEYER

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