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I, Daniel M. Horowitz of 313 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, in consideration of ten dollars and other valuable consideration paid to me by Metabolix, Inc., a corporation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having its principal place of business at 303 Third Street, 2nd Floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1196, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Metabolix, Inc., its successors and assigns, the entire interest for the United States of America, and its territories and all foreign countries and jurisdictions, including all rights of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, in a certain invention or improvement in "Methods for Purifying Polyhydroxyalkanoates" described in U.S. Serial No. 09/570,261 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 12, 2000, by Daniel M. Horowitz, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/133,747 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 12, 1999, and in all Letters Patent of the United States and its territories and all foreign countries and jurisdictions which may or shall be granted on said invention, or any parts thereof, or on said application, or any provisional, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. And I agree, for myself and my executor and administrator, with said corporation and its successors and assigns, but at its or their expense or charges, hereafter to execute all applications, amended specifications, deeds or other instruments, and to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and its territories and in all other foreign countries and jurisdictions to said corporation, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of said corporation, and to vest and confirm in said corporation, its successors and assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said corporation, its successors and assigns.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 10th day of July, 2000.

Daniel M Horowitz
Daniel M. Horowitz

Commonwealth of Virginia)
County of Fairfax)

Then personally appeared the above named Daniel M. Horowitz and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me this 10th day of July, 2000.

Dennis J. Brown
Notary Public

This commission expires on June 30, 2001

My Commission expires: _____