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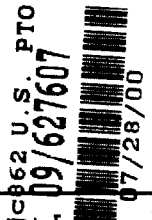
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Chaohua Wang and Craig J. Carriere, hereinafter called the "Assignors", residing at 7133 Manning Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61614; and 31 Waldheim Road, Morton, Illinois 61550; respectively, having invented an improvement in **Blends of Biodegradable Poly(Hydroxy Ester Ether) Thermoplastic with Renewable Proteins** for which they have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed concurrently herewith and further identified as Department of Agriculture Case No. **0284.99**; and

WHEREAS, the patent rights in said invention are assignable to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, USA, by virtue of Assignors having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render the patent rights so assignable; and

WHEREAS, this invention was made under a funding agreement with the Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 1815 North University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604 USA, which agreement provides that any invention made under the agreement will be co-owned by the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture and by the Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to (a) the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, a one-half (1/2) undivided ownership interest and (b) the Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation, a one-half (1/2) undivided ownership interest; hereinafter called the "Assignees", of the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and application hereinabove identified, all continuations, in whole or part, or divisions thereof, and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention, and all reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and applications for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor, in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignees, their successors and assign, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issue.

And the Assignors do hereby covenant and agree, for themselves and their legal representatives, that they will assist the Assignees in the prosecution of the application herein identified, in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that the Assignees may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; in vesting in the Assignees like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and they will execute and deliver to the Assignees to fully carry out this Assignment.

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July 27, 2000  
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Craig J. Carriere  
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