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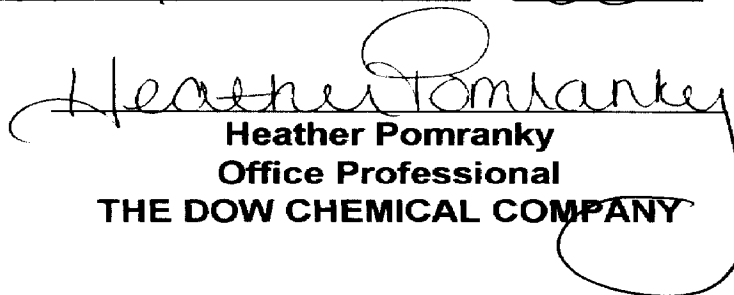
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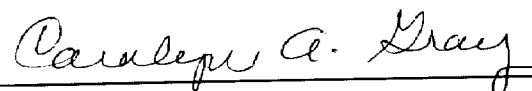
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We, ASSIGNOR, of:  
**DOW BENELUX N.V.**  
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a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of **THE NETHERLANDS** do hereby claim and declare that we hold the invention and all patent and other rights and powers obtainable or exercisable in respect thereof from the sole, true and first inventor(s):

**Johan A. Thoen, Dommelstraat 22, NL-4535 HB Terneuzen, The Netherlands**

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WE, the ASSIGNEE:  
**THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY**  
**2030 Dow Center**  
**Midland, Michigan 48674**  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

a corporation organized and existing under the laws of **the State of Delaware, United States of America** our entire right, title and interest throughout the world, in and to the invention and all rights and powers to make application for Letters Patent in its own name, or in the name of its nominee; and all rights and powers to file any reissue, divisional, continuing or substitute application and any corresponding applications in any and all countries, including all rights to claim priority under all International Conventions and Treaties in the name of said Assignee, and do hereby authorize said Assignee to insert here the Priority Number 60/055,263 and Filing Date August 8, 1997 in the United States of America

of the application on which the priority will be based; and in and to any Letters Patent that may be issued for said invention in any and all countries; and we do hereby agree to assist said Assignee in the prosecution of the said applications and in any interference, conflict, opposition or litigation which may arise involving said invention or the patent or patents thereon, and to execute any reissue, divisional, continuing or substitute application and assent to their making any applications in other countries corresponding to the above and below specifically identified application, as may be requested by said Assignee; and we do hereby authorize said Assignee to insert here the

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