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ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT RIGHTS

This ASSIGNMENT, dated as of 1 February 1999, ("Assignment") by and between N.V. Monsanto Europe S.A. a Belgian corporation, ("Assignor") having a place of business at avenue de Tervueren 270-272 B-1150 Brussels, and N.V. Solutia Europe S.A, a Belgian corporation having a place of business at 6 chaussée de Boondaël, B-1050 Brussels Belgium, ("Assignee").

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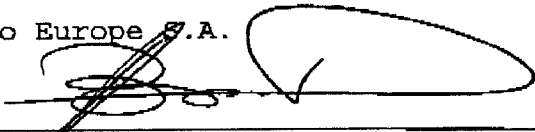
WHEREAS, Assignor is the owner of certain United States patents and certain United States provisional and non-provisional patent applications primarily relating to the chemicals business of Assignor which was transferred to Assignee, (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "U.S. Patents");
WHEREAS, Assignor desires to transfer to Assignee all of its right, title, and interest in and to the U.S. Patents;
WHEREAS, Assignee desires to acquire all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to the U.S. Patents; and
WHEREAS, the parties desire that the assignment of the U.S. Patents be made a matter of record in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
NOW, THEREFORE, in furtherance of these desires, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. For good and valuable consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby assign, transfer, and convey to Assignee and its successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to the following (subject to any and all licenses and immunities from suit as granted by Assignor prior to the date of this assignment with respect to any of the following):
 - b. The application for United States Letters Patent n° 08/893,608 filed 11 July 1997 entitled "Water treatment composition and method of use", (R-881) the inventions disclosed therein and any improvements thereon, all other patent applications which have been or shall be filed in the United States on any of such inventions or improvements thereon, including all divisional, continuing, substitute, and reissue applications with respect thereto and any term extensions and restorations with respect thereto.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue to Assignee or its successors or assigns any reissue Letters Patent or Reexamination Certificates in and to any of the Letters Patents of Schedule 1 and to issue to Assignee or its

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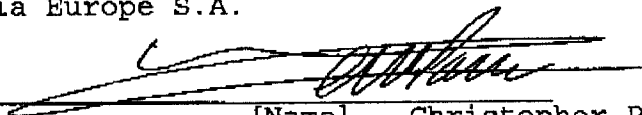
N.V. Monsanto Europe S.A.
Assignor



By: _____

[Name] Henry Bosch
[Title] Empowered to sign the present assignment (Moniteur belge of 20 September 1997)

N.V. Solutia Europe S.A.
Assignee



By: _____

[Name] Christopher Parr
[Title] Director