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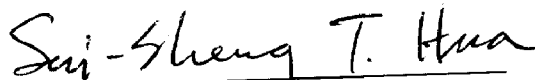
Docket No. **0109.95****PATENT****ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, **SUI-SHENG T. HUA** (the "Assignor"), residing at Orinda, California, having made an invention entitled **FUNGAL MEDIA AND METHODS FOR CONTINUOUS PROPAGATION OF VESICULAR-ARBUSCULAR MYCORRHIZAL (VAM) FUNGI IN ROOT ORGAN CULTURE** for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed concurrently herewith and further identified as Department of Agriculture Case No. 0109.95; and

WHEREAS, the **WORLDWIDE** patent rights in said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of my 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, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, I hereby assign said **WORLDWIDE** patent rights to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture (the "Assignee")

Executed December 15, 2000**SUI-SHENG T. HUA**