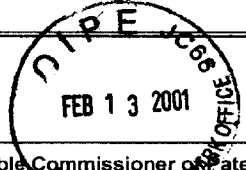


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WHEREAS, **Clariant Finance (BVI) Limited**, a corporation organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, having a place of business at Citco Building, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, desires an assignment of all rights to said patent owned by CAG;

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration received, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **CAG** hereby assigns to **Clariant Finance (BVI) Limited** its entire right, title, and interest in and to said patent No. 5,852,128.

This Assignment is executed in Muttenz, Switzerland effective on this 1 st Day of November, 2000.

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