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Attached please find an assignment (document) for recordal.

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**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION(S) AND/OR PATENT(S)
FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) RECORDAL**

(37 C.F.R. § 3.21 and 37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(4))

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 3.21.

NOTE: § 3.21 does not apply to documents other than assignment. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

NOTE: DO NOT enter both application AND patent number.

1. This assignment is for the following patent application or issued patent:

National application: SN: 09 / 667 481 filed on 09/22/2000

Provisional application: / filed on

International application: PCT/ /

Patent No: Issued:
(complete if applicable)

which was previously assigned and recorded

Date _____ Reel _____
Frame _____

NOTE: If an assignment of a patent application filed under § 1.53(b) is executed concurrently with, or subsequent to, the execution of the patent application, but before the patent application is filed, it must identify the patent application by its date of execution, name of each inventor, and title of the invention so that there can be no mistake as to the patent application intended. If an assignment of a provisional application under § 1.53(c) is executed before the provisional application is filed, it must identify the provisional application by name of each inventor and title of the invention so that there can be no mistake as to the provisional application intended. 37 C.F.R. § 3.21.

(also complete the following, if applicable)

and also for the applications and/or patents shown on the attached list of FURTHER APPLICATION(S) and/or PATENT(S) BEING ASSIGNED

Number of pages added _____

NOTE: "Where there is a listing of properties contained within a document, any listing may be copied and attached to the cover sheet to reduce the amount of typing necessary. A notation of this attachment can be made in lieu of entering every property identification number on the cover sheet. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND/OR PATENTS
AND TOTAL FEE**

NOTE: All requests to record documents must be accompanied by the appropriate fee; a fee is required for each application or patent against which the document is recorded as identified in the cover sheet. The recording fee is set in § 1.21(h). 37 C.F.R. § 3.41.

2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is 1

B. The total fee is (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)):

_____ × \$40.00 = \$ 40-
Total number of applications and/or patents

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C. Payment of fee is made by:

- Attached is a check money order in the amount of \$ 40-
- Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ _____
- to Deposit Account No. _____
- to Credit card as shown on the attached credit card information authorization form PTO-2038.

WARNING: Credit card information should *not* be included on this form as it may become public.

- Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST

(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(1))

NOTE: "The term 'party' as used in 37 C.F.R. § 3.31 means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the documents." Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72, at 65); M.P.E.P. § 302.07, 7th ed.

3. The party(ies) conveying interest is (are):

Name 1: PHILIPPE VILLERS

~~Name 2:~~

~~Name 3:~~

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST

(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(2))

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

Name: GRAINPRO INC.

Address: 200 BAKER AVE.
CONCORD, MA 01742

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**DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR
TRANSACTION RECORDED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(3))**

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish:

- an assignment.
- a security agreement.
- a merger.
- a license.
- a change of name.
- a change of address.
- other:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(5))**

6. Please address correspondence to:

Name: RICHARD J. BIRCH
Address: P.O. BOX 1818
NEW LONDON, NH 03257
Telephone No.: (603) 526-7670

**DATE ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED
(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(7))**

7. A. The attached assignment (document) was executed by
PHILIPPE VILLERS on 1-23-2001. (Date)

NOTE: If there is more than one conveying party who executed on different dates, indicate the date of execution of the assignment document for each conveying party.

- B. The attached assignment was executed by _____
on _____. (Date)
- The attached assignment was executed by _____
on _____. (Date)

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LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

NOTE: "The Office will accept and record non-English language documents only if accompanied by an English translation signed by the individual making the translation." 37 C.F.R. § 3.26.

8. The attached document:

- is in the English language.
- is not in the English language and an English translation signed by the individual making the translation is attached.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OR TRUE COPY SUBMITTED

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 3.24.

9. Submitted herewith is:

- the original document.
- a true copy of the original document, which I certify to be a true copy.

NOTE: "If the original [assignment] document is two-sided or the wrong size, the practitioner can comply with the requirement [set out in 37 C.F.R. § 3.24] by providing a true copy of the original document using only one side of each page on the correct size paper." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 67.

NOTE: "Certification shall be made by the person submitting a copy of an original document that the document submitted is a true copy of the original. The certification is not required to be in an oath or declaration form." M.P.E.P., § 302.01, 7th ed.

ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF ADDRESS

(check item, if applicable)

10. Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of address of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF NAME

(check item, if applicable)

11. Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of name of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

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CHANGE OF PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE ADDRESS

(check item, if applicable)

- 12. A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent to the Office separately.

STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(9)) AND SIGNATURE (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(10))

- 13. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

NOTE: "The term 'party' as used in this rule [§ 3.31] means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the document." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 65; M.P.E.P. § 302.07, 6th ed.

Date: 2-16-2001

Name of party submitting document

Signature of party submitting document

(complete the following, if the party submitting the document is applicant's attorney)

[Handwritten Signature]

SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

Reg. No.:

RICHARD J. BIRCH
(type or print name of practitioner)

Tel. No.: ()

P.O. BOX 1818
P.O. Address

Customer No.:

NEW LONDON, NH 03257

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES BEING SUBMITTED

- 14. The total number of pages being submitted, including cover sheet attachment(s), and documents are:

Total number of pages submitted

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ASSIGNMENT

Know all men by these presents

THAT WHEREAS. . .

Philippe Villers
21 Whit's End Road
Concord, MA 01742

has made an invention in certain improvements in

Method for Long Term Storage of a Bulk
Biologically Active Commodity

described in an application executed by me on EVEN DATE HEREWITH and filed in the United States Patent Office on 09/22/00 as Serial No.09/667481 and,

WHEREAS, GrainPro, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having a place of business at 200 Baker Ave., Concord, MA 01742 , for the benefit of itself, its successors and assigns, all inclusively hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same invention, the said application, all inventions disclosed in said application and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries which may be granted for the said invention or inventions, or any of them;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to me paid by said Assignee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, inventions, and application including all priority rights arising therefrom, all inventions disclosed in said application, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and of all other countries, together with the right to apply for such Letters Patent, which may be granted for the said invention, inventions or any of them.

TO HAVE, HOLD AND ENJOY the said invention, the said application, and the said Letters Patent, to said

GrainPro, Inc.

its successors and assigns, to its and their own use and behoof to the full end of the term or terms for which the said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

AND I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and the appropriate officers of all foreign patent offices to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on the said application or applications above referred to, or for the said invention, or any of them, to the said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I hereby agree to execute and sign without further consideration any other legal document and any other assignments and any divisional, continuing, renewal, reissue or other application in and for all patents that may be appropriate and may be deemed necessary by the Assignee fully to secure to said Assignee its interests as aforesaid in and to the said invention or any part thereof and in and to the said patents or any of them.

AND I further covenant and agree that I will at any time upon request communicate to the said Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, any facts known to me relating to the said invention and any patent that may be granted thereon, and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation when requested to do so.

AND I do hereby covenant for myself and my legal representatives that I have not hitherto assigned or granted any license to make, use or sell said invention, and that I will not henceforth purport to assign, license or execute any instrument to that effect in conflict with this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

23rd day of February, 2001.



Philippe Villers

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)) ss.
County of Middlesex)

Then personally appeared the above-named Philippe Villers, this 3rd day of February, 2001, to me personally known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed, before me.

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Notary Public