ASSIGNMENT RECORDATION FORM COVER COVER 04-12-2001 To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: March 28, 2000 ey Docket No. 5051-441 101662024 Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof. 1. Name of conveying party(ies): 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): North Carolina State University Ruben G. Carbonell 1 Holladay Hall, Campus Box 7003 Stephanie Crette James B. McClain Raleigh, North Carolina Timothy J. Romack Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? 3. Nature of conveyance: X Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other Execution Date: February 23, March 1, 2, & 12, 2001 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ____ Yes XNo Patent No. 4. Application Serial No. 09/641,815 If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application Additional numbers attached? Yes X No 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$40.00 X Enclosed USPTO Customer No. 20792 Authorized to be charged to deposit account Robert J. Smith Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec P. O. Box 37428 8. Deposit account number: 50-0220 Raleigh NC 27627 DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 40E 9. Statement and signature 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. March 28, 2001 Robert J. Smith, Reg. 40,820

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Date

ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, **Ruben G. Carbonell**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 6105 Godfrey Drive, Raleigh, State of North Carolina, **Stephanie**Crette, citizen of France, residing at 600 Airport Road, Apt. 424, Chapel Hill, State of North Carolina, **James B. McClain**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 7303-205

Calibre Park Drive, Durham, State of North Carolina, and **Timothy J. Romack**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 5810 Forest Ridge Drive, Durham, State of North Carolina,

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in CARBON DIOXIDE-SOLUBLE POLYMERS AND SWELLABLE POLYMERS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE APPLICATIONS for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 18, 2000, under Serial No. 09/641,815, and

WHEREAS, **North Carolina State University**, an educational institution having a principal place of business at 1 Holladay Hall, Campus Box 7003, Raleigh, County of Wake, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as

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PATENT REEL: 011659 FRAME: 0980 fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 23 day of Kebruary, 2001.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ss: COUNTY OF

Before me personally appeared Ruben G. Carbonell, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this 23 day of February, 200 1.

Notary Public

(SEAL)

SEAL

My Commission Expires: 16, 2001

REEL: 011659 FRAME: 0981

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this day of, 2001. Stephanie Crette (SEAL)
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)) ss: COUNTY OF Alamance
Before me personally appeared Stephanie Crette, to me known to be the person
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and she acknowledged to me that
she executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this day of, 2001.
SEAL
My Commission Evnires: 9/27/05

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 2 day of March , 2001. [SEAL] [SEAL]
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF Wale
Before me personally appeared James B. McClain, to me known to be the person
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this <u>Indiano</u> day of <u>March</u> , 2001.
Notary Public
SEAL
My Commission Expires: 1/27/2003

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this/2 day of, 2001. Timothy J. Romack (SEAL)
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)) ss: COUNTY OF Beaufort
Before me personally appeared Timothy J. Romack, to me known to be the person
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this
SEAL
My Commission Expires: 1209-2003

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