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WHEREAS, I, Josef SCHRÖER, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Burggartenstr. 26, CH-4103 Bottmingen, SWITZERLAND;

have invented certain new and useful improvements in <u>METHOD FOR PRODUCING</u> 6,6-DIALKOXY-5-HYDROXY-3-OXO-HEXANOIC ACID ESTERS

for which <u>I</u> have ma <u>de</u> application for LETTERS PATENT OF THE UNITED STATES, which application has given Serial No. 09/787,419 and was filed on March 23, 2001.

And Whereas, LONZA AG, organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland, having its principal place of business at Geschäftsleitung, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland

hereinafter called the assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention within the United States of America and its territorial possessions and all foreign countries and any United States or foreign LETTERS PATENT that may be granted therefor.

Now, this Indenture Witnesseth. That for and in consideration of the sum of ten Dollars, in hand paid to us, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have assigned, sold and transferred, and do hereby assign, sell and transfer to the said assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, within the United States of America and its territorial possessions and all foreign countries, and in and to said application for LETTERS PATENT of the United States, and in and to all other applications for LETTERS PATENT for said invention in all other countries, and in and to all divisions and continuations of any of said applications, and in and to any LETTERS PATENT of the United States and foreign countries and all reissues and extensions thereof that may be granted, and the right to apply for LETTERS PATENT in foreign countries with full benefit of such priorities as may now or hereafter be granted to us by local laws or by treaty, including any international convention, for the protection of industrial property, together with the right to extend the protection of said U.S. LETTERS PATENT to the various territorial possessions now owned or which may be hereafter acquired by the United States of America, all said rights to be held and enjoyed by the assignee for its own use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of its successors or assigns, to the full end of the respective terms for which said LETTERS PATENT may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment sale had not been made. And I do hereby request and authorize that any and all LETTERS PATENT, when granted, be issued in accordance with this assignment to the assignee.

In further consideration of said sum of <u>ten</u> Dollars, and said other good and valuable considerations, to <u>me</u> paid <u>l</u> covenant and agree with the assignee that I have a full and unencumbered title to the invention hereby assigned, which title <u>l</u> warrant unto the assignee, and I further agree that I will, without demanding any further consideration therefor, at the request but at the expense of the assignee, do all lawful and just acts, including the execution and acknowledgment of instruments, furnishing of information and giving of testimony, that may be or become necessary for obtaining, sustaining, or reissuing United States and foreign LETTERS PATENT for the said invention, and for maintaining and perfecting the assignee's right to said invention and LETTERS PATENT, particularly in cases of interference and litigation.

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