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New Zealand Milk Products (North America) Inc.

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

( ) Yes (X) No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: New Zealand Dairy Board

Internal Address: Pastoral House

Street Address: 45 The Terrace

City: Wellington State: New Zealand ZIP:

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Filing Date:

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, New Zealand Milk Products (North America), Inc., a corporation having offices at 3645 Westwind Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403 (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), represents and warrants that it is the sole owner of the following United States issued Letters Patents in the United States (hereinafter "the Patents"):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
6,139,901	October 31, 2000	MEMBRANE FILTERED MILK PROTEINS VARYING IN COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONAL ATTRIBUTES
6,177,118	January 23, 2001	METHODS FOR PRODUCING CHEESE AND CHEESE PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, , New Zealand Dairy Board. a New Zealand corporation having offices at 45 The Terrace, Pastoral House, Wellington, New Zealand (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") desires to purchase the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions disclosed in the Patents;

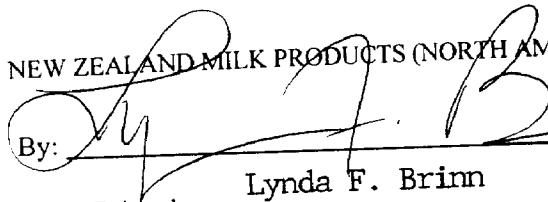
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to ASSIGNOR, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby further acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under the said improvements, and the said Patents and all Patents that may be granted thereon, and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, continuations, reissues, reexaminations, renewals, and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent that may hereafter be filed for said improvements or for the said Patents in any country or countries foreign to the United States; and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements and all Letters Patents resulting from the Patents to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns all claims for damages and all remedies arising out of any violation of the rights assigned hereby that may have accrued prior to the date of assignment to ASSIGNEE, or may accrue hereafter, including, but not limited to, the right to sue for, collect, and retain damages for past infringements of the said issued Letters Patents;

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants and agrees that it will communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns any facts known to ASSIGNOR respecting the Patents immediately upon becoming aware of those facts, and that it will testify in any legal proceeding involving any of the Patents, will sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and will generally do everything possible to aid ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns to obtain and enforce the Patents in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of June, 2001.

NEW ZEALAND MILK PRODUCTS (NORTH AMERICA) INC.

By:   
 Name Printed: Lynda F. Brinn  
 Title: Corporate Secretary

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COUNTY OF SONOMA

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On June 18, 2001, before me, Lynda F. Brinn, personally appeared personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that executed the same in authorized capacity, and that buy signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

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*Juli-Robin Meyers*  
Notary Signature

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