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HEREAS WE, (1) Hendrick J. Jansen Van Vuuren, (2) Jandrè Grobler, (3) Isak S. Pretorius, whose full post office addresses are (1) Jannasch Street 3, Stellenbosch 7600, Republic of South Africa, (2) Plumberry Square 51, Hemyock Road, Plumstead 7800, Republic of South Africa (3) Meerlust Avenue 6, Karindal, Stellenbosch 7600, Republic of South Africa, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled **A METHOD AND NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR TRANSFORMING MICROORGANISMS**, for which an international patent application No. PCT/CA96/00320 was filed on May 17, 1996 claiming priority from South African patent application serial no. 95/4072 filed on May 18, 1995, and for which the United States national phase was entered on November 18, 1997 under serial no. 08/952,365, Canadian national phase was entered on November 17, 1997, European national phase was entered on December 18, 1997 under serial no. 96914819.6 and was published under publication No. 0825541, and Australian national phase was entered on December 17, 1997 under serial no. 56827/96, under the above title,

AND WHEREAS University of Stellenbosch of Victoria Street, Stellenbosch 7600, Republic of South Africa, has acquired from us our whole right, title and interest for the United States of America and all other countries in and to the said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be obtained therefor, and in and to said applications,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Hendrick J. Jansen Van Vuuren, Jandre Grobler and Isak S. Pretorius, by these presents confirm that we have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said University of Stellenbosch, our entire right to the said invention in the United States of America and all other countries and our entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and the entire right, title and interest in and to said applications, and in and to any divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, and renewals and extensions of said applications, together with the right to claim the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property based on said application for United States Letters Patent.

We agree that we will without further consideration do all such things and execute all such documents as may be necessary or desirable to obtain and maintain patents for said invention and for additions and modifications thereto in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and any other Patent Office to issue said Letters Patent to said University of Stellenbosch, an assignee of the right, title and interest in and to the same, for its use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this

assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned University of Stellenbosch accepts this assignment from Hendrick J. Jansen Van Vuuren, Jandrè Grobler and Isak S. Petorius.

SIGNED this 11 day of March, 1998 at St. Catharines on Canada

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Hendrick J. Jansen Van Vuuren

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