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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Jeffrey A. Ahlgren

residing at 14926 W. Fieldcrest Drive, Brimfield, Illinois 61517-9522

having invented an improvement in Biopolymer Thickener

with Janine E. Trempy, Eric P. Knoshaug, William E. Sandine, and Karen P. Dierksen

for which we have made application for Patent, identified as PCT/US01/03404, filed on February 2, 2001; which claims the priority of Serial No. 60/179,888 filed on February 2, 2000; and Serial No. 60/241,098 filed on October 16, 2000.

WHEREAS, the WORLDWIDE patent rights in my share of said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of my having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render the patent rights so assignable; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, I hereby assign said WORLDWIDE patent rights to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture.

  
(signature) JEFFREY A. AHLGREN

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