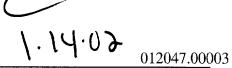


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AND WHEREAS, CP Kelco U.S., Inc., hereinafter referred to as "CP Kelco" a corporation duly organized, incorporated and existing under the Commonwealth of Delaware and having a place of business at 1313 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, is desirous of acquiring or confirming its acquisition of the entire right, title and interest in any invention, inventions, or improvements described in said Patent Application, and in and to any patent applications may be filed thereon, and in and to any and all patents, both of the United States and of all foreign countries, that may be obtained therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that we, the Inventors, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and by this assignment do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said CP Kelco, its successor and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world, in and to said invention, inventions, or improvements described or set forth in U.S. provisional Application 60/203,899 and in the United States utility application Serial No. 09/812,895 filed on March 21, 2001, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to any applications hereafter filed in the United States or any foreign country based thereon including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty; and in and to any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, or substitute application which may be filed on said invention, inventions, or improvements in the United States or in any foreign country; and in and to any and all patents, certificates, utility models, reissues, extensions, additions or confirmations thereof which may be granted in the United States or in any foreign country upon said invention, inventions, or improvements TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such United States and foreign patents and grants may be issued on said invention, inventions, or improvements.

AND, We do hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all of said United States and foreign patents on said invention, inventions, or improvements to said CP Kelco, it successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said CP Kelco, its successors and assigns.

AND We do hereby covenant and warrant that we have full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned free and clear of all licenses, encumbrances and liens whatsoever, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instruments in conflict herewith.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hand on the date indicated below.

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