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AND WHEREAS, **EXECUTE** international AG AND WHEREAS, **EXECUTE** and place of business at Büssingstrasse 1, D-42781, Haan, Germany (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention in the United States and patent application and any U.S. Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

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Date05 September 2001

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