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WHEREAS, we Klaus EBEL, Frank OHLBACH, and Christoph NÜBLING, citizens of Germany, residing, respectively, at Kranichweg 23, D-68623 Lampertheim, Schulstrass 7 D-69221 Dossenheim, Schlehenweg 5f D-67454 Haßloch, all of Germany, have invented certain new and useful improvements in PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF (2S, 4R, 9S)-OCTAHYDRO-1H-INDOLE-2-CARBOXYLIC ACID AND INTERMEDIATES THEREFOR as fully set forth and described in the specification executed by us on _____ preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefore; and

WHEREAS BASF Aktiengesellschaft, having a place of business at D-67056 Ludwigshafen, Germany, is desirous of acquiring said invention and application and the exclusive right in and to the Letters Patent to be granted therefor:

NOW THEREFOR, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable consideration, we, the said above-named inventors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said BASF Aktiengesellschaft the full and exclusive right to the said invention and application and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands.

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Date

Dr. Christoph Nöbling
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