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Authorize Name: Dennis R. Daley Authorized to be charged to deposit account Merchant & Gould P.C. Address: P.O. Box 2903 Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903 8. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit account number: 13-2725 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE DO NOT USE THIS SPACE Statement and signature: To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. April / 5 , 2002 Dennis R. Daley Name of Person Signing Signature Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 9 Do not detach this portion Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to: **Box Assignments** Director - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231 Public burden reporting for this sample cover sheet is estimated to average about 30 minutes per document to be recorded, including time for reviewing the document and gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the sample cover sheet. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of information systems, PK2-1000C, Washington, D.C. 20231, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0651-0011), Washington, D.C. 20503. 00000197 09999072 05/02/2002 DBYRNE 40.00 O 01 FC:581

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Kim R. Smith, residing at 8774 Rainier Alcove, Woodbury MN 55125/USA, Victor F-P. Man, residing at 1410 Carling Drive, Apt #207, St. Paul MN 55108/USA, Wendy Wiseth, residing at 390 Geranium Avenue East, St. Paul MN 55101/USA and Richard Stardig, residing at 3345 45th Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55406/USA, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which we filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on November 30, 2001, application Serial No. 09/999072 which is entitled MOLDED DETERGENT COMPOSITION AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING AND USING A MOLDED DETERGENT COMPOSITION.

AND WHEREAS, Ecolab Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at Ecolab Center, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to

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AND, furthermore we covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by us and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

| IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22 day of March, 2002 Kim R. Smith |
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| On this \(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \) day of, 20\(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \), before me personally appeared Kim R. |
| Smith to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing |
| instrument, and she duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth. |
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| On this day of, 20, before me personally appeared Victor F- |
| P. Man to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing |
| instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein |
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| Wiseth to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing |
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