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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATIONS, We, Chia-Hung Chen of Dublin, Ohio and Jorg Kroker of Powell, Ohio do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto **Ashland Inc.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the **Commonwealth of Kentucky**, and having an office at 50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, KY 41012-0391, herein sometimes called "**ASSIGNEE**", the entire right, title and interest in and to our invention for **POLYURETHANE-FORMING BINDERS** as described and/or claimed in our application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, Serial No. **09/911,677** filed **July 24, 2001**, and as described and/or claimed in any and all applications for Letters Patent of all foreign countries together with all Letters Patent issuing on any of the aforesaid applications for Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by **ASSIGNEE**, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full ends of the terms of all said Letters Patent therefor which may be granted.

AND WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE ASSIGNEE to make applications for and to receive Letters Patent for said invention in any of said countries in its own name, or in my name, at its election, and to claim any and all priority rights as may exist.

AND WE HEREBY COVENANT AND AGREE that we will execute or procure any further necessary assurance of the title to said invention and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor and that we will, at any time, upon request and at the expense of **ASSIGNEE** deliver any testimony in any legal proceedings and execute all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention or any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in **ASSIGNEE**, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, and that we will at any time, upon the request and at the expense of **ASSIGNEE** execute any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, or any other additional applications of Letters Patent for said invention or any part or parts thereof, all of which applications and any Letters Patent issuing thereon are hereby assigned to **ASSIGNEE**, and will make all rightful oaths, and do all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same therein, without further compensation, but at the expense of **ASSIGNEE**, its successors, assigns or other representatives.

AND WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States for said invention, resulting from any of the aforesaid applications to said **ASSIGNEE**.

WITNESS our hands and seals this 24th day of May, 2002.

Chia-Hung Chen L.S.
Jorg Kroker L.S.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Ohio) ss:
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On this 24th day of May, 2002, personally appeared before me Chia-Hung Chen and Jorg Kroker to me known, and known by me to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same, of their own free will and for the purposes set forth.

Mattha Lynn Blevin
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