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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Xuebao LI, a citizen of China, residing at West Coast Crescent, #04-04, Westbay Condominium, Singapore 128035; Lin CAI, a citizen of China, residing at Block 315, #03-137, Clementi Avenue 4, Singapore 120315; Ninghui CHENG, a citizen of China, residing at 217 B Street, S.W., Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401; Jian-Wei LIU, a citizen of Singapore residing at 8 Toh Yi Drive, #03-299, Singapore 590008, are the inventors of an invention in **ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A FIBER-SPECIFIC ACTIN PROMOTER FROM COTTON** for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States (International Application No. PCT/SG00/00112, filed August 1, 2000), of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Institute of Molecular Agrobiolgy, with a place of business at 1 Research Link, The National University of Singapore, Singapore 117604 is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we the said Institute of Molecular Agrobiolgy, Xuebao LI, Lin CAI, Ninghui CHENG and Jian-Wei LIU have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Institute of Molecular Agrobiolgy, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof and all rights of priority in any such country or countries based upon the filing of the said application for Letters Patent of the United States which are created by any law, treaty or international convention; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said invention to the said Institute of Molecular Agrobiolgy, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Institute of Molecular Agrobiolgy, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said Institute of Molecular Agrobiolgy, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

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