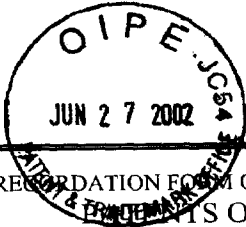


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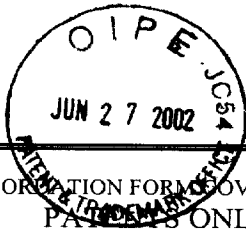
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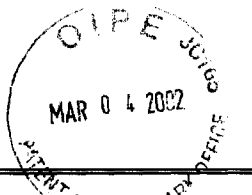
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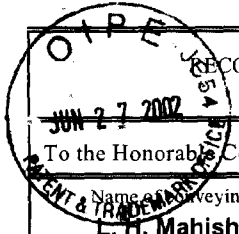
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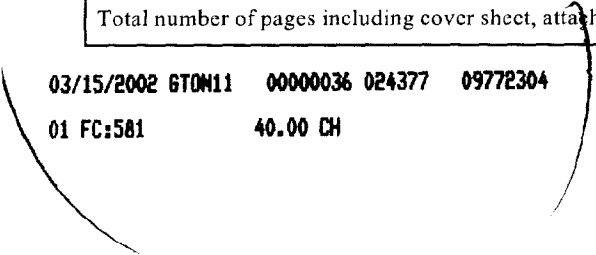
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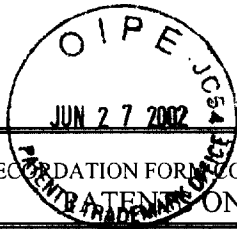
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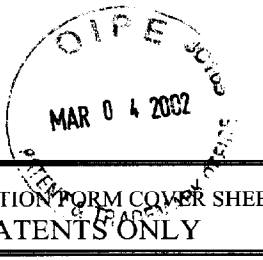
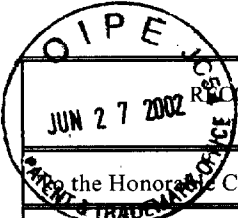
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WHEREAS, COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of India, and having an office for the transaction of business at Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110 001, India, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that WE, the said L.H. MAHISHI, G. TRIPATHI, T.V.N RAMCHANDER and SHUBAN KISHEN RAWAL, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to us in hand paid by said COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "NOVEL *ESCHERICHIA COLI* HAVING ACCESSION NO PTA 1579 AND ITS USE TO PRODUCE POLYHYDROXYBUTYRATE" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/772,304, filed January 29, 2001, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

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