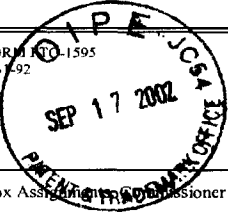


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Pursuant to our obligation to Board of Control of Michigan Technological University (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a constitutional corporation of the State of Michigan having its principle place of business at:

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and for other valuable and sufficient consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we:

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confirm our obligation to and hereby sell, assign and convey, unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest -

(1) in and to an invention entitled "APPLICATION OF ASPEN MADS-BOX GENES TO ALTER REPRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT IN TREES" for which we have executed United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/206,653, filed July 26, 2002 (Atty File No. 066040-9725);

(2) in and to said United States patent application, in and to all other patent applications (including divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, §111(b) provisional, §111(a), and reissue applications) based upon said invention, and in and to the patent or patents

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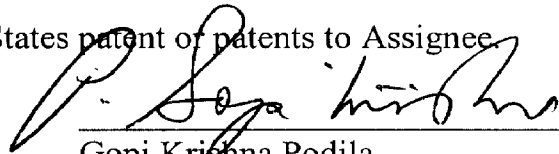
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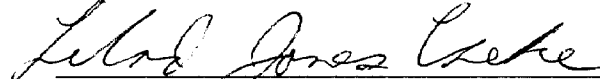
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