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for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell and assign to **Novartis AG**, a company organized under the laws of the Swiss Confederation, having a place of business at Lichtstrasse 35, Basel, Switzerland 4056, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all our right, title and interest, which includes the right to and full benefit of such priorities as may now or hereafter be granted tous by local laws or by treaty, including any international convention for the protection of industrial property, in and for the United States and its territories and possessions in and to the invention entitled:

LOW TEMPERATURE PROCESS FOR PREPARING METHYL ESTERS

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Application No. 10/134,347, filed April 26, 2002,

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Signed this 7th day of July, 2002 by Wen-Chung Shieh
Wen-Chung Shieh

Signed this 2nd day of July, 2002 by Steven J. Dell
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