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 Yes No

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Execution Date: February 25, 2003

2. Name and Address of receiving party(ies):

Name: IMC Phosphates Company

Internal Address:

Street Address: 100 South Saunders Road, Suite 300
City: Lake Forest State: IL Zip: 60045 Country: USA

Individual(s) Citizenship: U.S.A.
 Association:
 General Partnership: Delaware
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 Corporation-State
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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)
Preparation of Near-Neutral Anionic Salt Feed Minerals
Patent No. 5,556,634 Issue Date: September 17, 1996

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Dusan Clark
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PATENT ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, The Vigoro Corporation ("Assignor"), a Delaware corporation and having a place of business at 100 South Saunders Road, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045, does hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to IMC Phosphates Company (the "Assignee"), a Delaware general partnership and having a place of business at 100 South Saunders Road, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045, the entire worldwide right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,556,634 issued September 17, 1996 entitled "Preparation of Near-Neutral Anionic Salt Feed Minerals" and in and to all patents which may be granted from divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexaminations, foreign counterparts and extensions thereof claiming priority to the underlying said patent, together with the assignment of all rights to sue for past infringement of said patent and all rights of recovery, including but not limited to damages, for such past infringement;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the Assignor and that the full right to convey the above patent as herein expressed is possessed by the Assignor;

COVENANT agrees that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the Assignor will communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the Assignor relating to the invention of said patent and the history thereof and generally do everything possible which is reasonably necessary for maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such patent and to cooperate with Assignee to execute all further agreements, instruments, papers, applications, certificates and other documents and to generally perform such other proper acts as Assignee or its successors or assigns may deem reasonably necessary to secure to Assignee or its successors or assigns the rights hereby transferred, and to do everything to convey all Assignor's right, title and interest to Assignee and to Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives to obtain recordation of such conveyance to vest title to such patent throughout the world in the Assignee.

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the Assignor and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

The Vigoro Corporation (Assignor)

By: _____


J. Reid Porter

Title: Vice President

Date: _____

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

State of Illinois)
) ss.
 County of Lake)

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this 25th day of February, 2003, personally appeared J. Reid Porter known to me to me the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity state, and with authority to act in this assignment on behalf of the Assignor.



Marsha T. Vaughn
 Notary Public

Commission Expires: 1-10-2004