01-14-2003 Form PTO-1595 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Rev. 03/01) Docket No. 02/001 NUT OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 5/31/2002) To the Honorable Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof. 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): 1. Name of conveying party (ies): 1-3-03 **Nutrinova Nutrition Specialties & Food Ingredients GmbH Christoph MOLLENKOPF** Street Address: Brueningstrasse 50 Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ()Yes (X) No Frankfurt am Main Country: Federal Republic of Germany D-65929 Zip: 3. Nature of conveyance: (X) Assignment () Merger () Security Agreement () Change of Name () Other Execution Dates: December 12, 2002 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? () Yes (X) No 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: 10,336294 B. Patent No.(s) A. Patent Application No.(s) Additional numbers attached? () Yes (X) No 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 document should be mailed: Name: ProPat, LLC Attention: Klaus Schweitzer Street Address: 2912 Crosby Road City: Charlotte State: NC Zip: 28211-2815 \$40.00 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)... () Enclosed (X) Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 502193 00000197 502193 01/13/2003 TDIAZ1 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) FC:8021 40.00 CH DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature.

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