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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

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Roy F. House
Tammy L. Rodrigue

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Venture Chemicals, Inc.
Internal Address: P. O. Box 53631

Street Address: 106 Board Road

City: Lafayette State: LA Zip: 70505

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

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

Name: Roy F. House

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 5726 Etrick Drive

City: Houston State: TX Zip: 77035

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Roy F. House

Name of Person Signing

Roy F. House

Signature

January 20, 2003

Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Jack C. Cowan, and Roy F. House,
and Tammy L. Rodrigue and _____,
all citizens of the United States of America, and residents of Lafayette, Louisiana, and
Houston, Texas, and Lafayette, Louisiana, and _____, respectively,
have made an invention in Anhydride-Modified Chitosan, Method of Preparation Therefor, and Fluids
Containing Same
for which we have executed an application for United States Letters Patent on the 15 day of January,
20 03, and 17 day of January, 20 03, and 15 day of January,
20 03, and _____ day of _____, 20____, respectively;

WHEREAS, We represent and warrant that we are together the owners of the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and application for Letters Patent;

WHEREAS, Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____ of
Lafayette, Louisiana _____, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by us, we have assigned, sold, transferred and set over by these presents do assign, sell, transfer and set over onto said Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____ the entire right, title and interest in and to (a) said invention and substitutions thereof, (b) said application, including all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and substitutions thereof, and (c) all United States and foreign patents which shall issue on said invention, including all reissues, renewals and extensions thereof, for the United States, its territories and possessions and all foreign countries, including the right to file applications for Letters Patent on said invention in any and all foreign countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____, its assigns and successors, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us, had this assignment and sale not been made.

Each of us covenants and agrees that he will, at any time upon the request and at the expense of said Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable, in the opinion of said Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____, to enable and assist said Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____ to (a) obtain Letters Patent, both domestic and foreign, on said invention, (b) establish, maintain and secure title in said Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____, its successors and assigns, to said invention, application and Letters Patent, including making such title of lawful public record, and (c) defend, establish or otherwise preserve the validity of said Letters Patent against any and all infringes, and perform such other acts as are necessary to give full force and effect to this assignment.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue all Letters patent based on said application and all said divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, renewals and extensions to said Venture Chemicals, Inc. _____, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have duly executed this 15 day of January, 20 03, and
this 17 day of January, 20 03, and this 15 day of January, 20 03, and this
_____ day of _____, 20____, respectively.

Jack C. Cowan
Jack C. Cowan

Roy F. House
Roy F. House

Tammy L. Rodrigue
Tammy L. Rodrigue

STATE OF Louisiana)
PARISH) ss
~~COUNTY~~ OF Lafayette)

BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack C. Cowan,
known to me to be 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.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 15th day of January, A.D. 2003.

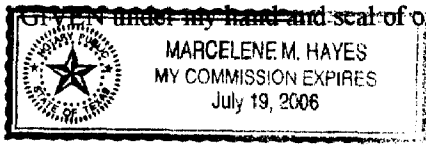
Richard Truman
Notary Public
My commission expires at death

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STATE OF Texas)
COUNTY OF Harris) ss

BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Roy F. House,
known to me to be 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.

~~GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this~~ 17 day of Jan, A.D. 2003.



Marcelene M. Hayes
Notary Public

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STATE OF Louisiana)
PARISH) ss
~~COUNTY~~ OF Lafayette)

BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Tammy L. Rodrigue,
known to me to be 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.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 15th day of January, A.D. 2003.

Richard Truman
Notary Public
My commission expires at death

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STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) ss

BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____,
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executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20____.

Notary Public

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