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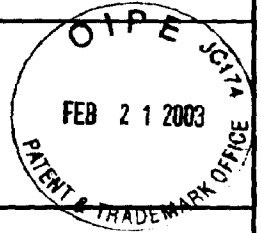
To the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.



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1. Name of Conveying Party(ies): Hudson Bio Systems, Inc.

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

2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest (assignee(s)): Name: BEST BioFuels LLC c/o Smithfield Foods, Inc. Address: 1911 S. Church Street Smithfield, Virginia 23430 Country: USA

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Execution Date: February 20, 2003

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date(s) of the application is: _____

A. Patent Application No(s): 10/320,744 B. Patent No(s): _____

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Hunton & Williams Intellectual Property Department 1900 K Street, N.W. Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20006-1109 (202) 955-1500 (telephone) (202) 778-2201 (facsimile)

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: Application(s): 1 + Patent(s): = Total: 1

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, HUDSON BIO SYSTEMS, INC., having a place of business located at 609 Castle Ridge Road, Suite 410, Austin, TX 78746 owns the entire rights in the patent application entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXTRACTING ENERGY FROM AGRICULTURAL WASTE

described in an application for United States Letters Patent filed on December 18, 2002, and accorded Application No. 10/320,744, which claims priority to provisional United States Provisional Application filed on December 18, 2001 and accorded Provisional Application No. 60/340,491;

AND, WHEREAS, BEST BioFuels LLC c/o Smithfield Foods, Inc., 1911 S. Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23430, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire rights to the improvements and under the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, my entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said improvements, said United States application, any other United States applications, including provisional, divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said improvements, any foreign applications, including international and regional applications, based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said improvements, and in and to any and all letters patent, including extensions thereof, of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said improvements or any parts thereof;

AND I hereby authorize and request my agents, Hunton & Williams, whose address is 1900 K Street, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20006-1109, to insert hereon any identification necessary or desirable for recordation of this document, including the filing date and application number of said application when known.

AND I hereby agree for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators to execute without further consideration any further documents and instruments which may be necessary, lawful and proper in the prosecution of said above-referenced application or in the preparation or prosecution of any continuing, substitute, divisional, renewal, reexamination or reissue application or in any amendments, extensions or interference proceedings, or other applications for patents of any region or country, that may be necessary to secure to ASSIGNEE its interest and title in and to said improvements or any parts thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND I hereby covenant for myself and my legal representatives, and agree with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, that I have granted no right or license to make, use, sell or offer to sell said improvements, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed, my right, title and interest in said improvements had not been otherwise encumbered, and that I have not and will not execute any instrument in conflict therewith;

AND I do hereby authorize and request the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue any and all letters patent which may be granted upon said United States applications, or upon said improvements or any parts thereof when granted, to said ASSIGNEE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

2/20/03
Date

Jim Boushka
Name
President
Title

County of Travis)
State of Texas) ss:

On this 20th day of February, 2003, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jim Boushka, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

Trica Bradshaw
Notary Public



My Commission Expires 10-29-2003

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