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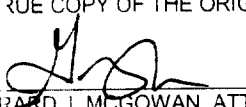


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WHEREAS, We, William James FRITH, Ian Timothy NORTON and Bettina WOLF, all of, Unilever R&D Colworth, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1LQ Great Britain

have invented certain improvements in: **FIBRE CONTAINING COMPOSITION**

(bearing Attorney's Docket Number: **F 7617 (V)**), which is found in

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(a) _____ U.S. patent application executed on _____

(b) X To comply with 37 CFR 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I/WE as ASSIGNOR(S) signing below, hereby authorize and request my/our attorney, as named in the Declaration and Power of Attorney to insert below the filing date and application number when it becomes known.

U.S. application Serial No. 10/213,228 filed on Aug 6, 2002

(c) _____ International Application No. PCT/_____/_____

AND WHEREAS, **UNILEVER BESTFOODS, NORTH AMERICA, DIVISION OF CONOPCO, INC.**, a corporation of **NEW YORK** having a principal place of business at **800 SYLVAN AVENUE, ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NEW JERSEY 07632** desires to acquire the entire right title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention, and to said United States application or any reissues, divisions, continuation, or continuation-in-part thereof, and in any Letters Patent which may issue therefrom;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I/We, the undersigned, hereby sell, assign and transfer to the aforesaid **UNILEVER BESTFOODS, NORTH AMERICA, DIVISION OF CONOPCO, INC.**, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States, and in and to any and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue or other applications describing said invention or improvements thereon, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may issue from said applications or any of them, the same to be held by and for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said **UNILEVER BESTFOODS, NORTH AMERICA, DIVISION OF CONOPCO, INC.**, its successors and assigns.

AND I/We do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said **UNILEVER BESTFOODS, NORTH AMERICA, DIVISION OF CONOPCO, INC.**, as the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same.

AND I/We do hereby agree to assist said **UNILEVER BESTFOODS, NORTH AMERICA, DIVISION OF CONOPCO, INC.**, in the prosecution of any and all said applications and in the prosecution of any and all interferences or other proceedings which may arise involving said invention, and to execute and deliver any powers of attorney, affidavits, assignments, applications, reissues, documents, or other written instruments which, in the opinion of counsel for said **UNILEVER BESTFOODS, NORTH AMERICA, DIVISION OF CONOPCO, INC.**, its successors and assigns, may be necessary in this country fully to secure to said **UNILEVER BESTFOODS, NORTH AMERICA, DIVISION OF CONOPCO, INC.**, its successors and assigns, any and all said applications, inventions, improvements, Letters Patent, rights, titles, and interests hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed.

In witness whereof, I/we have hereunto set my/our hand

Dated: 20 August 2002 (1) William James Frith
Inventor - William James FRITH

Dated: 20 August 2002 (2) Ian Timothy Norton
Inventor - Ian Timothy NORTON

Dated: 20 August 2002 (3) Bettina Wolf
Inventor - Bettina WOLF

Notarise & Apostille



Seen by me, Victor Joseph Antonius Johannes Clemens van Heeswijk, civil law notary in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, for legalisation of the signatures placed on the attached document of:

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- Mr Ian Timothy Norton, residing at 29 Croft Way, Rushden, Northants N10 9EZ, Great Britain; and
- Mrs Bettina Wolf, c/o Unilever R&D Colworth, Sharnbrook, Bedford, MK44 1LQ, Great Britain.

Rotterdam, 22 August 2002

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