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Case No. N-30389C/N1N1/CGC1983
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To the Honorable Commissioner of

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Attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

- (1) Jeffrey D. MEISTER,
- (2) Donna Jean O'CONNOR

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Novartis Nutrition AG

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: Monbijoustrasse 118

City: Bern State: Switzerland ZIP: 3001

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

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
- Security Agreement Change of Name
- Other _____

Execution Date: (1) September 25, 2002,
(2) September 25, 2002.

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:

A. Patent Application No.(s)
10/007,033

B. Patent No.(s)

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Additional numbers attached? Yes No

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

Name: Thomas Hoxie

Internal Address: Novartis

Corporate Intellectual Property

Street Address: One Health Plaza, Building 430

City: East Hanover State: NJ ZIP: 07936-1080

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40

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8. Deposit account number:

19-0134 (in the name of Novartis Corporation)

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9. Statement and signature.

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We,

Jeffrey D. Meister residing at 3615 Evergreen Lane
Plymouth, Minnesota 55441

Donna Jean O'Connor residing at 18633 - 81st Place North
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311,

for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell and assign to **Novartis Nutrition AG**, a company organized under the laws of the Swiss Confederation, having a place of business at Monbijoustrasse 118, Berne, Switzerland 3001, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all our right, title and interest, which includes the right to and full benefit of such priorities as may now or hereafter be granted tous by local laws or by treaty, including any international convention for the protection of industrial property, in and for the United States and its territories and possessions in and to the invention entitled:

Composition and Process for Producing Thickened Coffee, Tea or Cocoa Beverages

invented by us and described in the application for United States Letters Patent

Application No. 10/007,033, filed December 6, 2001,

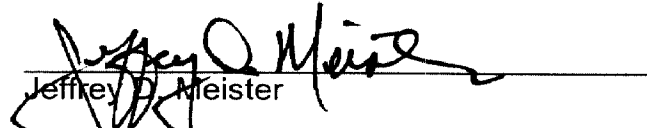
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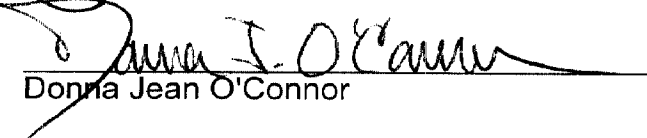
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including (1) said application for United States Letters Patent and all continuations and divisions thereof (including further continuations and divisions such as, but not limited to, continuations of continuations and divisions of continuations), (2) all United States Letters Patent which may be issued and/or granted on all such applications, (3) all applications for reissues and extensions of and reexamination certificates for all such United States Letters Patent and (4) all reissues and extensions and reexamination certificates issued for all such United States Letters Patent, the said interest being the entire ownership of said invention and all of said applications, United States Letters Patent (including reissue Letters Patent), extensions and reexamination certificates to be held and enjoyed by the said Novartis Nutrition AG and its successors and assigns to the full end of the terms to which said United States Letters Patent (including reissue Letters Patent), extensions and reexamination certificates may be granted and/or issued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this sale, assignment and transfer had not been made;

And we hereby agree to sign and/or execute any further documents and/or instruments which may be necessary, lawful and proper in and/or for the filing and/or prosecution of said applications for United States Letters Patent (including reissue Letters Patent), extensions and reexamination certificates and/or the granting and/or issuance thereof and/or to otherwise secure title to said invention and all of said applications, United States Letters Patent (including reissue Letters Patent), extensions and reexamination certificates in said assignee.

Signed this 25th day of September, 2002 by 
Jeffrey D. Meister

Signed this 25th day of September 2002 by 
Donna Jean O'Connor

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