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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Hongjie Cao
Gary T. Martino

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: National Starch and Chemical Investment Holding Corporation

Internal Address: _____

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

3. Nature of Conveyance:

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

Street Address: 1000 Unigema Boulevard
City New Castle State Delaware ZIP 19720

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

Signature Execution Date(s): April 17 & 22, 2003

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed with a new application the execution date of the application is: _____

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

10/371,459 filed on February 21, 2003

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

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

Name: Karen G. Kaiser

Internal Address: National Starch and Chemical Company

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ZIP 08807-0500

6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

1

7. Total Fee (37 CFR 3,41) \$ 40.00

- Enclosed
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8. Deposit Account Number:

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9. Statement and Signature

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Karen G. Kaiser, Reg. No. 33,506

April 24, 2003

Name of Person Signing

Signature

Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, **Hongjie Cao** and **Gary T. Martino** residing at:

6 Drake Close, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844

21 Kingsland Circle, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852

respectively, have invented certain novel and useful improvements in

HIGH VISCOSITY HEAT-TREATED XANTHAN GUM

for which we executed a Declaration in an application for Letters Patent of the United States on April 17 & 22, 2003, and of which we are the true inventors; and

WHEREAS, National Starch and Chemical Investment Holding Corporation (a corporation of the State of Delaware), 1000 Uniqema Boulevard, New Castle, Delaware 19720, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, application and Letters Patent to be obtained therefor in the United States, and in all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, **Hongjie Cao** and **Gary T. Martino**, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said National Starch and Chemical Investment Holding Corporation, its successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention described in the specification executed by us on even date herewith, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor, and to said application, Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention, and any and all reissues, divisions, extensions or continuations thereof, and to any Letters Patent which may be applied for or granted for said invention in foreign countries, and the entire and exclusive right to have and claims the priority in all foreign countries pursuant to the provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, based on said application including all rights to any accrued damages arising out of infringement during the time preceding and following grant of the Letters Patent and execution or recording of this assignment; and

WE HEREBY REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said National Starch and Chemical Investment Holding Corporation, as the assignee of our interest for the sole use of said assignee and its successors and assigns; and

WE HEREBY AGREE to execute any further papers necessary to secure said assignee in its full and complete enjoyment of its right to said invention, application, Letters Patent, reissues, divisions, extensions and continuations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands this ^{17th} 22nd day of April, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 17, 2003

Hongjie Cao
Hongjie Cao

COUNTY OF SOMERSET)
STATE OF NEW JERSEY) SS:

On this 17th day of April, 2003 before me personally appeared **Hongjie Cao**, to me known and known to me to be the persons mentioned in and who executed the foregoing Assignment, and they duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will and for the purposes therein set forth.

Deborah J. Mouzon
NOTARY PUBLIC

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NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 5/7/2006

