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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT**

Whereas, I, Richard J. Baumgart whose address is 3250 Houston Antioch Road, Paris, KY 40361, I, Zhiqiang Zhang whose address is 633 Poplar Springs Lane, Lexington, KY 40515, and whereas I, Steve B. Ruble, whose address is 4131 Winnipeg Court, Lexington, KY 40515 have invented certain improvements in an invention for a **PIVOTAL DISPENSING NOZZLE WITH DIVERTER SPRAY VALVE**, and have executed an application Serial No. 10/350,161 for a United States Letters Patent filed on January 22, 2003; and

Whereas, ASHLAND INC., of Lexington, KY, a Kentucky corporation whose address is 3499 Blazer Parkway, Lexington, KY 40509, (including its successors and assigns), desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in said application and invention, and any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, in consideration of one dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASHLAND INC., the entire right, title and interest in said application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all provisional patent applications, United States and

any PCT and foreign patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States or any foreign country. I also agree that ASHLAND INC. may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the invention, and I agree to cooperate with ASHLAND INC. and to execute without additional consideration any additional documents as deemed necessary by ASHLAND INC. to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for the invention in any country of the world.

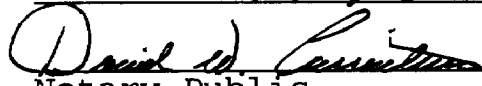
I hereby authorize and request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in this application to said ASHLAND INC.


Richard J. Baumgart

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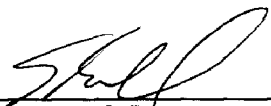
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