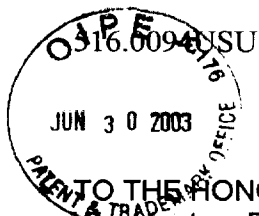


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FOR valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, **Richard Wai-Chun Liu**, a citizen of the **United States of America**, and a resident of **Seabrook, Texas, U.S.A.**, I, **Philip Dean Hill**, a citizen of the **United States of America**, and a resident of **Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A.**, I, **Thomas Edwin Pruitt**, a citizen of the **United States of America**, and a resident of **Deer Park, Texas, U.S.A.**, I, **Forrest Lee Sanders**, a citizen of the **United States of America**, and a resident of **Katy, Texas, U.S.A.**, and I, **Albert Yi Yang**, a citizen of the **United States of America**, and a resident of **Houston, Texas, U.S.A.**, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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hereby assigns to **Rhodia Inc.**, a **Delaware Corporation**, having its principal office at **259 Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512, U.S.A.** (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), of the entire right, title and interest in and to such invention, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the same throughout the world, including the rights to claim priority, and including any patent rights which may result from the application for United States Letters Patent which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **April 17, 2003**, and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. **10/418,193**, and any continuation, divisions, continuation-in-part applications, inventor's certificate and extensions thereof, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee for their own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of their successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent or other rights of protection may be granted as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had the assignment not been made.

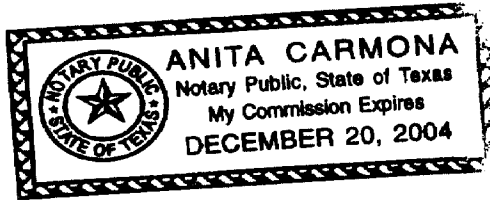
AND WE COVENANT and AGREE and WARRANT that we have a full and unencumbered title to the invention hereby assigned, and we further covenant and agree that we have the right to grant such rights to said invention and application and Letters Patent and that we will, at any time upon request without cost to us or further compensation, execute and deliver any and all papers or instruments that, in the opinion of the Assignee, may be necessary or desirable to secure said Assignee the full enjoyment of the rights and properties herein conveyed or intended to be conveyed by this instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, we have hereunto set our hands and seal:

Date: 06/04/2003, 2003 *Richard Wai-Chun Liu*
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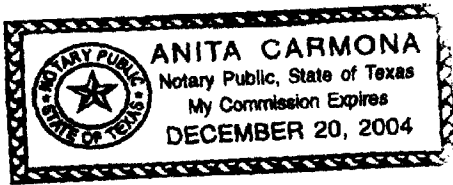


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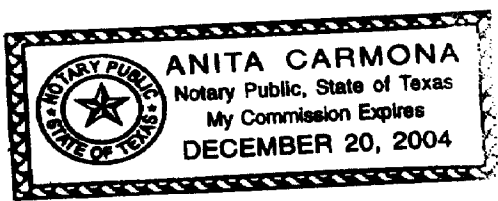


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