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**ASSIGNMENT
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WHEREAS, **BASF Plant Science GmbH**, a German corporation, owns certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled **LIPID METABOLISM REGULATORS IN PLANTS**, assigned International Application No. PCT/US02/07441, filed March 8, 2002 and relying for priority on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/274,170 filed on March 8, 2001 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, a U.S. institution of higher education having principal place of business at 238 Administration Building, East Lansing, Michigan is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual agreement between the parties and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which it hereby acknowledge, **BASF Plant Science GmbH**, by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** the full, exclusive and entire right, title, and interest in and to said application, in and to any divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said application, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent therefore; and it hereby requests that any and all Letters Patent resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, or reissue thereof, to **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** as the assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and benefit of **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** and its assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, **BASF Plant Science GmbH** by these presents does sell, assign, and transfer to **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, full, exclusive, and entire right, title and interest in and to any U.S. and foreign application or applications corresponding to said international application, in whole or in part, in and to any Letters Patent and similar protective rights granted on said applications, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said applications under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes,

or regulations; said applications to be issued in the name of **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law.

AND, for the same consideration, **BASF Plant Science GmbH** agrees to sign all lawful papers, execute all division, continuing, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, to aid **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

In witness whereof, the undersigned has caused this Assignment to be executed as an authorized representative.

BASF Plant Science GmbH

Date: 26.8.2002

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