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WHEREAS, I, Oswaldo da Costa e Silva, residing at 203 Littleford Lane, Apex, North Carolina, 27502, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR STRESS-RELATED PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE IN PLANTS, assigned Serial No. PCT/US00/34972 filed December 22, 2000 and relying for priority on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/171,745 on December 22, 1999 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, BASF PLANT SCIENCE GMBH, a German corporation having principal place of business at D-67056 Ludwigshafen, Germany is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

NOW, THERFORE, for and in consideration of Five Dollars (\$5,00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I, Oswaldo da Costa e Silva, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto BASF PLANT SCIENCE GmbH 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 of the United States therefor; and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, or reissue thereof, to BASF PLANT SCIENCE GmbH as the assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and benefit of BASF PLANT SCIENCE GmbH and its assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, I, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer to BASF PLANT SCIENCE GmbH, the full, exclusive, and entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said application, in whole or in part, in countries other than the United States, in and to any Letters Patent

and similar protective rights granted on said foreign applications, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said foreign applications under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said foreign applications to be filed and issued in the name of BASF PLANT SCIENCE GmbH or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law.

AND, for the same consideration, I agree to sign all lawful papers, execute all division, continuing, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid BASF PLANT SCIENCE GmbH, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

This assignment Nunc Pro Tunc is to have force and effect as of December 22, 1999.

Date: Feb 9 2001

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WHEREAS, I, Nocha van Thielen, residing at 206-T HydePark Court, Cary, North Carolina, 27513, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR STRESS-RELATED PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE IN PLANTS, assigned Serial No. PCT/US00/34972 filed December 22, 2000 and relying for priority on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/171,745 on December 22, 1999 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

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Date: 27.2001

Nocha van Thielen

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WHEREAS, I, Ruoying Chen, residing at 105 Collier Place – 1G, Cary, North Carolina, 27513, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR STRESS-RELATED PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE IN PLANTS, assigned Serial No. PCT/US00/34972 filed December 22, 2000 and relying for priority on U.S. Provisional

PC1/US00/349/2 filed December 22, 2000 and relying for priority on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/171,745 on December 22, 1999 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

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