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WHEREAS, we, **Niu Dong** and **Katrina Cornish**, residing at Albany, California, and Pinole, California, respectively, having made an invention entitled **Transformation Methods for Guayule Using *Agrobacterium* and Reduced Light to Slow Metabolism and Enhance Recovery** for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed concurrently herewith and further identified as Department of Agriculture Case No. 0109.03; and

WHEREAS, the WORLDWIDE patent rights in our share of said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of our having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render the patent rights so assignable; and


WHEREAS, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, we hereby assign said WORLDWIDE patent rights to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture (the "Assignee")

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