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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, John D. Hilgren, residing at 925 Tanglewood Drive, Shoreview, Minnesota 55126, Timothy A. Gutzmann, residing at 616 Crimson Leaf Court, Eagan, Minnesota 55123, Robert D. P. Hei, residing at 2224 30th Avenue, Baldwin, Wisconsin 54002, and Roger J.A. Tippett, residing at 13070 Crolly Path, Rosemount, Minnesota 55068, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which we filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on September 16, 2004, application Serial No. 10/942,544 which is entitled METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR WASHING POULTRY DURING PROCESSING.

AND WHEREAS, Ecolab Inc, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at Ecolab Center, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and

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AND, furthermore we covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by us and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1674 day of December, 2004.

John D. Milgren

COUNTY OF DAKTA) ss.

On this <u>Oller, 2004</u> before me personally appeared John D. Hilgren to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

SUSANNA LÍ YU
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this / day of
December, 200f.
Timothy A. Gutzmenn
STATE OF /// /)
STATE OF MIMILIAN) COUNTY OF DAKE) SS.
On this 15th day of 1 centur, 2004, before me personally appeared Timothy
A. Gutzmann to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the
foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and
purposes therein set forth.
SUSANNA LI YU HOTARY PUBLIC-MENNESOTA Notary Public Notary Public
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16 th day of
Robert D. P. Hei
STATE OF
STATE OF MILLIAN) SS. COUNTY OF Dato(a)
On this 16th day of December, 2004, before me personally appeared Robert D
P. Hei to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing
instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein
set forth.
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ecember	, 20 <u>04</u> .			

STATE OF Minnewa) ss.

FROM-Merchant & Gould

On this 1st day of December, 2014 before me personally appeared Robert D. P. Hei to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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