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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS I, MONROE E. HOWELL, have invented a certain invention entitled **INBRED CORN LINE NP 993**, for which I have filed application for Letters Patent of the United States of America Serial No. 08/573,164, on December 15, 1995; and

WHEREAS SANDOZ LTD., a corporation of Switzerland, located at CH-4002 Basle, Switzerland, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention for the entire world and all patents and the like issued therefor by the United States and other countries and non-independent territories;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) and other good and valuable consideration, of which I acknowledge receipt, I hereby assign, sell and transfer to the said SANDOZ LTD. the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, as fully set forth and described in the specification of said United States patent application, in and for the United States, its territories and possessions and all other countries and non-independent territories of the world, said United States patent application and all continuations and divisions thereof and all United States Letters Patent issuing on any of the foregoing or on said invention, all applications for the reissue or extension of each such United States Letters Patent, all reissues and extensions of and reexamination certificates issued for each such United States Letters Patent and all applications for patents and the like which may be filed for said invention in other countries and non-independent territories of the world, all patents and the like issuing on such applications and all extensions and modifications thereof, including all rights under all International Conventions for the Protection of Industrial Property, bilateral and multilateral treaties and the like including, without limitation, the right to claim priority; said invention and all of said patent applications, patents, patent extensions, reexamination certificates and the like of the United States and all other countries and non-independent territories of the world to be held and enjoyed by the said SANDOZ LTD. for its own use and behalf and for the use and behalf of its successors, assigns, legal representatives and nominees for the full term or terms for which patents, patent extensions and the like may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made; and

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand to this Assignment.

March 15, 1996  
Date

Monroe E Howell  
Monroe E. Howell

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