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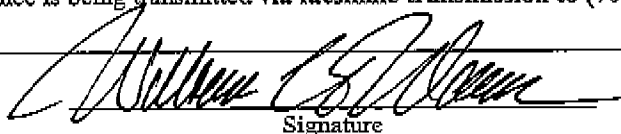
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **Norbert HAMPP**, a citizen of **Germany**, residing at **Schillerstraße 10, 35287 Amöneburg-Roßdorf, Germany**, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled "**METHOD FOR PRODUCING BIOMASS**," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **June 13, 2003**, under Nonprovisional Application Serial No. **10/450,461**; and

WHEREAS, **K+S Aktiengesellschaft**, a corporation of Germany having a principal place of business at **Bertha-von-Suttner-Straße 7, 34131 Kassel, Germany**, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of Five Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, I, **Norbert Hampp**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto **K+S Aktiengesellschaft**, 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 we 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 **K+S Aktiengesellschaft**, as the assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and benefit of **K+S Aktiengesellschaft** and its assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, we, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer to **K+S Aktiengesellschaft**, 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 **K+S Aktiengesellschaft**, or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law.

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AND, for the same consideration, we 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 **K+S Aktiengesellschaft**, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.



Norbert HAMPP

Date: 21 May 2005

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