

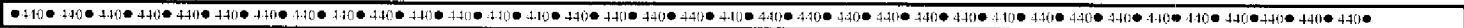
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FORM 440

ASSIGNMENT (with Priority Rights) and INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION

We, ASSIGNOR, of: **THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY
2030 Dow Center
Midland, Michigan 48674
United States of America**

a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of **the State of Delaware, United States of America** do hereby claim and declare that we hold the invention and all patent and other rights and powers obtainable or exercisable in respect thereof from the sole, true and first inventor(s):

John Klier, 5215 Shoal Creek Circle, Midland, Michigan 48642, United States of America; Christopher J. Tucker, 6232 Fairway Pines Court 2, Bay City, Michigan 48706, United States of America; Thomas H. Kalantar, 331 Burning Bush Lane, Midland, Michigan 48642, United States of America; Kenneth A. Burdett, 2102 Springwood Drive, Midland, Michigan 48640; D. Patrick Green, 3719 Hillgrove Court, Midland, Michigan 48642 United States of America; Guo-shuh J. Lee, 10 Burrell Court, Midland, Michigan 48640 United States of America

by an Assignment dated: **July 20, 2000; July 24, 2000** of an invention relating to and entitled:

OXIDATION OF ALKYL AROMATIC COMPOUNDS TO AROMATIC ACIDS IN AN AQUEOUS MEDIUM

We do hereby declare, for good and valuable consideration received, sell, assign, and transfer unto:

WE, the ASSIGNEE: **INCA INTERNATIONAL S.P.A
Via Patroclo 21
20151 Milan
ITALY**

a corporation organized and existing under the laws of **Italy** our entire right, title and interest throughout the world, in and to the invention and all rights and powers to make application for Letters Patent in its own name, or in the name of its nominee; and all rights and powers to file any reissue, divisional, continuing or substitute application and any corresponding applications in any and all countries, including all rights to claim priority under all International Conventions and Treaties in the name of said Assignee, and do hereby authorize said Assignee to insert here the Priority Number 60/176,686 and Filing Date January 18, 2000 in United States of America

of the application on which the priority will be based; and in and to any Letters Patent that may be issued for said invention in any and all countries; and we do hereby agree to assist said Assignee in the prosecution of the said applications and in any interference, conflict, opposition or litigation which may arise involving said invention or the patent or patents thereon, and to execute any reissue, divisional, continuing or substitute application and assent to their making any applications in other countries corresponding to the above and below specifically identified application, as may be requested by said Assignee; and we do hereby authorize said Assignee to insert here the Corresponding Application No. 10/149,554 and Filing Date November 13, 2002 in The United States of America of the corresponding application in any country where that patent property must be entered for recordal of this Assignment; and we do hereby authorize and request that any such Letters Patent be issued to said Assignee in accordance herewith, and consent to the recordal of this Assignment being under covenant, not only that we have full power to make the same, but also that such assigned rights are not encumbered by any grant, license, or other right heretofore given.

Subscribed and Sworn by us at Midland, Michigan 48674, U.S.A.

this 16 day of August, 2000

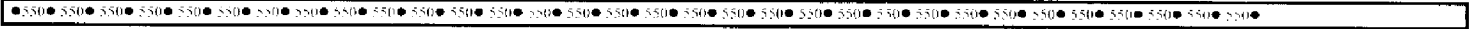
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THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

By: _____
GRAHAM E. TAYLOR
Assistant General Counsel, Intellectual Property

Attach Notarial Certificate (Corporation)

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FORM 550

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE (Corporation)

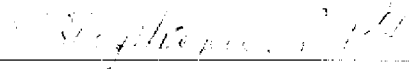
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
STATE OF Michigan) SS
County/Parish of Midland)

On this 11 day of August, 2000, personally appeared before me, **GRAHAM E. TAYLOR, Assistant General Counsel, Intellectual Property**, known or identified to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing document and acknowledged the same as a free act and deed for uses and purposes therein expressed by authority of the said Corporation incorporated under the laws of the **State of Delaware, United States of America**.

I further certify that said authority, dated **September 7, 1999**, is based on **a Resolution of the Board of Directors**

which I have seen, appointing the said individual **Attorney-in-fact** with full power to sign the foregoing document on behalf of the said corporation and that the purposes for which said document is granted are within the scope of the objects or activities of said corporation.

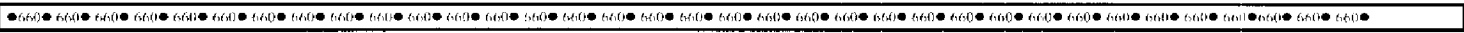
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Notary Public

Stephanie S. Potts
Arenac County, Michigan Acting in Midland County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: August 20, 2002

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FORM 660

ASSIGNEE ACCEPTANCE

WE, the ASSIGNEE: **INCA INTERNATIONAL S.P.A**
Via Patroclo 21
20151 Milan
ITALY

hereby accept the ASSIGNMENT attached hereto which is dated: **August 16, 2000**

From, the ASSIGNOR: **THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY**
2030 Dow Center
Midland, Michigan 48674
United States of America

of the invention entitled:

OXIDATION OF ALKYL AROMATIC COMPOUNDS TO AROMATIC ACIDS IN AN AQUEOUS MEDIUM

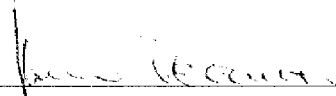
without any restrictions and with all rights and obligations deriving therefrom and declare that this confirmation of acceptance shall be deemed a part of the said ASSIGNMENT.

Signed at Milan (Italy) via Patroclo 21

this 1 day of September, 2000

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INCA INTERNATIONAL S.P.A

By: 
Falvio Ferruzzi, President and Managing Director