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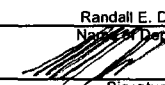
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# ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Zengshe Liu and Sevim Z. Erhan

residing at 406 Rhode Island Avenue, Morton, Illinois 61550;

5434 W. Rachel Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61615; respectively

having invented an improvement in "Soy-based Thermosensitive Hydrogels for Controlled  
Release Systems"

for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, identified as  
Department of Agriculture Case No. 0063.04 ; and Serial No. 11/240,426 filed on  
September 30, 2005 ;

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.

Zengshe Liu  
(signature) **ZENG SHE LIU**

11/14/2005  
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