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# Assignment

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ROCHE VITAMINS INC., (Assignor), a Delaware Corporation  
of 45 Waterview Blvd., Parsippany, New Jersey (U.S.A.)

hereby assign to

## **DSM IP ASSETS B.V. (Assignee)**

a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of The Netherlands and having its principal place of business at Het Overloon 1, NL-6411 TE Heerlen (Netherlands)

all of our right, title and interest within the United States of America and its territorial possessions in and to the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/734,987, entitled

## **METHOD FOR THE DEHYDRATION OF AMIDES TO NITRILES**

which was filed on October 22, 1996 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the name of the inventors

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which issued as U.S. Patent Number 5,817,827 on October 6, 1998, and in and to said patent application and any additional Letters Patents that may issue thereon.

Said application was assigned to F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG, 124 Grenzacherstrasse, CH-4070 Basel, Switzerland, by the said inventors by an assignment dated October 7, 1996. Said application was further assigned to Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., 340 Kingsland Street, Nutley, New Jersey, U.S.A., by F. Hoffmann La Roche AG by an assignment dated October 8, 1996. Said application was further assigned to Roche Vitamins Inc., 45 Waterview Blvd., Parsippany, New Jersey, U.S.A., by Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., by an assignment dated October 5, 1998.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment has been executed by the Assignor(s) in Parsippany, New Jersey (U.S.A.), this 20th day of February, 2006.

**ROCHE VITAMINS INC.**

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