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First Named Inventor : Helmut Maier

Title : STARCH REMOVAL PROCESS

WHEREAS, I, Helmut Maier, of Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A, and Tomoaki Nakasone, of Tokyo Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled STARCH REMOVAL PROCESS for Letters Patent of the United States, the application having been executed on even date herewith, and/or being identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 11/351,332, filed February 9, 2006; and

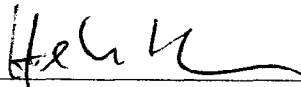
WHEREAS, Ecolab Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having offices at Mail Stop ESC-F7, 655 Lone Oak Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55121, ("Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, foreign or domestic, to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, I transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified application, corresponding domestic and foreign applications, all Letters Patent or similar legal protection issuing thereon, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and I authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States or foreign equivalent thereof to issue the Letters Patent or similar legal protection to the Assignee.

I authorize the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to insert in this instrument the filing date and application number of the application when ascertained.

I authorize the Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent or similar legal protection, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries.

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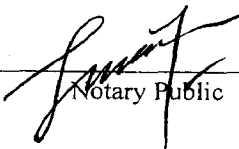
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