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> Danisco UK Limited Denington Road Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 2QJ United Kingdom

2. Name of Party receiving an interest:

> Danisco A/S Langebrogade 1, 1411 Copenhagen K Denmark

CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that this Assignment and accompanying papers are being deposited with the United States

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# PATENT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

# **BETWEEN**

## DANISCO UK LTD.

## **AND**

# DANISCO A/S

Dated 7 February, 2006

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## PATENT AND TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

This PATENT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") entered into this 7th day of February, 2006 by and between Danisco (UK) Ltd., a company incorporated and operating under the laws of England, whose registered office is located at Dennington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2QJ, UK, registered under number 289267 (the "Assignor"), and Danisco A/S, a limited company incorporated and operating under the laws of Denmark, whose registered office is located at Langebrogade 1, 1411 Copenhagen K, Denmark, company registration number 11350356 (the "Assignee").

The Assignor and the Assignee shall individually be referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

### **WITNESSETH**

WHEREAS, the Assignor is the owner of the IP Rights (as defined below);

WHEREAS, the rationalization of the management of the IP Rights owned by the Assignor requires such management to be made by the Assignee, in its capacity as parent company of the group of companies to which the Assignor belongs;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the Assignor is willing to sell the IP Rights to the Assignee and the Assignee is willing to purchase the IP Rights pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed that upon implementation of this Agreement, the Assignee shall grant to the Assignor a license over all of part of the IP Rights in order for the Assignee to continue operating its business as it currently operates it.

## **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

1.1 The following initially capitalized terms as used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings:

"Patents" shall mean all patents for which registrations have been obtained and all applications for, or extensions or renewals of any of the foregoing listed in Exhibit 1.

"IP Rights" shall mean the Trademarks.

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#### <u>ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE</u>

- 2.1 The Assignor hereby assigns the IP Rights to the Assignee, who accepts, all rights of ownership and use, without exception or reserve, over the IP Rights.
- 2.2 As soon as practically possible after the date of execution of this Agreement, Assignor shall transfer to Assignee all relevant documentation in its possession relating to the IP Rights (including but not limited to filings, registration certificates, letters with the relevant authorities, proof of payment of annuities, internal files, etc.).

### ARTICLE 3 - EFFECT OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- 3.1 The assignment of the IP Rights shall be effective on the date of execution of this Agreement (the "Effective Date").
- 3.2 As a consequence the Assignee shall, as from the Effective Date, be vested with all rights over the IP Rights previously held by the Assignor.
- 3.3 The Assignce shall therefore hold all rights of ownership and use over the IP Rights and shall be entitled to assign them, use them, maintain them or abandon them as it wishes.
- 3.4 In case the Assignee wishes to maintain the IP Rights, it shall pay the annuities as from the Effective Date.
- 3.5 This assignment shall entail the right for the Assignee to bring legal claims for infringement of the IP Rights in respect of all acts of infringement, whether occurring prior to or after the Effective Date.
- 3.6 The execution and/or the implementation of this Agreement does not and shall not entail any transfer of business between the Assignee and the Assignor, the latter being and remaining the sole and exclusive owner of all or part of its business.

#### ARTICLE 4 - PRICE

4.1 In consideration of this assignment, the Assignee shall pay a total of one pound (£1) for the assignment of the Patents on the Effective Date of this Agreement or such other date as the Parties may agree upon.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - WARRANTIES**

- 5.1 The Assignor hereby warrant to the Assignee that as of the Effective date
  - a) the Assignor has the full and unencumbered ownership to all the IP Rights,
  - b) the IP Rights are valid and in force and the Assignor is not aware of any fact which may lead to their revocation, wholly or partly, and no third party has raised or threatened to raise objections to the validity of the IP Rights,
  - c) to the best of Assignor's knowledge, no third party has violated or is violating the IP Rights,
  - d) to the best of Assignor's knowledge none of the IP Rights conflict with, or infringe upon, any third party's intellectual property right, and

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e) the Assignor has not granted any license to any third party to use any of the IP Rights nor has it otherwise permitted any such third party use.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - FORMALITIES**

- 6.1 The formalities relating to the assignment of the IP Rights provided for in this Agreement may be effected with all relevant registers, including without limitation the French National Patent Registry for the French Patents and the U.S. Patent Office for the American Patents. All such formalities may be effected by the Assignee who shall bear all related fees and expenses. Assignor shall give all reasonably necessary assistance to Assignee in order to achieve such formalities in the respective countries.
- 6.2 The registration of this Agreement with the tax administration may be effected by the Assignee who shall pay all registration duties arising therefrom.

### ARTICLE 7 - GENERAL

7.1 Any notices or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be sufficiently given if in writing and personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows or to such other address as the Parties shall have given notice of pursuant hereto:

The Assignor: Danisco (UK) Ltd.

Denington Road Wellingborough

NN8 2QJ UK

Attn: President

The Assignee: Danisco A/S

Langebrogade 1 1411 Copenhagen K

Denmark

Attn: Legal Department

- 7.2 This Agreement and the Exhibits hereto represent the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties and supersede all prior agreements, understandings or arrangements among the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and can be amended, supplemented or changed by a written instrument signed by the Assignor and the Assignee, and any provision hereof can be waived only by written instrument signed by the Party against whom enforcement of such waiver is sought.
- 7.3 The section headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 7.4 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of Denmark. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or in connection with

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this Agreement or the breach, termination or validity thereof, which cannot be resolved by good faith discussions between the Parties shall be submitted to the Danish Institute of Arbitration (Danish Arbitration). Place of arbitration shall be Copenhagen, Denmark and English shall be the language used during the proceedings.

- 7.5 Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, the Parties hereto shall pay their own respective expenses.
- 7.6 If at any time subsequent to the date hereof, any provisions of this Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be of no force and effect, but the illegality or unenforceability of such provision shall have no effect upon and shall not impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. The Parties agree that any provision held to be illegal, void or unenforceable shall be deemed automatically amended so as to be enforceable to the maximum extent allowable under applicable law.
- 7.7 The Exhibit to this Agreement constitutes an integral part of this Agreement and is hereby incorporated into this Agreement by this reference.
- 7.8 The Parties covenant and agree that, subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and without any additional consideration, each of the Parties shall execute and deliver any further legal instruments and perform such acts which are or may become necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.
- 7.9 Nothing contained in or relating to this Agreement shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a partnership or joint venture among the Parties thereto.

Made in three (3) original copies

On the date first written above

DANISCO (UK) LTD.

DANISCO A/S

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Director	Executive Vice President, CFO
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Jesper Larsen	Mogens granborg
Financial Manager	Executive Vice President



I, the undersigned Johnna Lund, notary public of Copenhagen, Denmark, hereby certify that

# Mr. Søren Bjerre-Nielsen and Mr. Mogens Granborg

who proved their identity to me by presentation of passport, and whose respective signatures are filed in our register of signatures, and who have signed this document, are authorised to sign jointly for the public limited company pursuant to the records of the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency

#### DANISCO A/S

There where no conspicuous amendments or additions in the document other than those signed (initialled) by me.

In witness whereof

Copenhagen City Court, notary's office, February 8th, 2006.

Johnna Lund

Notary Public of Copenhagen, Denmark



# EXHIBIT 1

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