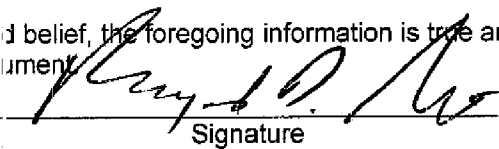


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### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, 1). **Dahua Liu**, a Chinese citizen, residing at Tsinghua Yuan, Haidian District, Beijing, 100084, China, 2). **Keke Cheng**, a Chinese citizen, residing at Tsinghua Yuan, Haidian District, Beijing, 100084, China, 3). **Hongjuan Liu**, a Chinese citizen, residing at Tsinghua Yuan, Haidian District, Beijing, 100084, China, 4). **Rihui Lin**, a Chinese citizen, residing at Tsinghua Yuan, Haidian District, Beijing, 100084, China, 5). **Jian Hao**, a Chinese citizen, residing at Tsinghua Yuan, Haidian District, Beijing, 100084, China, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **A METHOD FOR PRODUCING 1,3-PROPANEDIOL AND 2,3-BUTANEDIOL FROM RAW STARCH MATERIAL** for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 11/917,682, Filed on December 14, 2007 and was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/CN2006/001291 filed on June 13, 2006.

AND WHEREAS, **Tsinghua University** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Chinese Corporation, with its principal place of business at Tsinghua Yuan, Haidian District, Beijing, 100084, China, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to said improvements and said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under said improvements, and said application including all provisional applications relating thereto and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE DO HEREBY sell, assign, transfer, and convey to ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives, and assigns all claims for damages and all remedies arising out of any violation of the rights assigned hereby that may have accrued prior to the date of assignment to ASSIGNEE, or may accrue hereafter, including, but not limited to, the right to sue for, collect, and retain damages for past infringements of said Letters Patent before or after issuance.

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to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

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