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NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	MERGER
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#### **CONVEYING PARTY DATA**

Name	Execution Date
D&PL Technology Holding Company	08/31/2010

#### **RECEIVING PARTY DATA**

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### DECLARATION OF MONSANTO COMPANY

I, Jennifer L. Woods, declare the following:

- I am the Assistant Secretary of Monsanto Company, the successor in interest to D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration; I could competently testify to those facts if called upon to do so; and all facts set forth herein are true and correct.
- On March 9, 2004, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/271322 was assigned on its 2. face from the inventor to "Delta and Pine Land Technology Holding Company, LLC" according to the assignment document, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- An assignment for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/271322 was recorded in the USPTO at real/frame number 014971/0106 according to the assignment recordation cover sheet. The assignment recordation also listed "Delta and Pine Land Technology Holding Company, LLC" as the assignee, consistent with the underlying patent assignment. A true and correct copy of this recordation cover sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- "Delta and Pine Land Technology Holding Company, LLC" is an informal reference to the true entity, "D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC" of which the assigning inventor was an officer and/or employee. I have reviewed the corporate records of Monsanto Company and verify that "Delta and Pine Land Technology Holding Company, LLC" was never a legal entity. D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC was the true company name as evidenced by a true and correct copy of the Certificate of Conversion and Certificate of Formation evidencing the formation of D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC on January 1, 2003. These certificates are attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 5. D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC subsequently merged into Monsanto Company on August 31, 2010 as evidenced by a true and correct copy of the Certificate of Merger, which is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- Accordingly, and to show an uninterrupted chain of title from the inventors to the true company, D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC this declaration is being recorded as a name change from Delta and Pine Land Technology Holding Company, LLC to D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject patent.

Dated: October 29,2010

By: Jennifer L. Woods Assistant Secretary Monsanto Company

## Exhibit A

#### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, RICHARD LESKE, a citizen of Australia, residing at Lot 13, Clarke's Road, Goondiwindi, QLD, Australia 4390, am the inventor of an invention in COTTON CULTIVAR DP 493 for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2002, having Serial No. 10/271,322; and

WHEREAS, DELTA AND PINE LAND TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with a place of business at P.O. Box 157, One Cotton Row, Scott, Mississippi 38772, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the sald invention;

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, the said RICHARD LESKE have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said DELTA AND PINE LAND TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said application 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 applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof and all rights of priority in any such country or countries based upon the filing of the said application for Letters Patent of the United States which are created by any law, treaty or international convention; 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 invention to the said DELTA AND PINE LAND TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to said DELTA AND PINE LAND TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said DELTA AND PINE LAND TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my signature below:

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## Exhibit B

### PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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## Exhibit C

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## The First State

I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HERBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS ON FILE OF "D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC" AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, FILED THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1996, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT, CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "SG SEED, INC." TO "D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING CORP.", FILED THE TWENTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1998, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION, CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC", FILED THE THIRTIETH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2002, AT 10:05 O'CLOCK A.M.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION IS THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION, CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC", FILED THE THIRTIETH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2002, AT 10:05

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Harriet Smith Windson, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 3633028

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AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION IS THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2003.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATES ARE THE ONLY CERTIFICATES ON RECORD OF THE AFORESAID LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

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AUTHENTICATION: 3633028

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STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 10:05 AM 12/30/2002 020806092 - 2598094

## CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OF D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING CORP.

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the corporation to be converted is D&PL Technology Holding Corp. (the "Corporation"). The Corporation's original Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on February 29, 1996 under the name "SG Seed, Inc." The Corporation filed a Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 20, 1998, changing the Corporation's name from SG Seed, Inc. to D&PL Technology Holding Corp.

SECOND: The name of the limited liability company into which D&PL Technology Holding Corp. is to be converted is D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC.

THIRD: The conversion of the Corporation into a limited liability company is to be effective as of January 1, 2003.

FOURTH: The conversion of the Corporation into a limited liability company has been approved in accordance with the provisions of Delaware General Corporation Law Section 266.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Delta and Pine Land Company, the sole shareholder of D&PL Technology Holding Corp., has executed this Certificate of Conversion to Limited Liability Company of D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC, this Z 7 day of December, 2002.

DELTA AND PINE LAND COMPANY, sole shareholder of D&PL Technology Holding Corp.

Name: Ricky D. Greene

Title: Vice President - Finance

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STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 10:05 AM 12/30/2002 020806092 - 2598094

## CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC

FIRST:	The name of the limited liabil	ity company is D&P	L Technology Holding

Company, LLC.

SECOND: The address of its registered office in the State of Delaware is 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, in the City of Wilmington, Delaware 19808. The name of its Registered Agent at such address is the Corporation Service Company.

THIRD:

The effective date of this Certificate of Formation shall be January 1,

2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation of D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC, this 27 day of December, 2002.

Ricky D. Greene, Authorized Person

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## Exhibit D

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# Delaware

## The First State

I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC", A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

WITH AND INTO "MONSANTO COMPANY" UNDER THE NAME OF "MONSANTO COMPANY", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2010, AT 4:28 O'CLOCK P.M.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF MERGER IS THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2010, AT 11:59 O'CLOCK P.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

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You may verify this certificate online at corp. delaware. qov/authver.shtml

Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State

AUTHENTY CATION: 8203460

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

**OF** 

## D&PL TECHNOLOGY HOLDING COMPANY, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

#### AND

## MONSANTO COMPANY a Delaware corporation

Pursuant to Title 8, Section 264 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and Title 6, Section 18-209 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, the undersigned corporation executed the following Certificate of Merger and does hereby certify as follows:

- 1. The name of the limited liability company constituent to this merger is D&PL Technology Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. The name of the corporation constituent to this merger is Monsanto Company, a Delaware corporation.
  - 2. The name of the surviving entity of this merger is Monsanto Company.
- 3. An Agreement of Merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the merging limited liability company and surviving corporation.
- 4. The merger is to become effective at 11:59 p.m., Delaware time, on August 31, 2010.
- 5. The certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation.
- 6. The executed Agreement of Merger is on file at 800 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63167, the place of business of the surviving corporation.
- 7. A copy of the Agreement of Merger will be furnished by the surviving corporation on request, without cost, to any member of the constituent limited liability company or any stockholder of the constituent corporation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the surviving corporation has caused this Certificate of Merger to be signed by an authorized officer, on behalf of the surviving corporation as of this and day of August, 2010.

MONSANTO COMPANY

By:

Namé: Jennifér L. Woods

Title: Assistant Secretary

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