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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS

For valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Yansong GU, of 10398 NE 17th St, Unit 306, Bellevue, WA 98004, United States ("Assignor"), effective as of October 19, 2011, hereby sells, assigns, transfers, and conveys unto

(A) Empire Technology Development LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with an address at 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808 ("**U.S. Assignee**"), all rights, title, and interests that exist today and may exist in the future in and to any and all of the following items (1) through (8) below:

1. the inventions disclosed in the solution report/invention disclosure titled "**Functionalizing Lignin with Antimicrobial Moieties**" and all inventions claimed and/or described in the Application (collectively, the "**Invention**");
2. the patent applications listed in the table below (the "**Application**");

<u>Patent Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
			LIGNIN DERIVATIVES AND USES THEREOF
PCT/US12/27490	PCT	03-02-2012	LIGNIN DERIVATIVES AND USES THEREOF
13/738,424	USA	01-10-2013	LIGNIN DERIVATIVES AND USES THEREOF

3. all rights with respect to the Invention, including all United States patents or other governmental grants or issuances that may be granted with respect to the Invention or from any direct or indirect divisionals, continuations, continuations-in-part, or other patent applications claiming priority rights from the Application ("**Potential Patents**");
4. all reissues, reexaminations, extensions, or registrations of the Potential Patents;
5. all non-United States patents, patent applications, and counterparts relating to any or all of the Invention, the Application, and the Potential Patents, including, without limitation, certificates of invention, utility models, industrial design protection, design patent protection, and other governmental grants or issuances ("**Foreign Rights**"), and including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of Assignee, its successors and assigns;
6. all rights to claim priority rights deriving from the Application;
7. all causes of action and remedies related to any or all of the Application, the Invention, the Potential Patents, and the Foreign Rights (including, without limitation, the right to sue for past, present, or future infringement, misappropriation or violation of rights related to any of

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8. any and all other rights and interests arising out of, in connection with, or in relation to the Application, the Invention, Potential Patents, and the Foreign Rights.


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Assignor hereby authorizes and requests authorized representative to insert on this Assignment the filing date and Patent Application Numbers in the table above when known.

The terms and conditions of this Assignment will inure to the benefit of Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns and will be binding upon Assignor, their successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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NOTARIZATION

STATE OF WA)
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On Feb 23rd, 2012, before me, Marina Genkina Notary Public,
personally appeared Yansong GU, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be
the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that
he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature(s) on the instrument
the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of WA that the
foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature 