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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

**American Sun Melon**

- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation-State
- Other
- Association
- Limited Partnership

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: **October 27, 1998**

Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: **Novartis AG**

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: **35 Lichtstrasse, CH-4002**

City: **Basel** Country **Switzerland**

- Individual(s) citizenship \_\_\_\_\_
- Association \_\_\_\_\_
- General Partnership \_\_\_\_\_
- Limited Partnersh \_\_\_\_\_
- Corporation-State **Switzerland**
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached:  Yes  No

(Designations must be a separate document from assignment)

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?  Yes  No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s) **75/553,531**

B. Trademark Registration No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: **Barry A. Solomon**

Internal Address: **Patent and Trademark Department**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**564 Morris Avenue**

City: **Summit** State: **NJ** Zip: **07901-1027**

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:

**1**

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- Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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**Barry A. Solomon**

Name of Person Signing

*Barry A. Solomon / mP*

Signature

**January 22, 1999**

Date

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**TRADEMARK**  
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TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT NUNC PRO TUNC

WHEREAS, American Sun Melon, a California general partnership, located and doing business at 4200 Perimeter Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has adopted, used and is using in its business a trademark which is the subject of a pending application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the Principal Register as Application No. 75/553,531, for the mark TRI-X and design for "seeds, particularly watermelon seeds"; and

WHEREAS, Novartis AG, a corporation of Switzerland, located and doing business at 4002 Basel, Switzerland hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring said mark and the goodwill and registration thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, said Assignor does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee all right, title and interest in and to said Mark, together with the goodwill of the business represented by the Mark, and the registration thereof, *nunc pro tunc*, effective as of October 27, 1998.

American Sun Melon

By: 

Name: Carl H. Cadregari

Title: President



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DESIGNATION OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE

Mark: TRI-X

Serial No.: 75/553,531

Int. Class: 31

Applicant: NOVARTIS AG

Novartis Corporation, whose postal address is 564 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey 07901-1027, is hereby designated applicant's domestic representative upon whom notice or process in proceedings affecting the mark may be served.

NOVARTIS AG

By



Name: Dr. Werner Haring  
Title: Duly Authorized Officers  
Date: December 18, 1998



Sheila Bodmer

NOVARTIS CORPORATION  
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