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**ARTIFICIAL SELECTION METHOD AND REAGENTS**

The application is based on a United States provisional application filed December 6, 2006, by Ben Hayes and Michael Goddard, both from Australia. The PCT application also lists Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd, an Australian proprietary company, as an inventor. This is because the United States, unlike other countries, does not recognize companies or other organizations as inventors. The inventor must be a human in the United States, who can then assign the application to the company. This assignment will likely occur when this application enters the national stage in the United States.

The PCT application was filed December 21, 2007, and published June 26, 2008. The time limit for entry into the National Phase is as follows:

20 months (if incompatible with PCT Article 22): 21 August 2008

30 months: 21 June 2009

The thirty-month time limit, as in force from April 1, 2002, does not apply in respect of any designated Office that has notified the International Bureau of incompatibility with the national law applied by that Office. Currently, those Offices are those of Luxembourg, Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania, all of which are currently Designated States for the PCT application. The twenty-month time limit continues to apply after that date in respect of any such designated Office for as long as Article 22(1), as modified, continues not to be compatible with the applicable national law. Luxembourg, Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania do not currently supply WIPO with National Phase entry information so I cannot say if entry has occurred there. Luxembourg is also a member of the European Patent Office ("EPO") so even if the application did not enter into Luxembourg's Patent Office as of August 2008, it may still be enforced there if the EPO grants registration.