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Top Hat Statement
By American Oil Chemists' Society
Plan Administrator

Name of Tax-Exempt Employer: American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS)

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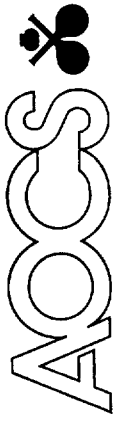
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The American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS) (the "Employer"), hereby declares that the purpose of the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan of the American Oil Chemists' Society (the "Plan") is to provide deferred compensation primarily for a select group of management and highly compensated employees. The number of employees covered under the Plan is 4. In addition, the Employer, maintains 0 unfunded top-hat plans described in Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23(b). The number of employees covered under such plans is 0.

Date: 10-9-02

By: John M. Mills

Title: Executive Vice President
(On Behalf of the Plan Administrator)



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