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_____, respectively,

have invented certain new and useful improvements in: _____

NOVEL CELLULOSE-PRODUCING BACTERIA

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on January 28, 1998

(Application No. 08/973,757, filed February 3, 1998), and

WHEREAS, Bio-Polymer Research Co., Ltd.

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