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SAME, AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING GLUTAMIC
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Assignment of Application

WHEREAS, I (WE) Itsuo SATO, Hiroe SATO, Yoshiki HANYA, Keietsu ABE,
Mitsuharu FUJII and Tadanobu NAKADAI of c/o KIKKOMAN CORPORATION,
339, Noda, Noda-shi, Chiba 278-8601 Japan and Jack W. FELL of 4600
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_____, respectively,
have invented certain new and useful improvements in: NOVEL SPECIES
CRYPTOCOCCUS NODAENSIS, A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SALT-
RESISTANT THERMOSTABLE GLUTAMINASE BY USE OF THE SAME, AND
A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING GLUTAMIC ACID-RICH PROTEIN
HYDROLYSATES

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(Application No. _____, filed _____), and

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Noda, Noda-shi, Chiba 278-8601 Japan
is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention
and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefore in the United
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00),
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consideration, I (WE), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said
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title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted
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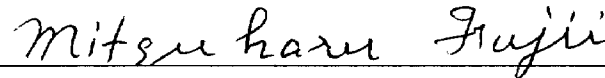
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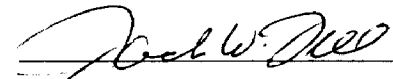
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