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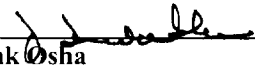
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 hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

FOAMED THERMOPLASTIC RESIN SHEET AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
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Whereas, SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED
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 (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to
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Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

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