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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I/WE (1) Yoshinori YAMAMOTO,
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a _____ citizen, residing at _____
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a _____ citizen, residing at _____
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a _____ citizen, residing at _____
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a _____ citizen, residing at _____

hereinafter referred to as Assignor (collectively if more than one inventor is listed above), have invented certain new and useful improvements in PROCESS FOR PREPARING L-P-BORONOPHENYLALANINE AND INTERMEDIATE FOR PREPARING THE SAME, the specification of which:

- (a) was executed on even date herewith;
- (b) was filed on _____ as Application No. 0 / _____ or Express Mail No., as Application No. not yet known _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable); or
- (c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any) and/or under PCT Article 34 on _____ (if any).

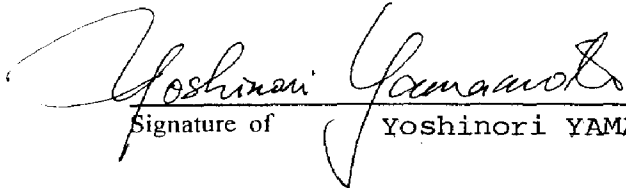
AND WHEREAS, TOHOKU UNIVERSITY,
with its principal place of business at 1-1, Katahira 2-Chome, Aoba-Ku, Sendai City, Miyagi Pref., Japan
(hereinafter referred to as Assignee) desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements with respect to the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the United States of America, and its territories and possessions in, to and under said improvements, and any Patent Applications in the United States of America and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue all Patents for said improvements to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

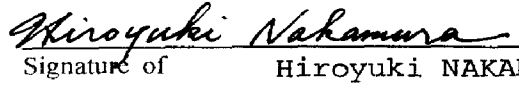
AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY covenants and agrees that it will communicate to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in the United States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

This 8th day of December, 1998


Signature of Yoshinori YAMAMOTO

This 8th day of December, 1998


Signature of Hiroyuki NAKAMURA

This 8th day of December, 1998

Masaru Fujiwara
Signature of Masaru FUJIWARA

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