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<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>

WHEREAS, we, Akira Nishiyama, Tadashi Sugawa, Hajime Manabe, Kenji Inoue and Noritaka Yoshida, are citizens of Japan and have invented certain improvements in and to "PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING 1,2-EPOXY-3-AMINO-4-PHENYLBUTANE DERIVATIVES" and described in the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, executed on even date herewith;

WHEREAS, KANEKA CORPORATION, having its principal place of business at 2-4 Nakanoshima 3-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka-shi, OSAKA 530 JAPAN, a corporation of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said discovery and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries and all reissues, divisions, continuations, extensions, substitutions and renewals thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, we, by these presents, do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said discovery in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions, renewals and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said U.S. application.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Trademark Office officials in the United States and its territorial possessions and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to respecting said discovery, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said discovery in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries.

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