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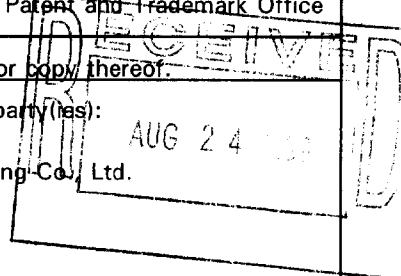
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WHEREAS, Nisshin Flour Milling Co., Ltd., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, of 25, Kanda-Nishiki-cho 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 101-8441, (hereinafter "Assignee"), wishes to acquire all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to said Patent and Assignor desires to assign said Patent to Assignee;

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