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Whereas, Masataka AINO, hereinafter the Assignor, has an undivided part interest in U.S. Patent No. 5,935,571 for PLUG MIXTURE FOR RAISING SEEDLINGS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT, AND METHOD FOR RAISING DISEASE TOLERANT SEEDLINGS by virtue of an assignment recorded on March 6, 1997 at Reel 8422, Frames 695-698, and whereas Hyogo Prefecture Government of 10-1, Shimoyamate-dori 5-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo-ken, Japan, hereinafter the Assignee, desires to acquire such interest,

Now therefore, in consideration of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration paid to Assignor, Assignor agrees to assign his undivided part interest to Assignee;

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