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IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION
(37 CFR 3.21 and 37 CFR 3.31(a)(4))

1. The patent application filed herewith and, to which the attached assignment (document) refers, is identified as follows:

- a. Type of application: Application for patent (37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))
- b. Date of execution: October 26, 1999
- c. Name of each inventor:

- 1: NAGASUNA, Kinya
- 2: FUJINO, Shinichi
- 3: NAKAMURA, Masatoshi
- 4: ISHIZAKI, Kunihiro

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d. Title of invention: WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR

NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST (37 CFR 3.31(a)(1))

2. The parties conveying this interest are:

- Name 1: NAGASUNA, Kinya
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST
(37 CFR 3.31(a)(2))

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DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR TRANSACTION RECORDED
(37 CFR 3.31 (a)(3))

4. The accompanying document intends to accomplish:
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SHOULD BE MAILED (37 CFR 3.31(a)(5))**

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DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED (37 CFR 3.31(a)(7))

6. The attached assignment (document) was executed on October 26, 1999.

LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

7. The attached document is in the English language.

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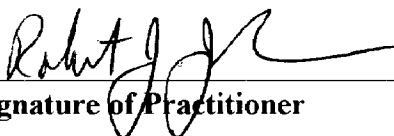
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9. A. This cover sheet identifies only one application.
 B. The fee for recordal (37 CFR 1.21(h)) is \$40.00.
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**STATEMENT (37 CFR 3.31(a)(9))
AND SIGNATURE (37 CFR 3.31(a)(10))**

10. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

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ASSIGNMENT FOR UNFILED APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

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WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date herewith,

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set hand and seal this 26th day of October, 1999.

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