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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CYANOBENZOIC ACID DERIVATIVES

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Whereas, Showa Denko Kabushiki Kaisha
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the assignee.

We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 09/404,362, filed September 24, 1999) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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