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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Masakatsu OKAMOTO, Kazuo HAYASHI, Noriaki TSUCHIWA,
and Yasuo HAYAMI
have invented certain new and useful improvements in "Fermentation Treatment
Apparatus of Organic Waste" for which an application is about to be
made for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been executed on
even date herewith, and which may be identified in the United States Patent Office by
Serial No. 09/_____ filed _____, and

WHEREAS, TLV CO., LTD., a corporation organized and
existing under the laws of Japan and having its principal offices at
881, Nagasuna, Noguchicho, Kakogawa-shi, Hyogo 675-8511 Japan (hereinafter
"said Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said
invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained
therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of good and valuable
consideration to us in hand paid by said Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is
hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do
hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire
right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent,
both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, including all rights under the
International Convention, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee in accordance
herewith.

We Hereby Authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns or anyone it may
properly designate, to insert in this Assignment the filing date and Serial Number of said
application when ascertained.

We Further Authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may
properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name, if desired, in any and all
foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States
application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International
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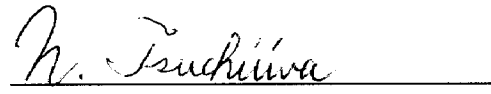
Upon Said Consideration, we do hereby covenant and agree with said Assignee,
its successors and assigns, that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever
conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will, at
any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of
said Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such
additional acts as said Assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or
desirable to perfect said Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary

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In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed our seal this 12th day of October, 1999.


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