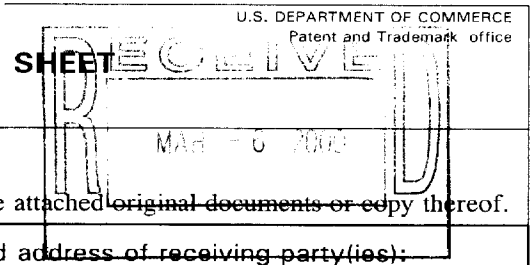


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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, Shigeru TANIGUCHI, 1-101, 3-1, Tsujidoshinmachi, Fujisawa-shi, KANAGAWA 251-0042, JAPAN; Tomonori YONEZU, 7-5, Wadagawara, Minamiashigara-shi, KANAGAWA 250-0112, JAPAN; Hitomi IZUMI, 45-203, 1-4, Momoyamaminamiyohshima-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto-shi, KYOTO 612-8017, JAPAN; and Yoshihiro HISHIKAWA, 5-7-4-205, Ougi-cho, Odawara-shi, KANAGAWA 250-0001, JAPAN, have invented a certain invention, entitled GELLED COMPOSITION, for which we filed PCT application PCT/JP98/02741 on June 19, 1998, which entered the U.S. national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 on December 20, 1999, under attorney matter number 6235-53943 and for which a declaration was executed by us on the 20th day of Jan and 7th 8th day of Feb, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ohkura Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., a corporation organized under the laws of the Country of JAPAN, having a place of business at 66 Yanaginoshita-cho, Higashikujyo, Minami-ku, Kyoto-shi, KYOTO 601-8025 JAPAN, desires to acquire an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Shigeru TANIGUCHI, Tomonori YONEZU, Hitomi IZUMI, and Yoshihiro HISHIKAWA, hereby sell, assign and transfer to Ohkura Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent rights throughout the world, including foreign patent priority rights, said invention, application and letters patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues and

extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by Ohkura Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., for its own use and benefit, and for its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which letters patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made, and covenant that we have full right so to do, and agree that we will communicate to Ohkura Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., or its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and do everything possible to aid Ohkura Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., its successors and assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.

Executed at the place and date opposite our respective signatures below.

Shigeru Taniguchi
Shigeru TANIGUCHI

At Kanagawa, Japan
(City)
on this 2nd day of February, 2000.

Kiyokathu Kamiyama
Witnessed by: Kiyokathu Kamiyama

Tomonori Yonezu

Tomonori YONEZU

At Kanagawa, JAPAN
(City)
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At Kyoto, JAPAN
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Hitomi Izumi
Hitmoni IZUMI

Kiyokathu Kamiyama
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