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WHEREAS, we, Hajime OKAZAKI, Katsuhiko ISHIKAWA, Michiaki ADACHI
and Toshio WAKU,
respectively citizens of Japan, with respective post
office addresses of c/o NIPPON MITSUBISHI OIL CORPORATION, Central Technical
Research Laboratory, 8, Chidori-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama-shi
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hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNOR," have invented a certain new
and useful invention entitled:

Low Sulfur Gas Oil
for which we have executed a United States patent application, Application No. 09/437,942,
filed November 10, 1999, and

ASSIGNORS authorize **ASSIGNEE** or **ASSIGNEE's** representative to insert the
Application Number and Filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of
execution of this Assignment.

WHEREAS, NIPPON MITSUBISHI OIL CORPORATION, Japanese
corporation having a place of business at 3-12, Nishi-shimbashi 1-chome, Minato-ku,
Tokyo 105-8412, Japan, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is
desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and
valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby
acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned **ASSIGNORS**,
hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer
and convey unto the above-named **ASSIGNEE**, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the
territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign
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in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States and
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said invention, application(s) and patent(s) to be held and enjoyed by the above-named ASSIGNEE, for ASSIGNEE's own use and benefit, and for ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent(s) may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNORS hereby covenant, agree and undertake to execute, whenever requested by the above-named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable for securing to ASSIGNEE or for maintaining for ASSIGNEE all the patent(s) hereby assigned or agreed to be assigned; all without further compensation to the undersigned ASSIGNORS.

November 11, 1999

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