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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, Elf Atochem S.A., a corporation having a place of business at: 4/3 Cours Michelet, Puteaux, France, 92800 ("the Assignor"), hereby assigns to, Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd., a corporation having a place of business at: 1-1, Koraihashi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka-fu, Japan and its successors and assigns ("the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are the subject of an application for United States Patent, entitled NOVEL AMINO GROUP-CONTAINING THIOLS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF, filed April 10, 1998, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/058,729; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; together with all claims for profits or damages due or accrued by reason of past, present, or future infringements of such applications, with the right to sue for, and collect the same for Assignee's own use and benefit, and for the benefit of Assignee's successor's, assigns, and legal representatives; and authorizes the Assignee to apply in all countries in Assignor's name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and Assignor agrees without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Elf Atochem S.A. has caused this ASSIGNMENT to be signed by, Jean Leboulenger, a duly authorized officer at puteaux, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2000


Jean Leboulenger L.S.  
Jean Leboulenger

Title: Fondateur de pouvoir

Country France :

Before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000, personally appeared known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Nathalie BUREL   
Witness #1

Evelyn MOTTIN   
Witness #2

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