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ASSIGNMENT

WHERFAS, We, Hideo ONODERA, Naomasa KIMURA and Eiichi SHIRAISHI, all citizens of Japan,

residing at Himeji-shi, Hyogo-ken, Japan, Okayama-shi, Okayama-ken, Japan and Himeji-shi, Hyogo-ken, Japan, respectively

, (hereafter referred to as Inventors), have invented certain new and useful improvements in A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING METHACRYLIC ACID

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by us on even date herewith; and

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NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, the said Inventors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by the presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Company the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent, which may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

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