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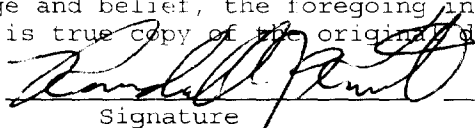
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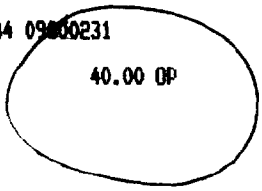
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Hirohisa KIKUYAMA, Toshiro FUKUDOME, Masahide WAKI, and Hirofumi YAZAKI residing at c/o Stella Chemifa Kabushiki Kaisha, 227, Kaisan-sho 7-cho, Sakai-shi, Osaka 590-0982 JAPAN, have invented certain improvements in:

METHOD OF PURIFYING LITHIUM HEXAFLUOROSPHATE

described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America thereon, said application having been filed on July 13, 2000, based on PCT/JP99/06386.

WHEREAS, STELLA CHEMIFA KABUSHIKI KAISHA located at 6-3, Awajimachi 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-0047 JAPAN, is to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said STELLA CHEMIFA KABUSHIKI KAISHA, its successors and assigns, the full, entire and exclusive right, title and interest, for the territory of the United States of America and for all foreign countries, in and to said invention, as described in the application identified above, and in and to

said application and any divisions or continuations or continuations-in-part thereof or continuation prosecution applications or substitutes therefor which may be filed, and in and to any patents or reissues, renewals or extensions thereof which may be granted on said application or for said invention, and in and to any patent application which may be filed on said invention in countries foreign to the United States of America and any patents granted thereon; said invention, applications, and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said STELLA CHEMIFA KABUSHIKI KAISHA, and its successors or assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment not been made.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent and Trademark Office officials in the United States of America and the Patent Office officials of any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted to said STELLA CHEMIFA KABUSHIKI KAISHA, as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and enjoyment of said STELLA CHEMIFA KABUSHIKI KAISHA, its successors and assigns.

Further, we agree to execute all papers and to give such lawful testimony and to perform such other lawful acts as said STELLA CHEMIFA KABUSHIKI KAISHA, its successors and assigns

may require to enable it or them to procure Letters Patent on said invention or reissues or extensions thereof in the United States of America and/or in any foreign country, and/or to hold, enforce or convey said Letters Patent, reissues or extensions.

Executed this 27 day of August, 2000.

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