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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, We, Yoshinari YAMAGUCHI, Hitoshi YANO, Akira KURUSU and Yuuji SHIMASAKI, all citizens of Japan,

residing at Himeji-shi, Hyogo-ken, Japan, Suita-shi, Osaka-fu, Japan, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto-fu, Japan and Otsu-shi, Shiga-ken, Japan, respectively

, (hereafter referred to as Inventors), have invented certain new and useful improvements in PROCESS FOR RECOVERING N-VINYL-2-PYRROLIDONE

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

WHEREAS, NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD., a corporation of Japan, having a place of business at 1-1, Koraihashi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan. (hereafter referred to as Company), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

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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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands this 12th day of October, 2000.

Signed in the presence of:

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