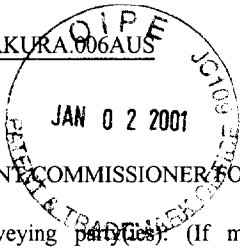


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WHEREAS, We, **Kazuo Saito**, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 1-2-3 Onodai, Midori-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba, 267-0056 Japan, **Atsushi Hagiwara**, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 1-2-3 Onodai, Midori-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba, 267-0056 Japan, and **Takashi Maki**, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 1-2-3 Onodai, Midori-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba, 267-0056 Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **POWDER MATERIAL SUPPLY DEVICE, METHOD OF PRODUCING FUEL CELL SEPARATOR, AND FUEL CELL SEPARATOR FORMED BY THIS PRODUCTION METHOD**, for which WE filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States on August 25, 2000 with the assigned Application No. **09/649705**;

AND WHEREAS, **Nisshinbo Industries, Inc** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Japanese corporation, with its principal place of business at 2-31-11, Ningyo-cho, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 103-8650 Japan, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

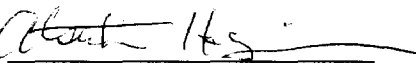
NOW, THEREFORE, in the receipt of valuable consideration which is hereby acknowledged, WE, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that WE have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and WE hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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