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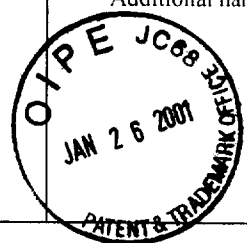
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Toyo Boseki Kabushiki Kaisha

having the address:

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(hereinafter designated as the "ASSIGNEE"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest for the United States in the invention, and all applications for patent and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, including said application, and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted thereof, and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, the said interest being the entire ownership of said Letters Patent when granted to be held by said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or their legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been and enjoyed by Assignor(s) if this assignment had not been made, the application being known by the title:

POLYBENZAZOLE AND FIBER THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.:

for which the undersigned has/have executed an application for patent in the United States of America on the same day herewith. Where this instrument is not filed concurrently with the application, the following identifying information may be added after execution:

Serial No.

Filing Date: December 5, 2000

1. The undersigned hereby agree(s) to sign and execute any further documents and instruments which may be necessary, lawful and proper in the prosecution of said above-named application or in the preparation and prosecution of any continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, divisional, renewal, reexamination or reissue application or in any amendments, extension of interference proceedings, or otherwise to secure the title thereto to the ASSIGNEE.

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2. The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property of similar agreements.

3. The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the ASSIGNEE.

4. The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents in the United States to issue any and all Letters Patents resulting from said application or any division or divisions or continuing applications thereof to the said ASSIGNEE.

5. The undersigned hereby grant(s) to the firm of Morrison & Foerster the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREBY, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

December 27, 2000

Date

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Typed Name: Go MATSUOKA

December 27, 2000

Date

Fuyuhiko Kubota

Typed Name: Fuyuhiko KUBOTA

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December 27, 2000

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