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WHEREAS, I (We) Takashi Shimazu as assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in "FUEL REFORMING APPARATUS" for which an application for United States Letters patent has been executed by me (us) of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA of 1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-shi, Aichi-ken, 471-8571 Japan as assignee, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to said invention and any Patent that may be granted therefor.

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Date: April 20, 2001

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