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**METHOD FOR PRODUCING POLY (P-DIOXANONE), POLY (P-DIOXANONE)
MONOFILAMENTS AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

for which an application for Letters Patent to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office was executed on even date;

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AND WHEREAS, MITSUI CHEMICALS, INC. whose full post office address is No. 2-5, Kasumigaseki 3- chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo, 100-6070 JAPAN hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereof, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby assigns, sells, and transfers to ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patent when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives, in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the ASSIGNOR might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if the assignment had not been made.

AND ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute all papers that may be necessary to file application in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE or its assigns or legal representative and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing a Letters Patent thereon.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF this assignment is executed by ASSIGNOR.

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