FORM PTO-1596 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1-31-92 Patent and Trademark Office DOCKET NO.: 2038-258 101792467 arems and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereto: To the Honorable Commissioner of 1. Name of conveying party(ies): 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): Name: UNI-CHARM CORPORATION 1) Kazuaki ONISHI Internal Address: 7-23-0) Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? 3. Nature of conveyance: Street Address: 182 Shimobun, Kinsei-cho, Kawanoe-shi. Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other City: State or Area: Ehime-ken Zip/Postal Code: Country: Japan Execution Date: July 2, 2001 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes X No 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If the document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: A. Patent Application No(s). B. Patent No(s). 09/821,643 filed March 30, 2001 Additional numbers attached? Yes X No 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 concerning document should be mailed: Name: LOWE HAUPTMAN GILMAN & BERNER X Please find enclosed a Credit Card Charge Form. Internal Address: Authorized to be charged to deposit account Street Address: 1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310 8. Deposit account number: City: Alexandria State: VA ZIP: 22314 DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Benjamin J. Hauptman Reg. No. 29,310 July 23, 2001 Name and Registration No. of Person Signing gnature Date 3. W. J. B. 198. 1993 Total number of pages comprising cover sheet: 1 CMB No. 0851-0011 (exp. 4/94)

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, KAZUAKI ONISHI, whose post office address appears below (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), has invented certain new and useful improvements in a BODY FLUID ABSORBENT SANITARY ARTICLE, hereinafter referred to as THE INVENTION) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on March 30, 2001, as U.S. Application Number 09/821,643;

WHEREAS, UNI-CHARM CORPORATION, whose post office address is 182 Shimobun, Kinsei-cho, Kawanoe-shi, Ehime-ken, Japan (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer until said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all United States Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application; and the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention throughout the world, including the right to apply for patents and inventor certificates in respect thereof and to claim priority pursuant to rights accorded ASSIGNOR under the terms of the Paris International Convention and all other available international conventions and treaties; and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, patents of addition, utility models, patents of importation, revalidation patents and inventor certificates which may be granted throughout the world in respect of said invention.

ALSO, ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the filing, prosecution and maintenance of said application or any other patent application(s) or inventor certificate(s) in the United States and in foreign countries for said invention, including additional documents that may be required to affirm the rights of ASSIGNEE in and to said invention, all without further consideration. ASSIGNOR also agrees, without further consideration and at ASSIGNEE'S expense, to identify and communicate to ASSIGNEE at ASSIGNEE'S request documents and information concerning the invention that are within ASSIGNOR'S possession or control, and to provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of ASSIGNEE that lawfully may be required of ASSIGNOR in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. ASSIGNOR'S obligations under this instrument shall extend to ASSIGNOR'S heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent referred to above to ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for ASSIGNEE'S sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of ASSIGNEE'S legal representatives and successors, to the full end of the term for which such Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.

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