

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, ~~I~~we, Kanji MINATO and Katsumi SHIGETA

residing respectively at 6-11, Ishibe-Chuou 4-chome, Ishibe-cho, Kouka-gun, Shiga, Japan; and Oaza-Hari 59-27, Kousei-cho, Kouka-gun, Shiga, Japan

hereby sell, assign, and transfer to T. S. Plant Science Institute Co., Ltd.

a corporation existing under the laws of Japan

located at 1966, Natsumihattagatani, Kousei-cho, Kouka-gun, Shiga, Japan

and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest for all countries including the United States of America, in and to certain inventions relating to

METHOD OF CONTROLLING SEED DISEASE

described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by me/us on this date, and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Company as assignee of the entire interest, and covenant that I/we have full right so to do, and agree that I/we will communicate to said Company or its representatives any facts known to me/us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States.

Signature *Kanji Minato*
Kanji MINATO

Date July 10, 2001

Signature *茂田 勝美*
Katsumi SHIGETA

Date July 10, 2001