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IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration paid to us, **Mariko Umeda**, citizen of Japan, residing at 6-7-17-402, Kamiochiai, Yono-shi, Saitama, 338-0001, Japan; **Shigeko Nomura**, the successor of the estate of **Hideshiro Nomura, deceased**, citizen of Japan, residing at 1393-5-307, Nishioowa, Washimiya-machi, Kitakatsushika-gun, Saitama 340-0206 Japan; **Yasuo Shirasaki**, citizen of Japan, residing at 61-7, Minaminakano, Omiya-shi, Saitama 330-0826 Japan; and **Eiichi Ogawa**, citizen of Japan, residing at 2-8-8, Tanaka, Matsubushi-machi, Kitakatsushika-gun, Saitama 343-0117 Japan, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said **Mariko Umeda, Shigeko Nomura, Yasuo Shirasaki** and **Eiichi Ogawa**, do hereby sell and assign to **Nippon Kayaku Kabushiki Kaisha**, a corporation organized under the laws of Japan located at 11-2, Fujimi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, its successors and assigns, all our rights, title and interest in and for the United States of America, in and to "**FORMAZANE COMPOUNDS AND METHOD OF DYEING USING THE SAME**" invented by **Mariko Umeda, Hideshiro Nomura (deceased), Yasuo Shirasaki** and **Eiichi Ogawa**, and described in the application for United States Patent based thereon executed by us on the & ^{20th, 21st} ~~22nd~~ day of June, 2001 (PCT/JP00/00555 filed 2 **February 2000**) and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, the said interest being the entire ownership of the said Letters Patent when granted, to be held and enjoyed by

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereby set our hand and affix our seal this 21st day of June, 2001.

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