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TOMOHISA KONNO, YOSHIYUKI UDAGAWA, and TOSHIHIRO TADAKI all of:

c/o JSR Corporation, 2-11-24, Tsukiji, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

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have invented certain new and useful improvements

Conjugated diene-based rubber and method of producing the same, oil extended rubber and rubber composition containing the same

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for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on July 10 and 5, 2001

(Application No. 09/940,503, filed August 29, 2001), and

WHEREAS, JSR Corporation

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