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have invented certain new and useful improvements in "METHOD FOR PREPARING NICOTIANAMINE OR NICOTIANAMINE-CONTAINING PRODUCT"

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

AND WHEREAS, Kikkoman Corporation of 250 Noda, Noda-shi, Chiba, Japan

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NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of

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