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for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell and assign to *Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation*, a *Delaware corporation*, of 540 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591, USA, its successors, assigns and legal representatives all my/our right, title and interest, in and for the United States of America, in and to the invention entitled:

Aqueous dye solutions

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And I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the said *Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation*.

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