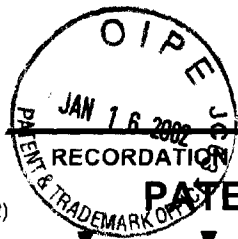


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WHEREAS, Nippon Denko Co., Ltd., having a place of business at 11-8, Ginza 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and in and to any and all Letters Patent that have been or may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, the said Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee the entire right, title and interest to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent, which may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

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FURTHER, We agree that we will communicate to the said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said Assignee, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said inventions in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hand this 27th day of December, 2001.

Signed in the presence of:

NIPPON INORGANIC COLOUR & CHEMICAL CO., LTD.

Witness: Eishiro Iizumi

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