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Whereas, NIPPON PAINT CO., LTD., 1-2, Oyodokita 2-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka-shi, OSAKA 531-8511 JAPAN (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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I/We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 09/983,601 and Confirmation number 1363, filed October 25, 2001) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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