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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on

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Whereas, NOF CORPORATION  
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(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;

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