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Whereas, We, Shibuya Kogyo., LTD., hereafter referred to as patentee, did obtain a United States Patent for an improvement in

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No. 5,337,796, dated August 16, 1994; and whereas, we are now a co-owner of said patent, and,

Whereas, Kao Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "assignee" whose mailing address is:

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is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, We, the patentee, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to the said Patent aforesaid; the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for his own use and behoof, and for his legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent is granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 13th day of February, 2002.

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