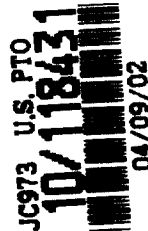




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# ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Yasumasa NORISUE, Takakiyo MINE and Masahiro JOHNO

residing at Katsushika-ku, TOKYO, JAPAN

(hereinafter referred to as Inventors), have invented certain new and useful improvements in OPTICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUND AND LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE COMPOUND; for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by us on March 29, 2002 and filed in the United States on \_\_\_\_\_ and assigned Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC., a corporation of Japan, having a place of business at 5-2, Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, TOKYO 100-0005 JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as Company), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that 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 Inventors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by the presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Company, the full and exclusive right 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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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands this 29th day of March, 2002.

Signed in the presence of:

Witness: Naoko Suyama

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