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Whereas, SHOWA DENKO K.K., 13-9, Shiba Daimon 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8518 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;

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