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WHEREAS, NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD., a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at 1-1, Koraibashi 4-Chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka-fu, Japan, as assignee, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to said invention, said applications and any Letters Patent that may be granted thereon or therefrom.

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