

ASSIGNMENT

- (1) Yutaka MATSUGU of c/o The Hiraoka Environmental Science Laboratory, 8 Hosoyama 8-chome, Asao-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan and
- (2) Koji HASEGAWA of 7-1-634 Namiki 3-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$ 1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to The Hiraoka Environmental Science Laboratory of 8 Hosoyama 8-chome, Asao-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan (hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions, in the invention, and all applications for patent and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, known as
WEEDING METHOD WITH SODIUM HYDROGEN CARBONATE

Foreign
Application or
Case No. _____

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America

on April 19, 2002

U.S. application Serial Number 10/058,833, filed January 30, 2002

1) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing or divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient or essential to its full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

2) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or continuation or division or re-issue thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

4) The undersigned agree(s) to communicate to the Assignee or representatives thereof any facts known to me (us) respecting the invention and improvements thereof, and will, upon request, but without expense to me (us), testify in any legal proceedings regarding the invention.

5) The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States resulting from said application or any division or divisions or continuing applications thereof to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that he has (they have) full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has (they have) not executed and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

6) The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of Browdy and Neimark the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

7) This Assignment shall be binding upon my (our) heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and/or assigns of the Assignee.

In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

Date April 19, 2002

Name of Inventor

Yutaka Matsugu

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