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Assignment of Application

WHEREAS, I (WE) Ikuko MASUDA and Toshio ICHIKAWA of all c/o
Kikkoman Corporation, 250, Noda, Noda-shi, Chiba 278-8601 Japan

_____, respectively,
have invented certain new and useful improvements in: _____
A sorbitol dehydrogenase gene, a novel recombinant DNA,
and a process for producing sorbitol dehydrogenase
for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on May 7, 2002
(Application No. _____, filed _____), and

WHEREAS, Kikkoman Corporation
(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having a place of business at:
250, Noda, Noda-shi, Chiba 278-8601 Japan
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 therefore in the United
States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00),
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable
consideration, I (WE), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said
ASSIGNEE, 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
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foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations,
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I (WE) hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United
States and its territorial possessions and any official of any and all foreign
countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said
ASSIGNEE as the assignee of my (our) entire right, title and interest in and to the
same, for the sole use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, its (his) successors and
assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted,

as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me (us) had this Assignment and sale not been made.

Further, I (WE) agree that I (WE) will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives and assigns covenant and any facts known to me (us) respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letter Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths, and, generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its (his) successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries.

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Date: May 7, 2002

Ikuko Masuda

(Signature of inventor)

Ikuko MASUDA

Date: May 7, 2002

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