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(hereig called "THE UNDERSIGNED") have made an invention and have

this invention, which application is entitled GAS PURIFICATION METHOD for

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 Shigeo TOOYAMA residing at 16-7, Nishi-shinbashi 1-okome, Minato-Ku. Tokyo 105-0003, Japan and a citizen of Japan;

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Name of Corporation

AND WHEREAS <u>NIPPON SANSO CORPORATION</u> (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a Corporation organized under the laws of <u>Japan</u>, and having an office and place of business at 16-7. Nishi-shinbashi I-chome. Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003, Janan

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