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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS: Fumie TANNO and Yuichi NISHIYAMA of c/o Specialty Chemicals Research Center, SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO., LTD., 28-1, Nishi-Fukushima, Kubiki-mura, Naka Kubiki-gun, Niigata-ken, Japan (same for both of the inventors) (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled: "A Process for Producing a Pharmaceutical Solid Preparation Containing a Poorly Soluble Drug"

for which application for United States Letters Patent identified as _____ has been executed on the 15th day of August, 2002, and,

WHEREAS: SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO., LTD., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of JAPAN and having its principal place of business at 6-1, Otemachi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), has equitable rights in and to this invention and desires to confirm such rights and to acquire all right, title and interest in and to this invention, including any and all United States Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor.


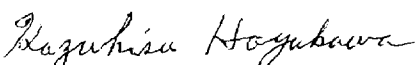
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to said invention, including any and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefor and any and all extensions, continuations, divisions, renewals, substitutes or reissues thereof, and the right to all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.


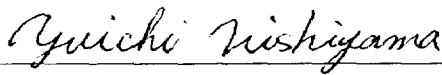
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ASSIGNOR further covenants and agrees, upon request, to execute any instrument which said ASSIGNEE desires to carry this assignment in effect, and perfect the title transferred hereby, or to file or prosecute any of the above-mentioned United States applications.

And the Commissioner of Patents of the United States is hereby authorized to issue Letters Patent on said above-named application and on any continuation, substitute or division thereof to said ASSIGNEE.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this 15th day of August, 2002

Witnesses:



ASSIGNOR:
 Fumie TANNO
 Yuichi NISHIYAMA