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Name: SUNTORY FLOWERS LIMITED

Address: 7-2, Kojimachi 5-chome
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A. Patent Application No.(s)
09/446,089

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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by SUNTORY LIMITED, located at 1-40, Dojimahama 2-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka, Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignor"), hereby assigns one half (50%) of its entire right, title, and interest in and to the following application,

Application No. 09/446,089 filed on December 17, 1999

to Suntory Flowers Limited, a corporation located at 7-2, Kojimachi 5-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

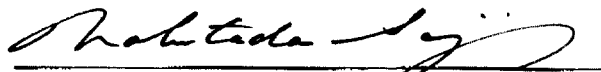
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns one half (50%) of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and one half (50%) of the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this sale and assignment not been made;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the Assignor is the sole and lawful owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions set forth in said applications and said applications, including provisional applications, above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered, and that the Assignor has good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth;

AND the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P. of Alexandria, Virginia to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, and attorney docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee, as the Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

December 20, 2002
Date _____ Signature of Assignor


Nobutada Saji
President