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THIS ASSIGNMENT, made this ____ day of _____, ___, by Hiroaki Suzuki and Isamu Uchiumi (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at c/o Nikkiso Co., Ltd., Shizuoka Plant, 498-1, Shizutani, Haibara-cho, Haibara-Gun 421-0496, JAPAN; and c/o Nikkiso Co., Ltd., Shizuoka Plant, 498-1, Shizutani, Haibara-cho, Shizuoka, Haibara-Gun 41-0496, JAPAN, respectively;

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in SELF PRIMING REGENERATIVE PUMP, set forth in a Patent application for Not Yet Assigned which an Application is filed Concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, Nikkiso Co. Ltd., organized under and pursuant to the laws of having principal place of business at 3-43-2, Ebisu, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8677, Japan (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

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