



Attorney Docket Nos.: 980387/HG; 980740/HG; 00379/HG and 01558/HG

**A S S I G N M E N T**

Whereas Nikken Chemicals Co., Ltd. (referred to hereinafter as the "Assignor"), a Corporation organized under the laws of Japan and having a place of business at 4-14, Tsukiji 5-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0045 Japan is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the following United States Patents (referred to hereinafter collectively as said "U.S. Patents"): (i) U.S. Patent 5,916,797 issued June 29, 1999 by virtue of an Assignment recorded on June 17, 1998 at Reel 9541, Frame 0458; (ii) U.S. Patent 6,110,715 issued August 29, 2000 by virtue of an Assignment recorded on December 4, 1998 at Reel 9791, Frame 0665; (iii) U.S. Patent 6,214,605 issued April 10, 2001 by virtue of an Assignment recorded on May 30, 2000 at Reel 010875, Frame 0591; and (iv) U.S. Patent 6,489,469 issued December 3, 2002 by virtue of an Assignment recorded on September 14, 2001 at Reel 012293, Frame 0149; and the Assignor is the owner of the entire, right, title and interest in the inventions as described and claimed in said U.S. Patents; and

Whereas Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation (referred to hereinafter as the "Assignee"), a Corporation organized under the laws of Japan and having a place of business at 33-8, Shiba 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0014, Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said U.S. Patents and said inventions described and claimed in said U.S. Patents;

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over to said Assignee and its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, the Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to said U.S. Patents and to the inventions as described and claimed in said U.S. Patents, including all reissues and reexaminations, for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignors have signed this Assignment on the date set forth below.

NIKKEN CHEMICALS CO., LTD.

Date: September 29, 2004

By: Kyoichi Sakane  
Name: Kyoichi Sakane

Corporate Title: Managing Executive Officer

**RECORDED: 10/13/2004**

**PATENT**  
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