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WHEREAS, I, Toshio SATO, residing in Kashima-shi, Ibaraki, Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements entitled

Process for Producing High-Purity 2,3-Pyridinedicarboxylic Acid

(a) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on July 31, 2003

and identified by United States Serial No. 10/631,669; or

(b) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed on _____,

AND, WHEREAS, SUMIKIN AIR WATER CHEMICAL INC., a corporation of Japan, having a place of business at 16-2, Sotokanda 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0021, Japan,

and HEBEI SINOCHEM FUHENG CO., LTD., a corporation of China, having a place of business at No. 2 Gongnong Road, Ci County, Hebei 056500, China

hereinafter called the "assignees", are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid to us by said assignees, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over unto said assignees the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States and all foreign countries and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all foreign countries and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, said assignees to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment not been made.

The Commissioner for Patents is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance herewith. I covenant that I am the lawful owner of the said application, inventions, and improvements, that the same are unencumbered, that no license has been granted to make, use, or vend the said inventions or improvements or any of them, and that I have the full right to make this assignment.

And for the consideration aforesaid, I agree jointly and individually that I will communicate to said assignees or the representatives thereof any facts known to us respecting said inventions and improvements, and will, upon request, but without expense to us, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all

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divisional, reissue, continuation, continuations-in-part, renewal, and/or extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do all other and further lawful acts, deemed necessary or expedient by said assignees or by counsel for said assignees, to assist or enable said assignees to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned. This assignment shall be binding upon our heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns, as the case may be, of said assignees.

I authorize the assignee and its agents to insert or to have inserted in this instrument the execution date/or the filing date and serial number of our patent application.

Dated: December 12, 2003

Toshio SATO
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