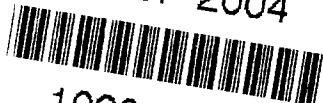


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WHEREAS, **MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL CORPORATION**, a Japanese Corporation, having its principal place of business at 5-2, Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, (hereinafter, "Assignor"), is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in, and to, the invention which is the subject of a U.S. Patent entitled "**INDAN-1,3-DIONE DERIVATIVE AND HERBICIDAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME AS ACTIVE INGREDIENT**", which was issued on **December 31, 1991** with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as Patent No. **5,076,830** and wherein Assignor desires to convey all of its rights, title and interest in this invention; and

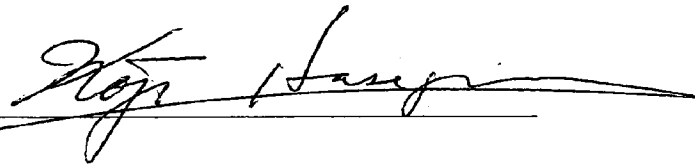
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