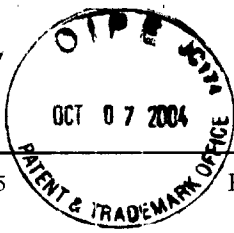
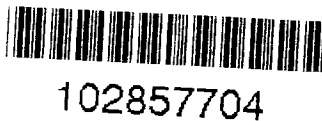


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AND WHEREAS, AIDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES CO., LTD., a corporation of JAPAN and having a place of business at 15-13, Minamicho 6 chome, Fuchu-shi, Tokyo, JAPAN, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

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