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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS: Mitsuo NARITA, Masaki TABATA, Atsushi YOSHIDA and Hiroshi UMEZAWA of c/o Specialty Chemicals Research Center, SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO., LTD., 28-1, Nishi-Fukushima, Kubiki-ku, Joetsu-shi, Niigata-ken, Japan (same for all of the inventors)

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

Methods for Preparing Alkali Cellulose and Cellulose Ether

for which application for United States Letters Patent identified as 11/615,355 has been executed on the 22 day of December, 2006, and,

WHEREAS: SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO., LTD., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of JAPAN and having its principal place of business at 6-1, Otemachi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), has equitable rights in and to this invention and desires to confirm such rights and to acquire all right, title and interest in and to this invention, including any and all United States Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to said invention, including any and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefor and any and all extensions, continuations, divisions, renewals, substitutes or reissues thereof, and the right to all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement of encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

ASSIGNOR further covenants and agrees, upon request, to execute any instrument which said ASSIGNEE desires to carry this assignment in effect, and perfect the title transferred hereby, or to file or prosecute any of the above-mentioned United States applications.

And the Commissioner of Patents of the United States is hereby authorized to issue Letters Patent on said above-named application and on any continuation, substitute or division thereof to said ASSIGNEE.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this 8th day of December, 2006

ASSIGNOR:

Mitsuo Narita

Mitsuo NARITA

Witnesses:

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