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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, (1) Kazushi TORII, a citizen of Japan; and (2) Taishi KOBAYASHI, a citizen of Japan, residing respectively at (1) F-202, 931-11, Hamada, Aboshi-ku, Himeji-shi, Hyogo, 671-1242 Japan and (2) 931-11, Hamada, Aboshi-ku, Himeji-shi, Hyogo, 671-1242 Japan (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS"), have made a certain invention entitled "WATER ABSORBENT RESIN PRODUCTION METHOD AND USAGE THEREOF" for which we are concurrently herewith filing an application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application is the U.S. national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2008/055181, filed on March 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD., a corporation of Japan, located at 1-1, Koraihashi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-0043 Japan (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention for the United States of America, in and to the aforementioned United States patent application, and in and to any and all United States Letters Patent to be obtained on said invention and/or application;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that for good and valuable consideration paid to us by said ASSIGNEE, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the ASSIGNORS, by these presents do hereby sell, assign, set over and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention in and for the United States; in, to and under the aforesaid United States application and any divisional, continuing, substitute or reissue applications or supplementary disclosures which may be filed on said invention in the United States, including our right to file said applications and to claim priority under the provisions of any international treaty or convention; and in and to any original, reissued or reexamined Letters Patent of the United States issued or granted on said invention and/or said applications;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any and all patents on said invention and/or said applications to said ASSIGNEE as sole assignee;

AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any assignment or other instrument in conflict herewith;

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or its legal representatives, successors or assigns, any facts relating to said invention, including evidence for interference purposes or other proceedings, whenever requested, and to testify in any interference or in any other legal proceeding, when requested, and to execute and deliver on request all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective; and to perform the aforesaid communicating, executing and delivering, without any payment except for expenses and to perform the aforesaid testifying for reasonable compensation; and generally to do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection on

and for said invention in the United States, and likewise we make these provisions binding upon our heirs, legal representatives and/or administrators.

The undersigned hereby grant the firm of Roylance, Abrams, Berdo & Goodman, L.L.P. the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2009.

Kazushi Torii  
Kazushi TORII

Masahiro Uemura  
Witness

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and seal this 3<sup>1st</sup> day of August, 2009.

Taishi Kobayashi  
Taishi KOBAYASHI

Masahiro Uemura  
Witness

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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