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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, Masatoshi NAKANO, Mika ARIFUKU, Harumi MIZUKOSHI,
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 hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

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(hereinafter called the Assignee), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to:

- (i) the application for United States Letters Patent entitled METHOD FOR CULTURING LACTIC ACID BACTERIA, AND A FOOD AND DRINK PRODUCT which was executed by the undersigned on _____ or was filed on March 19, 2010 and accorded Serial No. PCT/JP2010/054826 (hereinafter called the Application);
- (ii) any and all inventions and improvements which are described in the Application;
- (iii) any and all United States Letters Patents which may be granted on the Application (hereinafter called Patent);
- (iv) any and all divisions, continuations, substitutes, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions of the Application or Patent; and
- (v) all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

Said Assignee of said patent application and the attorneys appointed to prosecute said patent application are authorized to insert in this instrument the filing date and serial number of said application.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Assignee.

Further, it is agreed that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, or reissue patent applications; execute all additional assignments and other writings, including reexamination papers; and provide all reasonable assistance requested by the Assignee to secure and maintain appropriate patent protection.

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