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APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING WATER-ABSORBENT RESIN

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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directed to (check one):

☐ The attached application: or  
☒ United States application or PCT international  
application number PCT/JP2014/052156 filed  
on January 30, 2014.

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims.

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