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1. Name of conveying party(ies): Bayer CropScience S.A. Individual(s) Association General Partnership Limited Partnership Corporation - State - France Other Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Nippon Soda Co. Ltd. Internal Address: 2-1 Ohatemachi 2-chome Street Address: Chiyoda-ku Japan City: Tokyo State: Zip: 100 Individual(s) citizenship Association General Partnership Limited Partnership Corporation - State Japan Other If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No (Designations must be a separate document from assignment) Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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4. Application number(s) or registration number(s): A. Trademark Application No.(s) 75/874,036 B. Trademark Registration No.(s) 2,643,506 Additional number(s) attached Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: Thomas A. Kain, Esq. Internal Address: Colucci & Umans Street Address: 101 East 52nd Street City: New York State: NY Zip: 10022

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this registration/<sup>application</sup> should be directed to Thomas A. Kain, Esq.

NIPPON SODA CO., LTD.

Dated: February 26, 2004

By   
Katsunobu Inoue

Title President

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Bayer CropScience S. A. a corporation organised and existing under and by virtue of the laws of France having a place of business at 16 rue Jean-Marie Leclair, 69009 Lyon. France hereinbelow called "Assignor", owns and has used in its business certain trademark(s) which is (are) registered or for which registration(s) is (are) applied for as follows:

US Trademark Registration No. 2,643,506 ASSAIL

US Trademark Application No. 75/874,036 TRISTAR

and

WHEREAS, Nippon Soda Co. Ltd., a corporation organised and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Japan, and having a place of business at 2-1. Ohtemachi 2-chome. Chiyoda-ku. Tokyo. Japan hereinbelow called "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said trademark(s), application(s), and registration(s) and in and to any renewals and extensions that may be granted thereon, together with the goodwill of the business connected therewith;

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to it in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said trademark(s), application(s), and registration(s), and in and to any renewals and extensions that may be granted thereon, together with the goodwill of the business connected therewith and any right to recover for past infringement thereof.

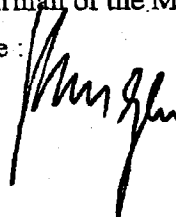
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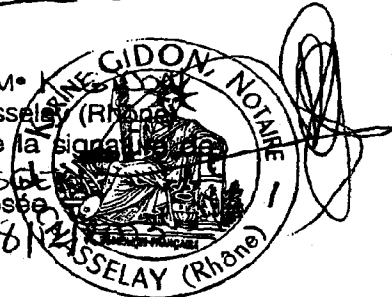
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