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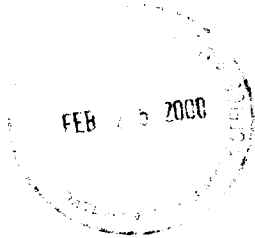
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: February 25, 2000

Docket No.: 1312-238T



RECORDING OF ASSIGNMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
**Box Assignments**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of Conveying Party(ies):

**ASAHI KASEI KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA**

Individual                       Association  
 General Partnership           Limited Partnership  
 Corporation- Japan  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

**JAPAN TOBACCO INC.**  
**2-1, Toranomom 2-chome**  
**Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan**

Individual(s) citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Association \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Partnership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limited Partnership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corporation Japan  
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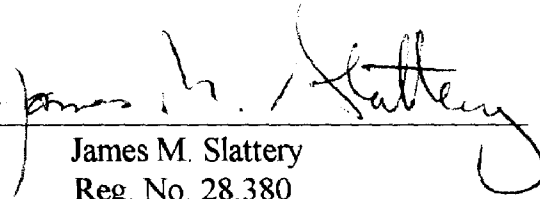
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Respectfully submitted,

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Registrant: ASAHI KASEI KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
Assignee: JAPAN TOBACCO INC.  
Registration No.: 1,856,364  
Date of Registration: September 27, 1994  
Mark: SEKICEL  
Class: Intl. Cl. 30

APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE

Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks  
2900 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513

Sir:

Registrant hereby designates RAYMOND C. STEWART, TERRELL C. BIRCH, JOSEPH A. KOLASCH, JAMES M. SLATTERY, CHARLES GORENSTEIN, TERRY L. CLARK or ROBERT J. KENNEY, all members of the firm of BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH and BIRCH, LLP, whose post office address is P.O. Box 747, Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747, its representatives upon whom notices or process in proceedings affecting the mark may be served.

JAPAN TOBACCO INC.

By Kazuhiko Akutagawa  
Kazuhiko Akutagawa

Corporate Title: Director of Intellectual Property  
Division and Authrised Signing Officer  
of Japan Tobacco Inc.

Executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000, ~~1999~~

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, ASAHI KASEI KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a corporation of Japan, having a place of business at 2-6, Dojimahama 1-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka, Japan, is the owner of Trademark Registration No. 1,856,364, registered on September 27, 1994, for the mark "SEKICEL", in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, JAPAN TOBACCO INC., a corporation of Japan, having a place of business 2-1, Toranomom 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is desirous of acquiring said registration;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and in exchange for the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said ASAHI KASEI KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA does hereby assign unto JAPAN TOBACCO INC., the entire right, title and interest in and to said registration, together with the goodwill of the business associated with the mark, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the said assigned interest would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor if this Assignment had not been made.

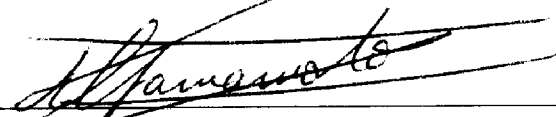
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed as

follows:

ASSIGNOR:

ASAHI KASEI KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA

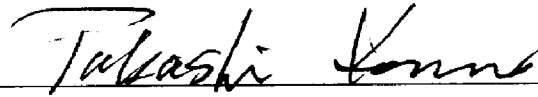
Date January 20, 2000

By   
(Signature) Kazumoto Yamamoto

Title P r e s i d e n t  
(Print or Type Name and Corporate Title)

WITNESS:

Date January 20 2000

By   
(Signature)