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Assignment

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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in
PARTICLE ANALYZER AND COMPOSITE LENS FORMED BY
INTEGRALLY JOINING PLURAL LENS ELEMENTS OF DIFFERENT FOCAL POINTS
and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
March 6, 1998; and
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31-4, Nishiochiai 1-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan
(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to
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Date: March 6, 1998 s/ Masao Yamazaki

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