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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, (1) Koji CHIKATA of 19-3, Shukugo 1-chome, Utsunomiya-shi, Tochigi-ken, Japan, (2) Ryuko HANAYA of c/o Kabushiki Kaisha Honda Gijutsu Kenkyusho, 4-1, Chuo 1-chome, Wako-shi, Saitama-ken, Japan, and (3) Makoto IMADA of c/o Kabushiki Kaisha Honda Gijutsu Kenkyusho, 4-1, Chuo 1-chome, Wako-shi, Saitama-ken, Japan (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignors") have invented certain improvements in LATCH DEVICE FOR A VEHICLE

, for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America on even date herewith which application bears Serial Number 08/917,377; and

WHEREAS we, (1) Mitsui Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha of 1-1, Muromachi 2-chome, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and (2) Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha of 1-1, Minami Aoyama 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignees") are desirous of acquiring the entire interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors, by these presents, do sell, assign, transfer and set over onto said Assignees, their successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention in the United States, as described in the aforesaid application, and hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said Assignees for their interest as assignees, for the sole use and enjoyment of said Assignees, their successors, assigns and legal representatives.

And Assignors agree to transfer a like interest, upon request of either of said Assignees, their successors, assigns and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements, and applications for United States Letters Patent based thereon, growing out of or related to said invention, and to execute any papers desired by said Assignees, their successors, assigns or legal representatives, deemed essential to Assignees' full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

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