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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Tadahiro OHMI, Takahisa NITTA, Yasuyuki SHIRAI, and Osamu NAKAMURA residing at 1-17- 301, Komegabukuro 2-chome Aoba-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi-ken 980-0813 JAPAN, c/o Kabushiki Kaisha Ultraclean Technology Research Institute, 1-4 Hongo 4-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033 JAPAN, 2-11-305, Yagiyama Honcho 2-chome, Taihaku-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi-ken, 982-0801 JAPAN, and 34-3-401, Yagiyama Honcho 1-chome Taihaku-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi-ken, 982-0801 JAPAN have invented certain improvements in:

LONG LIFE WELDING ELECTRODE AND

ITS FIXING STRUCTURE, WELDING HEAD AND WELDING METHOD described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America thereon, said application having been filed on March 20, 1998, based on Japanese Application 9-87431, and Japanese Application 10-72597.

WHEREAS, Tadahiro OHMI and Kabushiki Kaisha Ultraclean
Technology Research Institute, is to acquire the entire right,
title and interest in and to said invention and said application
for Letters Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said Tadahiro OHMI and Kabushiki Kaisha Ultraclean Technology Research Institute, their successors and assigns, the full, entire and exclusive right, title and interest, for the territory of the United States of America and for all foreign countries, in and to said invention, as described in the application identified above, and in and to said application and

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We hereby authorize and request the Patent and Trademark Office officials in the United States of America and the Patent Office officials of any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted to said Tadahiro OHMI and Kabushiki Kaisha Ultraclean Technology Research Institute, as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and enjoyment of said Tadahiro OHMI and Kabushiki Kaisha Ultraclean Technology Research Institute, their successors and assigns.

Further, we agree to execute all papers and to give such lawful testimony and to perform such other lawful acts as said Tadahiro OHMI and Kabushiki Kaisha Ultraclean Technology Research Institute, their successors and assigns may require to enable it or them to procure Letters Patent on said invention or reissues or extensions thereof in the United States of America and/or in

any foreign country, and/or to hold, enforce or convey said

Letters Patent, reissues or extensions.

Executed this day of April , 1998.

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