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To the Honorable Commissioner of

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1. Name of Conveying party(ies):
Katsumi AMANO

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Mitsui High-tec Inc.

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Kitakyushi-shi, Fukuoka, JAPAN

City: State: ZIP:

Additional name(s) and address(es) attached? Yes X No

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes X No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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Execution Date: June 8, 1998 (See Cover Letter)

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: June 8, 1998

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached: Yes X No

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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.

Bruce H. Bernstein, Reg No. 29,027
Name of Person Signing

Signature

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Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Katsumi AMANO,
a citizen of Japan, whose post office address is c/o Mitsui High-tec Inc., 2-10-1, Komine, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka, Japan, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have invented a certain improvement relating to

SPHERICAL ARTICLE CONVEYING ATMOSPHERE REPLACING DEVICE

for which he has, on the date indicated below, executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

AND WHEREAS, Mitsui High-tec Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, whose post-office address is 2-10-1, Komine, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka, Japan, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNOR hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, for the United States including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any ways arising from or pertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patent when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the said ASSIGNOR might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing Letters Patent thereon.

AND said ASSIGNOR authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNOR, on the date indicated below.

Witnessed by:

Name	Date	<u>Katsumi Amano</u>	<u>June 8, 1997</u>
		Katsumi AMANO	Date
Name	Date		Date

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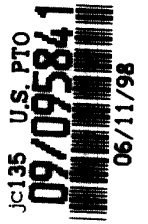
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For : SPHERICAL ARTICLE CONVEYING ATMOSPHERE REPLACING DEVICE



COVER LETTER REGARDING EXECUTION DATE OF ASSIGNMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is noted that the execution date on the Assignment includes a typographical error. The date should read "**June 8, 1998**" instead of "June 8, 1997". It is also stated in the Assignment that the Assignor "on the date indicated below , executed an application for Letters Patent", and the execution date on the Declaration for the application is correctly indicated as "June 8, 1998". Furthermore, the Japanese application, for which priority of the present application is claimed, was filed after June 8, 1997, on August 11, 1997.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that it is clear that the correct date of execution of both the Assignment and Declaration is June 8, 1998, and applicant requests that the recordation of the present Assignment indicate June 8, 1998 as the correct execution date.

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If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
K. AMANO

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B.H. Bernstein", is written over a horizontal line.

Bruce H. Bernstein
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June 11, 1998
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