



**ASSIGNMENT**

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (U.S. \$1.00) in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, Atsushi ISHIKAWA, Junji NISHIGAKI, Hiroshi SUGIURA, and Shinji YAMAMOTO hereby sells, assigns and transfers to MINOLTA CO., LTD., a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having a place of business at Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-Chome Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-0052, Japan, (hereinafter called Assignee) the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING

which application was filed by the undersigned on April 2, 1998 and accorded serial no. 09/054,210,

including said application and any and all divisions, continuations, and substitutes thereof and any and all United States Letters Patents which may be granted therefor and any and all extensions, reissues, renewals or reexaminations thereof, and the right to all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

It is hereby authorized and requested that the Commissioner of Patents issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Assignee.

Further, it is agreed that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, and reissue patent applications; execute all rightful other papers; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

Atsushi Ishikawa

Atsushi ISHIKAWA

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

Junji Nishigaki


Junji NISHIGAKI

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

Hiroshi Sugiura

Hiroshi SUGIURA

Signed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1998.

  
Shinji YAMAMOTO