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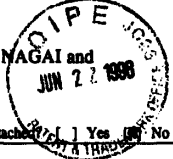
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## ASSIGNMENT (JOINT)

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Toshinobu Ota,  
Hiroyuki Nagai and  
Yousuke Takahira, residing at Ama gun,  
Nagoya city  
 and Toyota city, Aichi pref., Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignors");  
 respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in  
TRACTION CONTROL SYSTEM FOR A FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE set forth in an  
 application for Letters Patent of the United States, [ ] which is a provisional application to be filed  
 herewith; [X] which is a non-provisional application having an oath or declaration executed on even  
 date herewith prior to filing of application; [ ] bearing Application No. 09/025,421  
 and filed on February 18, 1998; and

WHEREAS, AISIN SEIKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA and TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA,  
 a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Japan and having its  
 principal place of business at 1, Asahi-machi 2-chome, Kariya city, Aichi pref.,  
Japan and 1, Toyota-cho, Toyota city, Aichi pref., Japan, respectively  
 (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the  
 entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions, the right to file applications on said  
 inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications, including provisional  
 applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said  
 application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained  
 therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and  
 sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold,  
 assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer, and set over,  
 unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and  
 interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions  
 and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United  
 States or other countries claiming priority to said applications, and any and all Letters Patent or  
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 and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the  
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AND for the same consideration, the Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with  
 the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and  
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 and interest in and to the inventions set forth in said applications and said applications, including  
 provisional applications, above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered, and that the  
 Assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner  
 herein set forth;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns that the Assignors will, whenever counsel of the Assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said inventions or said applications for Letters Patent or Patents, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent or Patents for said inventions in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any application claiming priority to said application, division, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any applications for Letters Patent or Patents, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent or Patents to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement, and defense of Letters Patent or Patents for said inventions, without charge to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns;

AND the Assignors hereby authorize and request the attorneys of BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P. of Alexandria, Virginia, to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, and attorney docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said inventions, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

Date March 13, 1998 Name of Assignor Toshinobu Ota  
Toshinobu Ota

Date March 13, 1998 Name of Assignor Hiroyuki Nagai  
Hiroyuki Nagai

Date March 13, 1998 Name of Assignor Yousuke Takahira  
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