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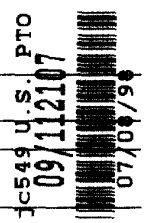
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WHEREAS, I, MAMORU NAKASUJI, of Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan, have invented a certain invention entitled ELECTRON-OPTICAL SYSTEM EXHIBITING REDUCED ABERRATION for which I am making application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been executed by me on the 8th day of July, 1998; and

WHEREAS, NIKON CORPORATION, a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at Fuji Building, 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, MAMORU NAKASUJI, hereby sell, assign and transfer to NIKON CORPORATION, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent rights throughout the world, including foreign patent priority rights, the right to file and prosecute International Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the right to file and prosecute applications under the European Patent Convention; said invention, application and letters patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by NIKON CORPORATION, for its own use and benefit, and for its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which letters patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made, and covenant that I have full right so to do, and agree that I will communicate to NIKON

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CORPORATION, or its successors and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and do everything possible to aid NIKON CORPORATION, its successors and assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.

Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 8th day of July, 1998.
(City)

Mamoru Nakasuji
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