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(1) Takahiko Ishiguro and
 (2) Juichi Saitoh
 (Inventors) (3) _____ and
 (4) _____

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

(Assignee) (5) TOSOH CORPORATION
 (Address) (6) of 4560, Kaisei-cho, Shinnanyo-shi, Yamaguchi, Japan

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions, and for the country of

(Other Countries) (7) _____ in the invention, and all applications for patent and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, known as

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(9) on May 28, 1998 or has already filed in

(10) U.S. appln. Serial Number 09/088,728, filed on June 2, 1998

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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned signature(s).

Date May 28, 1998 Signature of Inventor (1) Takahiko Ishiguro

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Date _____ Signature of Inventor (3) _____

Date _____ Signature of Inventor (4) _____

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