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UTILITY PATENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned inventor(s) (hereinafter, "ASSIGNOR(S)") of the address(es) indicated below, have invented SURFACE PLANARIZATION APPARATUS AND WORK MEASURING METHOD, for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on February 20, 1998;

AND WHEREAS, SPEEDFAM CO., LTD., (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Japan, having its principal place of business and mailing address at No. 2647, Hayakawa, Avase-shi, Kanagawa-ken, 252, Japan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(S) by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the invention as described in the aforesaid application, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States adheres, and hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

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AGREEING, FURTHERMORE, upon request of ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by ASSIGNEE for the filing and granting of foreign applications and the perfecting of title thereto in ASSIGNEE.

EXECUTED as of the date written below by ASSIGNOR(S):

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