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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred as Assignors, have invented new and useful improvements in:

## VARIABLE VALVE TIMING MECHANISM

for which Assignors are about to make application for United States Letters Patent; and for which application is a continuation-in part of Application No: 08/946047, filed October 7, 1997

WHEREAS, **YAMAHA HATSUDOKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA**, doing business as Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd., a corporation of Japan, with its principal office at 2500 Shingai, Iwata-shi, Shizuoka-ken, Japan, referred to as Assignee, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer unto Assignee, its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America to the said invention as described in the specification executed by Assignors of even date preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor, said application for Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignors hereby covenant and agree to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, for litigation regarding or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent showing such interest in Assignee.

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Date: Sept. 25, 1998

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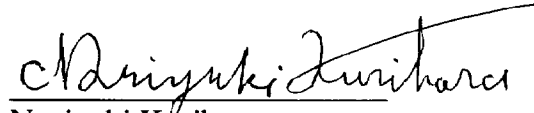
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