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Fumihide SATO and Kenji MIHARA

hereby sells, assigns and transfers to KOMATSU LTD., a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having a place of business at 3-6, Akasaka 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107 Japan, (hereinafter called Assignee) the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled

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which application was filed on **September 4, 1998** and accorded Serial No. 09/146,811;

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It is hereby authorized and requested that the Commissioner of Patents issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Assignee.

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