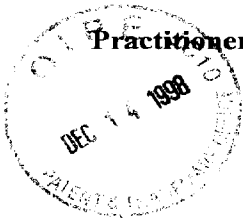


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**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION(S) AND/OR PATENT(S)
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(37 CFR 3.21 and 37 CFR 3.31(a)(4))**

NOTE: See 37 CFR 3.21.

NOTE: § 3.21 does not apply to documents other than assignment. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

This assignment is for the following patent application and/or issued patent:

National application: SN: 09/141,435 filed on AUGUST 27, 1998
Provisional application: / filed on
International application: PCT/ /
Patent No: Issued:

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(also complete the following, if applicable)

[] and also for the applications and/or patents
shown on the attached list of FURTHER
APPLICATION(S) and/or PATENT(S) BEING ASSIGNED

Number of pages added _____

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NOTE: All requests to record documents must be accompanied by the appropriate fee; a fee is required for each application or patent against which the document is recorded as identified in the cover sheet. The recording fee is set in § 1.21(h). 37 CFR 3.41.

2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is 1.

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NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST

(37 CFR 3.31(a)(1))

NOTE "The term 'party' as used in this rule [§ 3.31] means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the documents." Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72, at 65).

3. The party(ies) conveying interest is (are): .

Name 1: **MITSUO KAISHIO**

Name 2: **MASAO UENO**

Name 3:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST

(37 CFR 3.31 (a)(2))

The rights are being conveyed to:

Name: SANOH KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Address: 2-27, HONCHO 4-CHOME, KOGA-SHI,
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**DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR
TRANSACTION RECORDED (37 CFR 3.31 (a)(3))**

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish:

- ☒ an assignment.
- ☐ a security agreement.
- ☐ a merger.
- ☐ a license.
- ☐ a change of name.
- ☐ a change of address.
- ☐ other:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 CFR 3.31 (a)(5))**

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**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED
(37 CFR 3.31(a)(7))**

7. The attached assignment (document) was executed on DECEMBER 2, 1998.
Date

LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

NOTE: "The Office will accept and record non-English language documents only if accompanied by an English translation signed by the individual making the translation," 37 CFR 3.26.

8. The attached document:

- ☒ is in the English language.
- ☐ is not in the English language and an English translation signed by the individual making the translation is attached.

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ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OR TRUE COPY SUBMITTED

NOTE: See 37 CFR 3.24.

9. Submitted herewith is:

- ☒ the original document.
☐ a true copy of the original document, which I certify to be a true copy.

NOTE: "If the original [assignment] document is two-sided or the wrong size, the practitioner can comply with the requirement [set out in 37 C.F.R. § 3.24] by providing a true copy of the original document using only one side of each page on the correct size paper." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 67.

NOTE: "Certification shall be made by the person submitting a copy of an original document that the document submitted is a true copy of the original. The certification is not required to be in an oath or declaration form." M.P.E.P., 6th ed., § 302.01.

ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF ADDRESS

(check item, if applicable)

10. ☐ Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of address of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF NAME

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11. ☐ Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of name of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

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12. ☐ A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent to the Office separately.

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**STATEMENT (37 CFR 3.31(a)(9)) AND
SIGNATURE (37 CFR 3.31(a)(10))**

13. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

NOTE: "The term 'party' as used in this rule [§ 3.31] means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the document." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 65.

Date: DECEMBER 9, 1998

Name of party submitting document

Signature of party submitting document

(complete the following, if the party submitting the document is applicant's attorney)

SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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 For: ☐ PCT Application
 By: Multiple Inventors

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION (MULTIPLE INVENTORS)

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNORS (inventors):

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(type or print name of inventor)

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(type or print name of ASSIGNEE) Address

Japan

Nationality

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

(complete one of the following)

- ☒ the entire right, title and interest
☐ an undivided _____ percent (____ %) interest

for the United States and its territorial possessions

(check the following box, if foreign rights are also to be assigned)

☐ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority
in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

RETAINER FOR PIPE CONNECTING DEVICE

(check and complete (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g))

and which is found in

- (a) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
(b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on _____
(c) ☐ U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor(s) for the above-entitled invention
☐ Express mail label no.: _____

Mailed. _____

- ☐ To comply with 37 CFR 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I, an ASSIGNOR signing below, hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert below the filing date and application number when they become known.

- (d) ☒ U.S. application no. 09 / 141,435 filed on August 27, 1998
(e) ☐ International application no. PCT / _____ / _____
filed on _____
(f) ☐ U.S. patent no. _____ issued _____
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- (g) ☐ and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority

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and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment;

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this Dec. 2, 1998
(Date of signing)

WARNING: The date of signing must be the same as the date of execution of the application, if item (a) was checked above

Mitsuo KAISHIO
(type name of inventor)

Masao UENO


Signature of INVENTOR

Masao Ueno.

☐ Notarization or Legalization Page Added.

NOTE: No witnessing, notarization or legalization is necessary. If the assignment is notarized or legalized then it will only be prima facie evidence of execution. 35 USC 261. Use next page if notarization is desired.

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