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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

FRICITIONAL WEAR TESTING APPARATUS AND FRICITIONAL WEAR TESTING METHOD

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on  
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Whereas, Macoho Co., Ltd.  
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to  
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