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(BEFORE APPLICATION FILED)

# ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS FOR THE UNITED STATES

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, WE, YASUYOSHI HAYAKAWA, TERUO KOMATSU,  
TSUYOSHI WARAGAI AND ATSUSHI OGATA

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residing respectively at 77-3-6, Kamo Mishima-shi, Shizuoka-ken, Japan;  
11-5, Asahigaoka, Mishima-shi, Shizuoka-ken, Japan;  
925-2-92-609, Tokura, Mishima-shi, Shizuoka-ken, Japan;  
and 483-206, Shimotogari, Nagaizumi-cho, Sunto-gun,  
Shizuoka-ken, Japan

hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
a corporation of Japan

having a place of business at 30-2, Shimomaruko 3-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan

its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest, for  
the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by each of us, respectively, on the date  
indicated below and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent  
of the United States which may be granted, thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and  
request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent upon said inventions  
to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

AND we authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any application for  
patent or other form of protection for said inventions, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International  
Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be  
substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

AND we hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any  
assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in the United States for any purpose and more  
particularly in proof of the right of said Assignee or nominees to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority  
provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention  
which may henceforth be substituted for it.

AND we hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned  
and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND we hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to  
us pertaining to said inventions, and testify in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional,  
continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts  
necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent protection  
for said inventions in the United States.

By: Yasuyoshi Hayakawa  
YASUYOSHI HAYAKAWA

Date: January 10, 1999

By: Teruo Komatsu  
TERUO KOMATSU

Date: February 10, 1999

By: TSUYOSHI WARAGAI  
TSUYOSHI WARAGAI

Date: February 10, 1999

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