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of Japan, residing at c/o NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION Technical Development
Bureau, 35-1, Ida 3-chome, Nakahara-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan; c/o
NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION, 6-3, Otemachi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan,

respectively, have invented new and useful improvements in
A METHOD OF DIAGNOSING FATIGUE LIFE OF STRUCTURAL STEELWORK AND A MEMBER OF
STEELWORK HAVING LIFE DIAGNOSTIC FUNCTION
for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of
the United States, said application having been executed by us
on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION,
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(hereinafter referred to as the Assignee), is desirous of
acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the
application and the invention therein described and claimed and
any Letters Patent that may be issued upon the application or
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NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the
equivalent sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the
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