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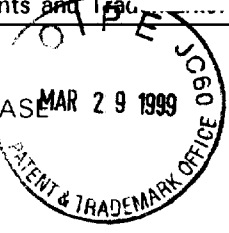
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Insert Name(s)  
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the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to

Matsushita Refrigeration Company

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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States as defined in 35 USC 100, in the invention known as

INVERTER-CONTROLLED SEALED COMPRESSOR

for which an application for patent in the United States has been executed by the undersigned on

July 24, 1998

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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