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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, <u>Kenji NAKAMURA</u>, hereinafter called the "Assignor," has invented a new and useful invention entitled <u>DEVICE PROVIDED WITH AN OPTICAL</u> <u>COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTION AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM</u>, for which he has:

- (a) filed an application for United States Letters Patent on ______ as (Serial No. _____); or
- (b) executed an application for United States Letters Patent on ; and

WHEREAS, MINOLTA CO., LTD., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, having a place of business at Osaka Kokusai Bldg., 3-13, 2-Chome, Azuchi-Machi, Chuo-Ku, Osaka-Shi, Osaka, Japan, hereinafter called the "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the application above identified, and in, to and under any Letters Patent which may be obtained to said invention, as hereinafter more fully set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient considerations, the receipt of which by said Assigner from the said Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the said Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, the entire, right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and application hereinabove identified, and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and applications for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor, in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said inventions may issue.

And the said Assignor does hereby covenant and agree, for himself and his legal representatives, that he will assist the said Assignee in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that the said Assignee may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinabove set forth; in vesting in the said Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that he will execute and deliver to the said Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the said Assignee to fully carry out the terms of this Assignment.

PATENT REEL: 9878 FRAME: 0493 And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hand and affixed seal.

Date: Mar 25, 1999

Kenji NAKAMURA (Seal)

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