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(Sole or Joint Inventors)

WHEREAS:

(1) Takeo Nozaki of Tokyo, Japan; and
(2) Satoshi Nishii of Yokohama-shi, Japan

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTI-LEVEL ROUNDING AND PATTERN INSPECTION

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date herewith,

WHEREAS: NEC Corporation
7-1, Shiba 5-chome, Minato-ku,
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(hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that in consideration of the payment by Assignee to Assignor of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, Assignor hereby sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or

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