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To the Honorable Commissioner of F

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1. Name of conveying party(ies): Akihiko HONMA

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Seiko Instruments Inc.

Internal Address:

3. Nature of conveyance:  Assignment  Merger  Security Agreement  Change of Name  Other

Execution Date: March 31, 1999

Street Address: 8, Nakase 1-chome, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi City: Chiba State: Japan ZIP:

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APRIL 23, 1999

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Akihiko Honma, residing at c/o Seiko Instruments Inc., 8, Nakase 1-chome, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba, Japan, have invented new and useful improvements in  
METHOD OF CONTROLLING PROBE MICROSCOPE

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for which I have prepared an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

AND WHEREAS, Seiko Instruments Inc., located and doing business at 8, Nakase 1-chome, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba, Japan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have assigned, sold and transferred and by these presents do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said Seiko Instruments Inc. for the territory of the United States of America, my entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and in and to the said application, prepared and executed by me on December 2, 1996, filed December 6, 1996, Serial No. 08/763,674, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent thereon and in and to any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said Seiko Instruments Inc., its legal representatives and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

AND, I hereby covenant and agree that I will at any time upon the request and at the expense of said assignee

execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefor, and I hereby authorize and request the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent to the said Seiko Instruments Inc. in accordance with this assignment.

Executed this 31st day of March, 1999

at \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness:

*Akiko Hamabata*  
Akiko Hamabata

*A. Honma* (L.S.)  
Akihiko Honma