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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

Spark Plug, Insulator for Spark Plug and Process for Fabricating the Insulator

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on

April 26, 1999; and

Whereas, NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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