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ASSIGNMENT FOR UNFILED APPLICATION  
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT  
(Sole or Joint Inventors)

WHEREAS:

NAME(S) AND ADDRESS(S)  
OF INVENTOR(S)  
(including country)

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

TITLE OF INVENTION

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

WHEREAS:

NAME AND ADDRESS  
OF ASSIGNEE  
(including country)

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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

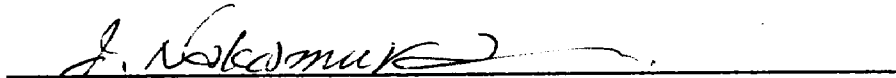
foreign countries and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof of any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal  
this 17th day of February 1999.

FULL NAME(S)  
OF INVENTOR(S)

  
(Signature) Jiro Nakamura

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(Signature)

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(Signature)

Instruction  
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All information, names of inventor(s) and assignee, title of invention and particulars of application should be completed.

Signing:

No witnessing or legalization is necessary. However, if this assignment is legalized then it will only be prima facie evidence of the execution of the assignment.