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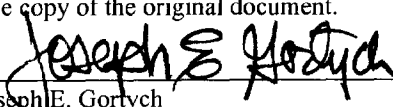


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ASSIGNMENT

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and have executed a United States Patent Application therefor on 23 / 4 / 99.

And whereas, Nikon Corporation, a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at Fuji Bldg., 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, (hereinafter called Assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I the above named hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in said application to Assignee, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that Assignee may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and we will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by Assignee.

I, the above-named, hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

Executed at Shinagawa, Tokyo, Japan this 23 day of 4, 1999.
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