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Tetsuo KOHNO and Masashi ISONO
hereby sells, assigns and transfers to MINOLTA CO., LTD., a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having a place of business at Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-Chome Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-8556 Japan, (hereinafter called Assignee) the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled

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Signed this 15th day of March, 1999.

Tetsuo Kohno
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Signed this 15th day of March, 1999.

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