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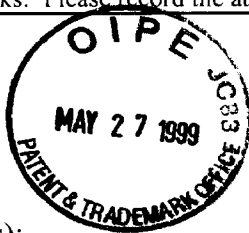


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for which I am/we are about to make/have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, identified as

Application No. 09/263,195 filed on March 5, 1999, and

WHEREAS NIKON CORPORATION

(hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having its principal office at

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and duly represented by SHOICHIRO YOSHIDA, its President, is desirous of acquiring the same.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of lawful money and other consideration, the receipt of which I/we hereby acknowledge, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right for the territory of the United States of America in and to said invention as described in the specification entitled as above preparatory of obtaining Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor, and an invention to be described in a reissue, division, continuation or continuation-in-part application, if this be filed in later; said invention, application, and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for his own use and behoof, and for his legal representative, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me/us had this assignment and sale not been made.

By: Takahiro Ikeda  
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