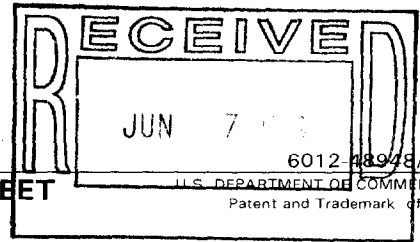


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WHEREAS, we, HIROYUKI KONDO, of Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, and NORIAKI KANDAKA, of Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, have co-invented with TOSHIHISA TOMIE, of Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, and HIDEAKI SHIMIZU, of Tsuchiura-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, a certain invention entitled PHOTOELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY APPARATUS for which application for Letters Patent was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 1, 1998, and was assigned application Serial No. 09/145,064; and

WHEREAS, NIKON CORPORATION, a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at Fuji Building, 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

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