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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I or We, Akira Umetsu, Hiroyuki Kaito, Kusuo Furukawa and Hidehiko Kimishima,  
all citizens of Japan

(hereinafter referred to as the "undersigned"), having made an invention entitled  
BOX ANNEALING FURNACE, METHOD FOR ANNEALING METAL SHEET USING THE SAME, AND ANNEALED METAL SHEET

for which on the date set forth below, unless otherwise indicated here, \_\_\_\_\_,  
the undersigned executed an application for United States Letters Patent,

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Steel Corporation, a Japanese Corporation with its principal  
office being located at 1-28, Kitahonmachidori 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0075 Japan

(hereinafter referred to as the "assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title  
and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said  
invention,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good  
and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,  
intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee the  
entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and  
possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, including said patent  
application, all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights to claim priority based  
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reissues thereof, issuing for said invention in the United States of America and in any and  
all foreign countries.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the  
assignee, or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all  
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to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating  
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America and foreign countries in the name of the assignee, and to execute all instruments  
proper to carry out the intent of this instrument. If the undersigned includes more than  
one individual, these obligations shall apply to all of the undersigned both individually  
and collectively.

The rights and property herein conveyed by the undersigned are free and clear of  
any encumbrance.

**EXECUTED** under seal on July 6, 1999, at  
Tokyo, Japan.

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