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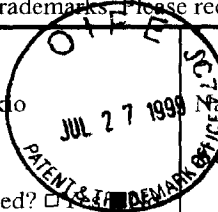
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c/o Petoca, Ltd. 4, Touwada, Kamisu-cho, Kashima-gun, Ibaraki-ken,

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_____, respectively,

INSERT TITLE OF INVENTION:

have invented certain new and useful improvements in: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING GRAPHITE

MATERIAL FOR NEGATIVE ELECTRODE USED IN LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

INSERT DATE INVENTORS SIGNED DECLARATION:

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on January 25, 1999

(Application No. 09/245,302, filed February 5, 1999), and

INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY OR OTHER ASSIGNEE:

WHEREAS, Petoca, Ltd.

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