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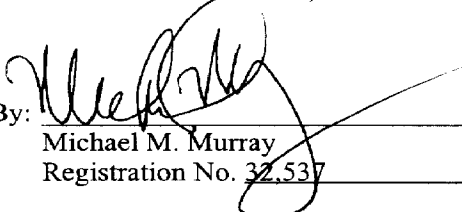
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FOR VALUE RECEIVED. We, Kazutaka YANAGITA, Takao YONEHARA,
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citizens of Japan
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its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title
and interest, for the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on July 22, 1999 and
which has been accorded Application No. 09/359,575 and in and to said application, and all divisions,
renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted, thereon, and
all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and
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AND we authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any application for
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International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may
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AND we hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in the United States for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of Assignee or nominees to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

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AND we hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to us pertaining to said inventions, and testify in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent protection for said inventions in the United States.

By: Kazutaka Yanagita
Kazutaka YANAGITA

Date: September 10, 1999

By: Takao Yonehara
Takao YONEHARA

Date: September 16, 1999

By: Kazuaki Omi
Kazuaki OMI

Date: September 10, 1999

By: Kiyofumi Sakaguchi
Kiyofumi SAKAGUCHI

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