Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document:

Name of Person Signing

Date

Assignee(1): SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.,
Japanese corporation,
of 5-33, Kitahama 4-chome, Cyuo-ku, Osaka-shi,
Osaka, Japan

Assignee(2): KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,
Japanese corporation,
of 18-2, Nishi-Ikebukuro 1-chome, Toshima-ku,
Tokyo, Japan

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Yasunori OKA of, 2201 Oaza Kamioda, Kohokucho, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken, Japan, has invented certain improvements in THIN-PLATE SUPPORTING CONTAINER set forth in an application for Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., of respectively, 5-33, Kitahama 4-chome, Cyuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan, 18-2, Nishi-Ikebukuro 1-chome, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan are desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Yasunori OKA, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto each of said and KAKIZAKI SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. MANUFACTURING LTD., their CO., successors, representatives, heirs and assigns, right, title and interest in said application executed on the \_\_17th day of \_August\_\_\_\_\_, 1999, (and I hereby authorize my attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, when known: Serial No.\_\_/\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_) to all Patents in the United States which may be granted on said application, to all divisions, continuations and continuations-inpart of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Patent, all applications for Patent and all Patent therefor, to be held and

SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. enjoyed KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., for their use and behoof and for their legal representatives, successors, heirs, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the same consideration, I hereby covenant and agree that, at the time of execution and delivery of this instrument, I hold good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the application for Patent above mentioned in the manner herein set forth; and for the same consideration I hereby covenant and agree that I will, whenever counsel of SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. or the counsel of their successors, legal representatives, heirs or assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said application for Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Patent in the United States, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Patent, or any reissue or extension of any Patent to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or done for the required to be procurement, maintenance. enforcement and defense of said Patent, without charge to me, my successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, but at the cost and expense of SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. their successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns; and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Patent to myself and to,

1

SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., as an assignee thereof.

Yasunori Oka 17, Aug. 199 Yasunori OKA date

No.

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Yukihiro HYOBU of, 18-2, Nishi-Ikebukuro 1-chome, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan, has invented certain improvements in THIN-PLATE SUPPORTING CONTAINER set forth in an application for Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., of respectively, 5-33, Kitahama 4-chome, Cyuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan, 18-2, Nishi-Ikebukuro 1-chome, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan are desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Yukihiro HYOBU, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto each of said SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES. LTD. and LTD., their MANUFACTURING CO., successors, representatives, heirs and assigns, right, title and interest in said application executed on the <u>9th</u> day of <u>August</u>, 1999, (and I hereby authorize my attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, when known: Serial No.\_\_/ \_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_) to all Patents in the United States which may be granted on said application, to all divisions, continuations and continuations-inpart of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Patent, all applications for Patent and all Patent therefor, to be held and

METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. SUMITOMO KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., for their use and behoof and for their legal representatives, successors, heirs, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the same consideration, I hereby covenant and agree that, at the time of execution and delivery of this instrument, I hold good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the application for Patent above mentioned in the manner herein set forth; and for the same consideration I hereby covenant and agree that I will, whenever counsel of SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. or the counsel of their successors, legal representatives, heirs or assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said application for Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Patent in the United States, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Patent, or any reissue or extension of any Patent to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of said Patent, without charge to me, my successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, but at the cost and expense of SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. their successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns; and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Patent to myself and to,

METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and KAKIZAKI SUMITOMO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., as an assignee thereof.

Yukihiro HYOBU date

3