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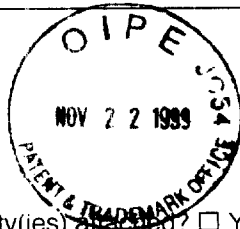
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ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Takako Hashimoto, whose address is 285 Sea Cliff, San Francisco, California 94121, individually and for the estate of Kazuo Hashimoto (hereinafter "Takako Hashimoto") owns all of the right, title, and interest in and to U. S. Patent No. 4,712,097 issued December 8, 1987 to Kazuo Hashimoto (hereinafter the "Patent");

AND, WHEREAS, Hashimoto Corporation, whose address is 1-14-15 Komazawa, Sanai Bldg., 5th Floor, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo 154-0012, Japan (hereinafter "Hashimoto Corporation"), is desirous of acquiring in and for the United States, all of Takako Hashimoto's right, title, and interest in and to the Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Takako Hashimoto hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to Hashimoto Corporation, *nunc pro tunc*, effective as of December 30, 1997 (hereinafter the "Effective Date"), all of Takako Hashimoto's right, title, and interest in and to the Patent, including all rights to and claims in any Divisional, Continuation, Continuation-in-Part, Reissue, or Reexamination applications. This Assignment Agreement includes all rights to sue for past and future damages from infringing licensed or non-licensed third parties

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, Takako Hashimoto hereby agrees without further remuneration to execute any papers on behalf of Hashimoto Corporation, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, deemed essential to the full protection of and title in and to the rights hereby transferred.

This Assignment Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between Takako Hashimoto and Hashimoto Corporation. No modification shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.

Takako Hashimoto,
individually and for the estate of Kazuo
Hashimoto

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Takako Hashimoto
By: Takako Hashimoto

Hashimoto Corporation

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Date

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