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Attorney Docket: TSAI114497

This assignment agreement is applicable to an invention entitled (Invention Title) \_\_\_\_\_  
**METHOD FOR AUTO-CROPPING A SCANNED IMAGE** \_\_\_\_\_

The PATENT RIGHTS referred to in this agreement are:

(check one)  a patent application for this invention, executed by the ASSIGNOR(S)  
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The ASSIGNOR(S) referred to in this agreement is (or are) the inventor(s) whose signatures  
 appear on page 2 of this Assignment and any Supplemental Sheet(s).

The ASSIGNEE referred to in this agreement is:

(Name of Assignee) MUSTEK SYSTEMS INC.

(Address) NO.25, R&D RD.2, SCIENCE-BASED INDUSTRIAL PARK, HSINCHU,  
TAIWAN, R.O.C.

The ASSIGNEE is:

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A Partnership.

A Corporation of TAIWAN, R.O.C. (specify state or country)

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THIS IS PAGE 2 OF AN ASSIGNMENT FROM THE INVENTOR(S) TO  
ASSIGNEE: MUSTEK SYSTEMS INC.  
INVENTION TITLE: METHOD FOR AUTO-CROPPING A SCANNED IMAGE

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