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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Nikon Corporation  
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City: Chiyoda-ku  
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## ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we, (1) Yasuhiro OMURA, residing in Chuo-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN,  
(2) Tetsuo TAKAHASHI, residing in Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken, JAPAN,  
(3) Masatoshi IKEDA, residing in Arakawa-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN, (4) Shiwen LI residing  
in Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken, JAPAN, and (5) Yutaka ICHIHARA, residing in  
Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken, JAPAN, and have invented certain improvements in:

## PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD

and have filed a United States Patent Application therefor on June 8, 1999, identified by  
Serial No. 09/328,198.

And whereas, Nikon Corporation, a Japanese corporation, having a place of  
business at Fuji Bldg., 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, (hereinafter  
called Assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said  
application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained  
therefor;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, we the above named hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Assignee, its  
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and  
invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of  
priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and we request the  
Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth  
in said application to Assignee, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that  
Assignee may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and we will execute all  
papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when  
called upon to do so by Assignee.

We, the above-named, hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or  
encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this

Assignment.

(1) Executed at Shinagawa-ku Tokyo, Japan this 13 day of 12, 1999.  
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