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Masaru OKUMURA and Hakuzo TANI

hereby sells, assigns and transfers to MINOLTA CO., LTD., a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having a place of business at Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-Chome Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan, (hereinafter called Assignee) the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled

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Signed this 22th day of hovember, 1999.

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