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WHEREAS, I, KAZUAKI SUZUKI, of Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan, have invented a certain invention entitled CHARGED-PARTICLE-BEAM PROJECTION-EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHODS EXHIBITING IMPROVED ALIGNMENT AND REGISTRATION OF PROJECTED PATTERN PORTIONS for which application for Letters Patent was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 14, 1999, and was assigned application Serial No. 09/419,829; and

WHEREAS, NIKON CORPORATION, a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at Fuji Building, 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, KAZUAKI SUZUKI, hereby sell, assign and transfer to NIKON CORPORATION, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent rights throughout the world, including foreign patent priority rights, the right to file and prosecute International Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the right to file and prosecute applications under the European Patent Convention; said invention, application and letters patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by NIKON CORPORATION, for its own use and benefit, and for its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which

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Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 24th day of December,  
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