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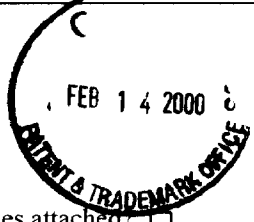
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Internal Address:  
Street Address: 2-14, Toyo 7-chome, Koto-ku  
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# ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

(1) Masanao Murata  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Inventors) (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

(Assignee) (5) SHINKO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.  
(Address) (6) of 2-14, Toyo 7-chome, Koto-ku, Tokyo, Japan

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions, and for the country of

(Other Countries) (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the invention, and all applications for patent and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, known as

(Title) (8) OVERHEAD-TRAVELING CARRYING APPARATUS (Case No. \_\_\_\_\_)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed on even date herewith an application for patent in the United States of America or, if not on even date, then has executed

(9) on \_\_\_\_\_ or has already filed in

(10) U.S. appln. Serial Number 09/451,700, filed on December 1, 1999

(11) The undersigned acknowledges an obligation of assignment of this invention to said assignee at the time the invention was made.

1) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents necessary in connection with the application or any interference which may be declared and any continuing or divisional applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient and further to perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

2) The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

3) The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application or any division or divisions or continuing applications thereof to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that he has (they have) full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has (they have) not executed and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned signature(s).

Date February 3, 2000 Signature of Inventor (1) Masanao Murata

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Inventor (2) Masanao Murata

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Inventor (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Inventor (4) \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness Settsuko Koike Date February 3, 2000

Witness Reiko Ishizu Date February 3, 2000

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