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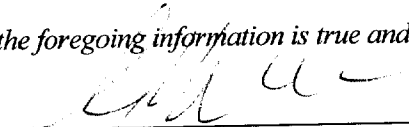
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WHEREAS, TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD., 16-20 Ueno 6-chome, Taito-ku, Tokyo, 110-0005 Japan,  
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Toru Fujii  
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Date: 13. 1, 2000

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