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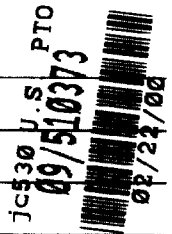
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ASSIGNMENT (JOINT)

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(4) Noriyuki Kawanishi; (5) Junichi Suzuki; and (6) Shounosuke Yaguchi

_____, residing at _____
Address of all the inventors: c/o Fujikura Ltd., Sakura Works, 1440, Mutsuzaki,
Sakura-shi, Chiba-ken, Japan

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignors"),
respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in
OPTICAL FIBER FUSION SPLICE METHOD AND OPTICAL FIBER FUSION SPLICER USED FOR THE SAME

- which is a provisional application to be filed herewith; which is a non-provisional application having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing of application;
- bearing Application No. _____, and filed on _____; and

WHEREAS, Fujikura Ltd., a corporation
duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Japan, and having its principal place of business
at 5-1, Kiba 1-chome, Kohtoh-ku, Tokyo, Japan

_____ (hereinafter referred to as
"the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions,
the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any
applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other
countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United
States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and
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assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer, and set over,
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AND the Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said inventions, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

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