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hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," is the inventor of the invention described and set forth in the below identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of the Invention: MOTOR UNIT WITH AN INTEGRATED SPEED SENSOR FOR A BICYCLE HUB TRANSMISSION

Date of execution of Declaration: FEB. 3. 2000

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Serial No.: 09/449,238; and

WHEREAS, Shimano, Inc., a Japanese corporation, located at 77, Oimatsucho 3 cho, Sakai-shi, Osaka, Japan, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring Assignor's interest in the invention and application and in any Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer to Assignee, and to Assignee's successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right title and interest in and to the invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

NAOHIRO NISHIMOTO Date: FEB. 3. 2000
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