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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made this 14 day of March, 2000~~99~~ by:

- (a) Jun Sakurai
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____,

(hereinafter referred to as the assignors, respectively residing at

(e) 80-35 Aza-Sugiyama, Yone, Nishigou-mura, Nishishirakawa-gun, Fukushima, 961-8031, Japan

(f) _____

(g) _____ and

(h) _____

witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the said assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in RECORDED MEDIUM REPRODUCING APPARATUS

_____ set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed on March 14, 2000, _____ and _____ respectively, or has already been filed as U.S. application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.

WHEREAS, Nippon Columbia Co., Ltd., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of the Japan having its principal place of business at 14-14, Akasaka 4-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

(hereinafter referred to as the assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, 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 goods and sufficient considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said assignor(s) have sold, assigned, transferred as set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters patent or Patents in the United States of America which may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and

enjoyed by the said assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the assignor(s), had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, the said assignor(s) hereby covenant and agree to and with the said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the said assignor(s) is/are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions and the application for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that the said assignor(s) have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

AND for the same consideration, the said assignor(s) hereby covenant and agree to and with the said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that the said assignor(s) will, whenever counsel of the said assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue, reexamination or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to the said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

AND said assignor(s) hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to the said assignee, as the assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use and benefit of the said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

AND said assignor(s) the undersigned hereby grant(s) the following individuals the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document:

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AND the said assignor(s) acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to said assignee at the time the invention was made.

Date March 14, 2000

Assignor *Jun Sakurai*

Date _____

Assignor _____

STATE OF _____

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On this _____ day of _____, 19____, personally before me came

_____, _____, _____ known to me, and

known to me to be the person described in and who signed the annexed assignment, and being duly sworn, acknowledged that he executed the same.

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Date _____

My Commission Expires _____

*This assignment should preferably be signed before: (a) a Notary Public if within the U.S.A. (b) a U.S. Consul if outside the U.S.A. If neither then it should be signed before at least two witnesses who also sign here.

Date: March 14, 2000

Witness: *T Yamane*

Date: March 14, 2000

Witness: *T. Mishima*