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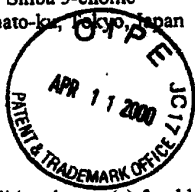
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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in  
**SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING AN IMPROVED GROUNDING  
STRUCTURE**  
and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on  
January 27, 2000 ~~19~~ ; and

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7-1, Shiba 5-chome, Minato-ku,  
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to  
any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I/We, the above named assignor(s) hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its  
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed  
therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and  
I/we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth  
in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we will execute without further  
consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application  
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I/We hereby authorize and request my attorneys **SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS** of  
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3202 to insert here in parentheses (Application  
number 09/492,363 , filed January 27, 2000 ) the filing date and application  
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Date: Jan. 27, 2000 s/ Shiro Yoshida  \_\_\_\_\_  
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