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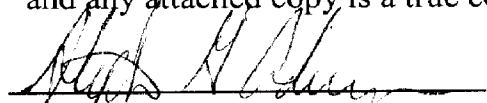
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Sumitomo Special Metals Co., Ltd. of 4-7-19, Kitahama, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka Japan

(Insert ASSIGNEE's Name(s) Address(es))

(hereinafter ASSIGNEE), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the entire and exclusive right, title and interest to the invention entitled

(Title of Invention)

SURFACE TREATING PROCESS, SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS, VAPOR-DEPOSITING MATERIAL, AND RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET WITH SURFACE TREATED

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