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ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by AIWA Research and Development, Inc. of 49016 Milmont Drive, Fremont, California, having acquired by a prior assignment effective as of August 26, 1994, the entire right, title and interest in an invention of Gray, Robert G., entitled:

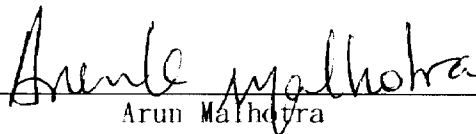
**METHOD OF ELIMINATING POLE RECESSION
IN A THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD**

for which, Gray, Robert G., filed a United States patent application on August 26, 1994, and which application now has U.S. Patent No. 5,544,774, issued August 13, 1996, and having acquired the entire right, title and interest in all patent applications and patents of every country for said invention, including divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said applications; and having acquired the right to apply for patents of foreign countries for said invention, and to claim all rights of priority without further authorization from, Gray, Robert G.;

Now, in view of the above premises and effective on the date of this assignment, AIWA Research and Development, Inc. hereby sells, assigns and transfers to AIWA Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at 2-11, Ikenohata 1-Chome, Taito-Ku, Tokyo 110, Japan, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in said invention of AIWA Research and Development, Inc., and all patent applications and patents of every country for said invention, including divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said applications; AIWA Research and Development, Inc. authorizes the above-named assignee to apply for patents of foreign countries for said invention, and to claim all rights of priority without further authorization from AIWA Research and Development, Inc., and agrees to execute all papers useful in connection with said United States and foreign applications, and generally to do everything possible to aid said assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees, at their request and expense, in obtaining and enforcing patents for said invention in all countries; and AIWA Research and Development, Inc. requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents granted for said invention to AIWA Co., Ltd., its successors and assigns.

Executed this 17th day of March, 2000.

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