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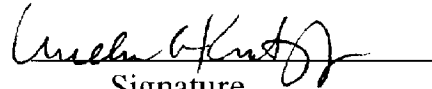
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U.S. ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Hideo MOROI**, (hereinafter Assignor), of Ami 4965, Ami-machi, Inashiki-gun, Ibaraki-ken, 300-03, Japan, is a joint inventor, along with Eiko TAGUSARI, and owner of an undivided one-half interest in the invention entitled LOCK NUT, as described and claimed in United States Patent Application No. 09/051,909 filed April 24, 1998, and any Letters Patent of the United States obtained from any continuation, divisional, renewal, substitute or reissue of said application for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted;

WHEREAS, **Hideo MOROI**, hereinafter ASSIGNOR in this Assignment, wishes to assign and transfer to **Kongou Co., Ltd.**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, having an office and a place of business at 15-7, Tsujidou 1-chome, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan, hereinafter ASSIGNEE in this Assignment, and said ASSIGNEE wishes to acquire Hideo Moroi's undivided one-half interest in said invention and said United States Patent Application No. 09/051,909;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE his undivided one-half interest in said invention and said Patent Application No. 09/051,909, and any Letters Patent of the United States obtained from any continuation, divisional, renewal, substitute or reissue of said Letters Patent for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Assignment and sale.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that he will, upon request by the ASSIGNEE promptly provide all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain and enforce said Letters Patent which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have hereunto set hand and seal this 30 day of

May, 2000.

Assignor: Hideo MOROI

Signature: *H. Moroi*

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