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Name of Inventor Shinichiro HIRAMATSU

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the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.
Insert name Assignee

of 5-33, Kitahama 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, 541-0041 Japan
Insert Address of Assignee

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 USC 100), and throughout the world, in the invention(s) known as

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The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) and any continuing, divisional, reissue or corresponding application(s) thereof throughout the world and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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Date 7 June, 2000
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Signature of Inventor

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