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**PATENT**

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I/we, Takuji KUROZUMI and Kazuyuki IKEMOTO

(hereinafter "Assignor(s)", citizen(s) of Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a LASER BEAM OPTICAL AXIS ADJUSTING MECHANISM IN PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION MEASURING APPARATUS

for which I/we have executed application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/548,105, filed on April 12, 2000, and

WHEREAS, Horiba, Ltd.

hereinafter "Assignee"), a corporation of Japan, having a principal place of business at 2 Miyano Higashi-machi, Kissyoin, Minami-ku, Kyoto, Japan

is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Yen (¥100) to me/us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we, the Assignor(s) have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, unto said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said improvements, and said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patents of the United States, which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all priority rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for every country of the Union, and all applications for Letters Patents which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patents which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents, on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patents for said improvements to said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I/WE, HEREBY covenant that I/we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I/we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I/WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I/we will communicate to said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me/us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything

possible to aid said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 17th  
day of May, 2000 .

Takuji Kurozumi  
Takuji KUROZUMI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 17th  
day of May, 2000 .

Kazuyuki Ikemoto  
Kazuyuki IKEMOTO