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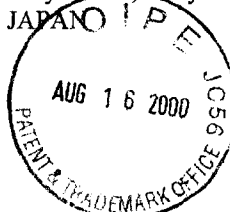
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## Assignment

Whereas, Okamoto Machine Tool Works, Ltd., a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at 2-7-3, Minowa-cho, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 223-8533 Japan, hereinafter called Assignor, is an owner with NEC Corporation and an assignee of record of U.S. patent application 09/066,760 by assignment recorded on June 1, 1998, at Reel 9212, Frame 0820; and

Whereas, Nikon Corporation, a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan, hereinafter called Assignee, desires to acquire the Assignor's entire right, title, and interest in said application and inventions disclosed therein, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged;

The above named Assignor, hereby sells, assigns and transfers to the above named Assignee, its successors and assigns, the Assignor's entire right, title and interest in U.S. patent application 09/066,760, filed April 28, 1998, the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, and Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Patents which may be granted thereon in the United States, and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patents granted upon the invention set forth in said application to the Assignee herein and NEC Corporation, their successors and assigns; and Assignor will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the Assignee in connection with said United States application when called upon to do so by the Assignee.

This Assignment shall not affect the right, title and interest of NEC Corporation in said U.S. patent application 09/066,760, the invention therein and all Patents granted thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Okamoto Machine Tool Works, Ltd. has executed this Assignment by proper persons duly authorized.

Okamoto Machine Tool Works, Ltd.

Date: March 31, 2000.

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