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Hiroshi ITO of 66-3, Honmaeda-cho, Nakagawa-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi 454-0914  
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\_\_\_\_\_, respectively,

have invented certain new and useful improvements in: FASTENEDSTRUCTURE OF SIDING BOARDS

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on \_\_\_\_\_

(Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_), and

WHEREAS, NICHIHA CORPORATION

(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having a place of business at:

12, Shiodome-cho, Minato-ku, Nagoya-shi, Aichi 455-0846 Japan

is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefore in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I (WE), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

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Date: September 4, 2000

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