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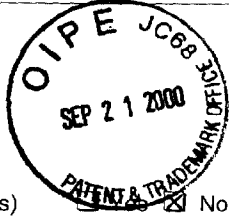


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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.



1. Name of conveying party(ies):
RHODIA RARE EARTHS, INC.

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):
Name: **SANTOKU AMERICA, INC.**
Internal Address: _____
9-21-00
Street Address: **8220 West Harrison Street**
City: **Phoenix** State: **AZ** ZIP: **85043**
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:
 Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other _____
Execution Date: **November 9, 1999 and August 24, 2000**

4. Application number(s) or registration numbers(s):
If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____
A. Patent Application No.(s)
08/069,276
09/001,727
60/117,832
60/106,360
Additional numbers attached? Yes No

B. Patent No.(s)

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:
Name: **Anthony P. Venturino**
Internal Address: **Stevens, Davis, Miller & Mosher, LLP**
Street Address: **1615 L Street, N.W., Suite 850**
City: **Washington** State: **DC** ZIP: **20036**

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: **4**
7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ **160.00**
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct, and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Anthony P. Venturino, Reg. 31,674

September 21, 2000

Name of Person Signing

Signature

Date

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT

WHEREAS, RHODIA RARE EARTHS INC., a Delaware corporation ("Assignor"), having a place of business at 3 Enterprise Drive, Shelton, Connecticut 06484, is the sole and exclusive owner, by assignment, of Patent Applications listed on the attached schedule in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to all inventions described and claimed therein, divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, all Letters Patents which have been or may be granted thereon and all extensions and reissues thereof (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Patents").

WHEREAS, SANTOKU AMERICA, INC., an Illinois corporation ("Assignee"), having a place of business at 8220 West Harrison Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85043, is desirous of acquiring the right, title and interest of Assignor in, to and under said Patent.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to the Assignee, effective October 29, 1999, said Patents to be held and enjoyed by Assignee for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the end of the terms for which said Patents are granted or reissued as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this assignment and sale had not been made; together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of said Patents, with the right to sue for, and collect the same for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives; and Assignor hereby further covenants and agrees that Assignor will at any time upon reasonable request, and without further cost to Assignor, execute such additional assignments and other lawful papers as Assignee, may deem necessary or desirable, testify in any legal proceeding, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said Patents.

Assignor hereby covenants that it has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that it has not executed, and will not execute, any agreements inconsistent herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused this document to be executed this 9th day of November, 1999.

RHODIA RARE EARTHS INC.

(SEAL)

By: John P. Donahue
Name: John P. Donahue
Title: Secretary

~~IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused this document to be executed this 21 day of November, 1999.~~ August, 2000.

SANTOKU AMERICA, INC.

(SEAL)

By: Randall R. Ice
Name: Randall R. Ice
Title: President

State of Arizona
County of Maricopa

State of New Jersey
County of Middlesex
United States of America

I, Deborah R Fry, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that John P. Donahue personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing document.

Witnessed my hand and official seal, this the 9th day of November, 1999.

[SEAL]

Deborah R Fry
Notary Public
DEBORAH R. FRY
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 10/23/2001

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignee has caused this document to be executed this 24th day of ~~November, 1999.~~ August, 2000.

SANTOKU AMERICA, INC.

By: Randall R. Ice
Name: Randall R. Ice
Title: President

(SEAL)

State of Arizona
County of Maricopa
United States of America

I, Linda Bigus, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Randall Ice personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing document.

Witnessed my hand and official seal, this the 24 day of August, ~~1999~~ 2000.

[SEAL]

OFFICIAL SEAL
LINDA BIGUS
Notary Public - State of Arizona
MARICOPA COUNTY
My Comm. Expires Feb. 29, 2004

Linda Bigus
Notary Public

**SCHEDULE OF PATENT APPLICATIONS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM
RHODIA RARE EARTHS INC. TO SANTOKU AMERICA, INC.**

DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.	FILED	TITLE
RD93025	08/069,276	5/28/93	MAGNETICALLY ANISOTROPIC SHPERICAL POWDER...
RD97040	09/001,727	12/31/97	IRON RARE EARTH BORON REFRACTORY METAL...
RD99001/R99006	60/117,832	1/29/99	AB5 TYPE RARE EARTH TRANSITION INTERMETALLIC COMPOUNDS...
RP98018	60/106,360	10/30/99	SM(...) COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF PRODUCING SAME