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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of value received,

Toshiaki Uehara, Takanobu Miki and Tomofumi Ishino,

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sell and assign to

Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co., Ltd.,

a corporation of Japan business at

, having a place of

2-1, Ohtemachi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

its successors, assigns or nominees, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", the entire right, title and interest in and to an invention entitled:

TUNNEL EXCAVATOR

invented by the Assignor and as described in the following:

Japanese Patent Application No.10-141511

and in and to all applications for patent for said invention in all countries, and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extentions of any of said applications, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of any of said applications; and Assignor authorizes and requests any official whose duty is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said invention or resulting therefrom to said Assignee, and Assignor agrees that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Assignee, Assignor will communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to Assignor respecting said invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing or other applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations, and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee to obtain and enforce a proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

Subscribed and executed at Tokyo, Japan

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