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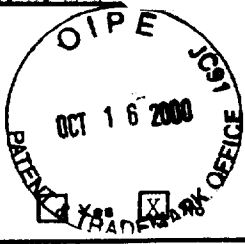
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## ASSIGNMENT FOR US PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the undersigned inventors, Hikaru Kikuta, Shoichi Hagiwara, Taro Hirabayashi and Yoshihiro Sakuma, c/o AISAN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, 1-1, Kyowa-cho 1-chome, Obu-shi, Aichi-ken, Japan, (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignors") have invented certain new and useful improvements in "FUEL DELIVERY PIPES", for which a patent application has been filed in the US Patent and Trademark Office on August 3, 2000 and has been assigned serial number 09/631,829; and

WHEREAS, AISAN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Japan, and having a principal place of business at 1-1, Kyowa-cho 1-chome, Obu-shi, Aichi-ken, Japan, (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest of the Assignors in and to said improvements, the entire right, title and interest of the Assignors in and to any US patent application(s) based on said improvements, and in and to any Patent(s) of the United States, to be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest of the Assignors in and to the above-mentioned improvements, the entire right, title and interest of the Assignors in and to any US patent applications and any and all Patent of the United States of America that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignors had this sale and assignment not been made;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignors hereby covenant to and agree with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the Assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the improvements set forth in said above-mentioned application, and that the same right, title, and interest are unencumbered, and that the Assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth;

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AND the Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all said Patent(s) of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said improvements, the Patent(s) to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

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