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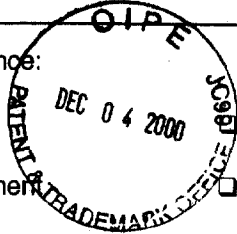
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Masahiro YAMAMOTO and Yoshimasa YOKOYAMA of, respectively, c/o HITACHI ZOSEN CORPORATION, 7-89, Nanko-kita 1-chome, Suminoe-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, 559-0034, JAPAN and 1379-4, Aza-Shinotsubo, Mikage-cho-Mikage, Higashinada-ku, Kohbe-shi, Hyogo 658-0056, Japan have invented certain improvements in " CUSHIONING MATERIAL FOR PACKING " set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, HITACHI ZOSEN CORPORATION of 7-89, Nanko-kita 1-chome, Suminoe-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, 559-0034, JAPAN and YOKOYAMA SANKOH CO., LTD. of 1379-4, Aza-Shinotsubo, Mikage-cho-Mikage, Higashinada-ku, Kohbe-shi, Hyogo 658-0056, Japan are desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, WE, Masahiro YAMAMOTO and Yoshimasa YOKOYAMA by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said HITACHI ZOSEN CORPORATION and YOKOYAMA SANKOH CO., LTD., their successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States of America said application executed on the _____ day of _____, 19____, (and we hereby authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, when known: Serial No. 09/381,906 Filed

September 27, 1999) to all Letters Patents in the United States which may be granted on said application, to all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent, all applications for Letters Patent and all Letters Patent therefor, to be held and enjoyed by HITACHI Zosen CORPORATION and YOKOYAMA SANKOH CO., LTD., for their use and behoof and for its legal representatives, successors, heirs, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the same consideration, we hereby covenant and agree that, at the time of execution and delivery of this instrument, we hold good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the application for Letters Patent above mentioned in the manner herein set forth; and for the same consideration we hereby covenant and agree that we will, whenever counsel of HITACHI Zosen CORPORATION and YOKOYAMA SANKOH CO., LTD., or the counsel of their successors, legal representatives, heirs or assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent in the United States, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to

be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of said Letters Patent, without charge to us, our successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, but at the cost and expense of HITACHI ZOKEN CORPORATION and YOKOYAMA SANKOH CO., LTD., their successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns; and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to HITACHI ZOKEN CORPORATION and YOKOYAMA SANKOH CO., LTD., as assignees thereof.

Masahiro Yamamoto *1/10/60*
Masahiro YAMAMOTO date

Yoshimasa YOKOYAMA date

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Masahiro YAMAMOTO date

Yoshimasa Yokoyama 11/1, 2000
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