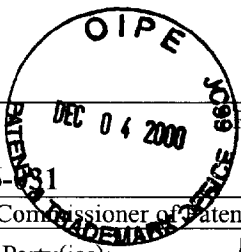


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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Atsushi KAWAI and Masazumi ITO, hereinafter called the "Assignor," has invented a new and useful invention entitled IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND SYSTEM, for which he has:

- (a) filed an application for United States Letters Patent on June 26, 2000 as (Serial No. 09/604,268); or
- (b) executed an application for United States Letters Patent on \_\_\_\_\_; or
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WHEREAS, MINOLTA CO., LTD., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, having a place of business at: Osaka Kokusai Bldg., 3-13, 2-Chome, Azuchi-Machi, Chuo-Ku, Osaka-Shi, Osaka 541-8556 Japan, hereinafter called the "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the application above identified, and in, to and under any Letters Patent which may be obtained to said invention, as hereinafter more fully set forth;

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Date: Aug. 25, 2000  
(Seal)

Atsushi Kawai  
Atsushi KAWAI

Date: Aug. 25, 2000  
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