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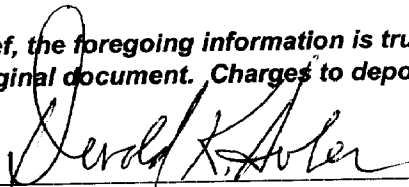
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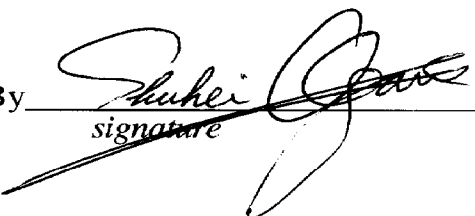
AND WHEREAS, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining from ASSIGNOR all of ASSIGNOR'S interest in and to said application and invention for the United States, and ASSIGNOR is willing to grant all of its interest in and to said application and invention for the United States to ASSIGNEE.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby assigns, sells and transfers to ASSIGNEE all of the right, title and interest in and to said application and invention, for the United States, presently held by ASSIGNOR so as to make ASSIGNEE the sole owner of the full and complete entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said application and invention, including any and all divisions and continuations of the application, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on the application, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

AND said ASSIGNOR authorizes and requests the U.S. Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof to ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, as sole owner of such Letters Patent, in accordance herewith.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by ASSIGNOR, this 11th day of October, 2000, at (address) Osaka, Japan.

FUJIKIN INCORPORATED

By 
signature

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