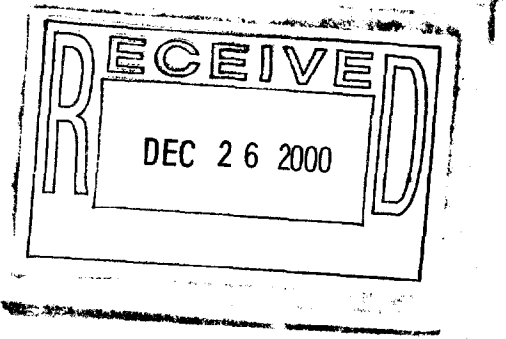


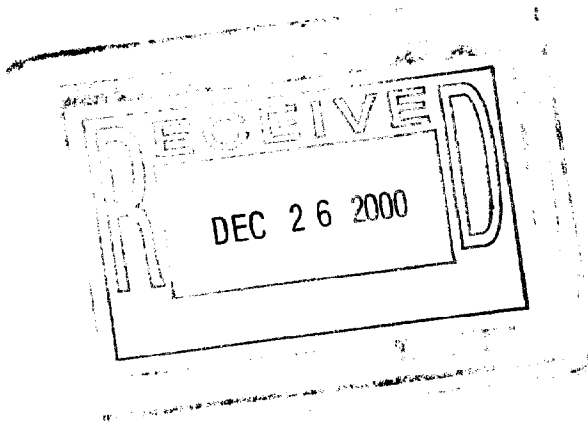


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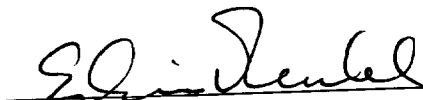
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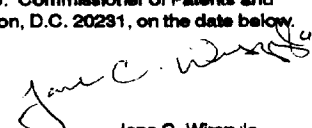
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AND WHEREAS, **Center for Advanced Science and Technology Incubation, Ltd.**, with its principal place of business at **Shin-Marunouchi Building, 5-1, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 JAPAN**, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including salary or payment for the making of inventions, or employee benefits, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said **Center for Advanced Science and Technology Incubation, Ltd.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said **Center for Advanced Science and Technology Incubation, Ltd.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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