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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, EIZO KAWATO, ALAN JOSEPH SMITH and KOICHI					
TANAKA, respectively,					
of 47 Newlands Avenue, Cheadle Hume, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6NE,					
United Kingdom; 11 Nettleton Grove, Manchester M9 4BQ, United					
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respectively, have invented a certain invention entitled:

"APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION AND EXTRACTION OF CHARGED PARTICLES" for which invention we have executed an application (provisional or non-provisional) for a United States patent, which was filed on <u>March 25, 1999</u>, under Serial No.

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WHEREAS, SHIMADZU RESEARCH LABORATORY (EUROPE) LTD., of Wharfside, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester M17 1GP, United Kingdom; (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in and under the invention described in the patent application.

Now, THEREFORE, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we assign and transfer to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns the full and exclusive rights in and to the invention in the United States and every foreign country and the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patent application and other such applications (e.g., provisional applications, non-provisional applications, continuations-in-part, divisionals, reissues, renewals, and extensions) that may be filed in the United States and every foreign country on the invention, and the patents or extensions thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may issue thereon, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue United States patents to the above-mentioned Assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment document.

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE the Assignee to insert in this assignment document the filing date and serial number of the application if the date and number are unavailable at the time this document is executed.

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WE DO HEREBY COVENANT and agree with the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document set forth herein, and that we will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this assignment, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, reissued, renewal, or extended patents of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on the invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, and by executing statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands on the dates shown below.

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