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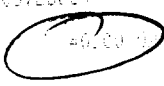
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I or We, Norimasa Hirata, Takeshi Yokota, Yasushi Kato, Takumi Ujiro and Susumu Satoh, all citizens of Japan
(hereinafter referred to as the "undersigned"), having made an invention entitled
FERRITIC STEINLESS STEEL PLATE AND METHOD

for which on the date set forth below, unless otherwise indicated here, _____
the undersigned executed an application for United States Letters Patent,

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Steel Corporation, a corporation of Japan with its principal offices being located at 1-28, Kitahonmachidori 1-chome, Chuo-ku Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0075 JAPAN
(hereinafter referred to as the "assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said invention,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, including said patent application, all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights to claim priority based thereon, all rights to file foreign applications on said invention, and all letters patent and reissues thereof, issuing for said invention in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the undersigned has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States of America and foreign countries in the name of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument. If the undersigned includes more than one individual, these obligations shall apply to all of the undersigned both individually and collectively.

The rights and property herein conveyed by the undersigned are free and clear of any encumbrance.

EXECUTED under seal on November 20, 2000, at Chiba, Japan

Witness

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