



### ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of value received, I, having a residence and post office address as stated below next to my name, the sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of an invention described in an application for United States patent entitled:

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sell and assign to Konica Corporation, a corporation of Japan having a business address at 26-2 Nishishinjuku 1-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 163, Japan, its successors, assigns or nominees, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", my entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as disclosed, shown and described in said application for United States patent executed concurrently herewith;

and in and to all applications for patent and patents for said invention, in all countries of the world, including all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and extensions thereof and all rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property, including rights of priority, resulting from the filing of any of said applications; and I authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said invention or resulting therefrom to said Assignee, and I agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Assignee, I will communicate to said Assignee or its representatives all facts known to me respecting said invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations, and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

I hereby grant to any attorney member of the following law firm the power to insert on this Assignment the Serial number and filing date of said application when known.

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