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for which Assignors are about to make application for Letters Patent in the United States, sa	
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WHEREAS, Assignors are the owners and in full possession of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

WHEREAS, NIKON CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Japan, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, having its principal office and place of business at 2-3, Marunouchi 3-Chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8331, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (U.S. \$1.00) and other valuable consideration to Assignors paid by said Assignee, receipt of which is hereby

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