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residing at respectively c/o Minebea Co., Ltd. Karuizawa Manufacturing

Unit 4106-73 Miyota, Miyota-machi, Kitasaku-gun,

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have invented certain new and useful improvements in PIVOT ASS'Y BEARING

for which an application for Unites States Letters Patent was signed on even date.

WHEREAS, Minebea Co., Ltd.

having a place of business at 4106-73 Miyota, Miyota-machi, Kitasaku-gun, Nagano-ken 3849-2100, Japan

hereinafter called the "Assignee" is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, in the United States and its territorial possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and confirm in and to said Assignee our full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and our entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands.

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