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# ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS Tadasu SUZUKI and Kazuhiko SHIMAYA,  
herein referred to ASSIGNOR, is a named inventor of an invention  
entitled **RATCHET-TYPE TENSIONER**

described and claimed in United States Patent Application  
executed concurrently with this Assignment/~~filed~~  
~~as Application No.~~

WHEREAS, TSUBAKIMOTO CHAIN CO.,  
a company organized and existing under and  
by virtue of the laws of Japan, and engaged in business at Osaka, Japan,  
hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the  
said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent  
and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign  
countries which may be issued therefor;

NOW THEREFORE THIS IS TO WITNESS that in consideration of the sum  
of One Dollar (\$1.00) paid to ASSIGNOR by ASSIGNEE, the receipt  
of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable  
consideration, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and set over and  
hereby does sell, assign and set over, unto assignee, its  
successors and assigns, his or her entire right, title and  
interest for, to and within the United States and all foreign  
countries, in and to the aforesaid invention, and in and to any  
and all Letters Patent which may be issued therefor in the United  
States and in any and all foreign countries.

And ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the  
United States to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as the  
owner of all right, title and interest therein.

And for said consideration, it is hereby covenanted and agreed  
that at the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors and  
assigns, ASSIGNOR will execute any further papers and do such  
other acts and things as may be necessary and proper to permit  
ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to procure Letters Patent  
for said invention in the United States and in such foreign  
countries as ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns may elect, and  
vest the full title thereto in ASSIGNEE, its successors and  
assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed on the day  
and month indicated below.

August 9, 1999

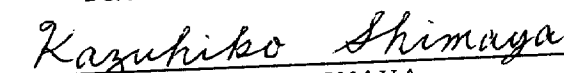
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