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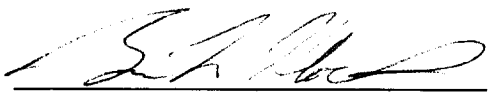
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its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title
and interest, for the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, FACIAL REGION EXTRACTION METHOD, AND
APPARATUS THEREFOR

and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on May 26, 1999

and which has been accorded Application No. 09/318,818

and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent
of the United States which may be granted, thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby
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Patent upon said inventions to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

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Masafumi HAGIWARA

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